



What the VPK 80/20 Rule Means

Under **Rule 6M-8.621, Florida Administrative Code**, the **Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program** requires that:

- A **child must attend at least 80%** of the instructional hours in a month for the provider to receive **full reimbursement** for that child.
- If attendance falls **below 80%**, the provider's **reimbursement is reduced proportionally**.

How It Relates to Enrollment & Reimbursement Reports

Each month, VPK providers submit **enrollment and attendance data** through the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) or state portal.

- The **Enrollment with Reimbursement Report** tracks how many children are actively enrolled and how much the provider will be paid.
- The **attendance percentage** (based on sign-in/out records) determines whether the provider receives **full or partial reimbursement**.

Example:

- A child is enrolled for 20 VPK instructional days a month.
- The child attends for 16 days (80%).
The provider receives full payment.
- If the child attends only 14 days (70%),
The provider's reimbursement is reduced accordingly.

Absences and Documentation

For VPK:

- The **80/20 attendance rule automatically accounts for absences**.
- **Doctor's or hospital notes are *not required*** for absences.
- Unlike School Readiness programs, VPK does **not** allow extra paid absences beyond what's covered under the 80/20 threshold.

Summary

Topic

VPK 80/20 Rule Impact

Attendance Requirement Must attend at least 80% of instructional hours per month

Reimbursement Full pay at $\geq 80\%$ attendance; reduced pay below that

Absence Documentation No doctor/hospital note required,

Applicable Rule Rule 6M-8.621, F.A.C.

Who It Applies To All private and public VPK providers

Would you like me to include an **example calculation** (showing how reimbursement is reduced when attendance drops below 80%)? That can make the explanation more concrete for staff training or reports.