



VPK Attendance Policy

Parents of children enrolled in a VPK class must comply with our attendance policy.

We will be operating a Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) for 4 hours per day, 4 days per week for 135 days. All enrolled families have received a calendar showing the scheduled days during the operational period of August 22, 2017 through May 23, 2018.

Attendance during the scheduled instructional days is of utmost importance to remain in the VPK program. Not only is the Northland Early Learning Center's funding from the State of Florida linked to attendance, but also the child's success upon entrance into Kindergarten.

Arrival for the VPK program is at 9:00 a.m. VPK arrivals should be signed in at the child's classroom. The instructional day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and all children are expected to be in place and ready to start the day. Arrivals after 9:00 a.m. are disruptive to the group in progress and difficult for the arriving child as well. Please take extra care to ensure that your child is on time to school. Daily attendance in the VPK program is necessary for optimal learning.

We ask that you think ahead when planning family vacations and appointments as the State of Florida requires 80% attendance for each VPK student. Should your child miss more than 20% of our established school days, you may be dismissed from the VPK program. You may re-enroll as a private pay family.

VERIFYING YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES: You will be given a form to review and confirm your child's recorded attendance at the end of each month. Your signature on this form will not only verify the attendance, but also will direct the payment for the month's VPK program for your child to this school AND that you continue to choose the Northland Early Learning Center to provide your child's VPK program for the upcoming month. It is essential that these forms are signed in a timely manner every month.