

Quality early childhood programs are essential for preparing young children for school and establishing kindergarten readiness.

Information on the Standards for Four-Year-Olds and the Kindergarten Florida State Standards can be found on the Florida Department of Education website.

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards>

<http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/>



Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten is offered through many Providers through the Early Learning Coalition of Flagler & Volusia, including Volusia County Schools.

For more information on Volusia County Schools VPK contact the district office at
386-255-6475 Ext. 33210

Early Childhood Education Connections

Child Find

<http://www.fdlrs.org/childfind.html>

386-255-6475 Ext. 52841

Early Learning Coalition

<http://www.elcfv.org/Index.asp>

386-323-2400

Easter Seals

www.fl-vf.easterseals.com

386-255-4568

Head Start

<http://www.mfcs.us.com/2011/>

386-738-1325

Volusia County Schools

<http://myvolusiaschools.org>

386-734-7190



Kindergarten Readiness

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Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten readiness is a journey and transition into formal academic instruction offered in all public schools. Many skills and capabilities are needed for a successful transition. Research shows that students who have experienced a quality pre-kindergarten are more successful in the transition to kindergarten as well as the years that follow.

Kindergarten readiness does not mean already knowing kindergarten skills but rather it means having a foundation of knowledge and exposure that helps students accept kindergarten instruction more readily.

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning released Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds in 2011. The Standards describe skills that Four-year-olds should know and be able to do by the end of their pre-kindergarten year.

It is anticipated that through these learning goals, pre-kindergarten students will acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for successful transition into kindergarten.

Early Learning Standards for Four Year Olds	Kindergarten Florida State Standards
Language and Literacy	English Language Arts
<p><u>Alphabet Knowledge</u></p> <p>Benchmark a: Recognizes almost all letters</p> <p>Benchmark b: Names most letters when shown</p> <p>Benchmark c: Recognizes some letter sounds when shown examples.</p> <p>Benchmark d: Names some letter sounds (produce the sound)</p>	<p><u>LAFS.K.RF.1.1d</u></p> <p>Recognize and name all upper & lowercase letters of the alphabet</p> <p><u>LAFS.K.RF.3.3.a</u></p> <p>Demonstrate basic knowledge of one-to-one letter/sound correspondences by producing the primary or many of the most frequent sounds for each consonant.</p>
<p><u>Emergent Writing</u></p> <p>Benchmark a: Uses letters/shapes to write words or parts of words.</p> <p>Benchmark b: Scribbles/writes to convey meaning (artwork, labels, lists, notes, name)</p>	<p><u>LAFS.K.RF.1.1b</u></p> <p>Recognizes that spoken words are written in specific sequence of letters.</p> <p><u>LAFS.K.W.1.3</u></p> <p>Use a combination of drawing, dictating and writing to narrate a single event.</p>
<p><u>Vocabulary</u></p> <p>Benchmark a: Demonstrates a wide variety of words and their meaning.</p> <p>Benchmark b: Mastery of functional & organizational language of the classroom.</p>	<p><u>LAFS.K.R1.2.4</u></p> <p>With prompting and support, asks and answers questions about unknown words in a text</p>

Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds incorporate five domains of learning.

- I. Physical Health
- II. Approaches to Learning
- Social & Emotional Development
- IV. Language, Communication & Emergent Literacy
- V. Cognitive Development & General Knowledge

Each domain represents a set of benchmarks that target the learning goals of four year old pre-k students. The skills are age appropriate and often establish necessary awareness for future kindergarten skills.

The Florida Department of Education recently released Kindergarten Florida State Standards that target learning goals for kindergarten students in public schools.

The inserted alignment is a representation of the Standards for Four-Year-Olds and the transition to Kindergarten Florida State Standards.