

SUMTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Kindergarten (K) & Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK)

COVID 19 UPDATE: Please follow step #1 and step #2 at this time. We are processing online enrollments now! Roundups are postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. We will post the rescheduled dates when we have them approved from state leaders.

Enrollment Timeline of Events

Step #1: Gather all required documents. Step #2: Enroll online. Step 3: ~~Attend a round-up at school.~~

Grade	Date	Information
VPK Only	Beginning January 1st	Parents/Guardians may apply for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by going to www.floridaearlylearning.com . MANDATORY FORM
K & VPK	Beginning March 9th	Online new student enrollment is open. Go to www.sumter.k12.fl.us and click on the Parent tab. Click on new student enrollment and complete the on-line registration information. Gather the required documentation and plan to attend a registration event at your child's school in April.
K & VPK	Thursday, April 9th	Bushnell Elementary School Round up / 3:00 – 5:30- POSTPONED
K & VPK	Thursday, April 16th	Lake Panasoffkee Elementary School Round up / 3:00 – 5:30 POSTPONED
K & VPK	Thursday, April 23rd	Wildwood Elementary School Round up / 3:00 – 5:30 POSTPONED
K & VPK	Thursday, April 30th	Webster Elementary School Round up / 3:00 – 5:30 POSTPONED
K & VPK	— BES, April 10 LPES, April 17 WWES, April 24 WES, May 1	General enrollment begins the day after the school's round up. It is open at each school site from 9 – 2, M-F. VPK slots are first come, first served. Parents may drop off required documentation, if <u>all</u> forms are complete. Upon drop-off, staff will make copies if needed. DO NOT LEAVE ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES WITH STAFF.
VPK Only	May	All students who have a complete registration will be eligible for possible placement into the VPK program. Schools with more students than slots will use a lottery system for placement. Schools with more slots than students will place students into the program as their registration packet is complete and turned in.
VPK Only	Beginning June 15th	Parents should contact their child's school regarding VPK status of student. Student status will be one of the following: (1) In a classroom (2) On a waiting list or (3) Incomplete Registration

Required Registration Documentation

All parents enrolling a student into the VPK or Kindergarten programs should provide the following information for student enrollment:

- (1) Certified Birth Certificate
- (2) Current Immunization/Shot Record
- (3) Current School Physical (dated after August 10, 2019)
- (4) Certificate of Eligibility (COE) VPK students Only

Call 793-5430 for assistance or questions regarding the Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is open to any student 4 years old on or before September 1st, regardless of income, but space is limited. Please complete an application at the round-up. Classes fill up fast!

Teacher requests written on the parent survey are accepted at the time of registration. Requests are **not** guaranteed. Currently VPK is Monday through Friday and follows a regular school calendar. Attendance is mandatory once you enroll.

**VPK program services/hours/format are subject to change from year to year.*