



VPK Attendance Policy Year 2021-2022

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

We will have 5 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) classes:

- 4 classes from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday for 135 days
- 1 class from 8:50 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. , Tuesday-Thursday and 8:50—1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for 105 days

All enrolled families have received a calendar showing the scheduled days during the operational period of August 17, 2021—May 19 2022

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 either 8:50 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. (depending on the class in which enrolled). VPK arrivals will be signed in by their parent at morning drop off. Attendance will need to be verified at the end of each month by the parents. The instructional day will begin at either 8:50 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. and all children are expected to be in place and ready to start the day. 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 VPK Long 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. It is essential that these forms are signed in a timely manner every month.

Please note: Children who do not meet attendance requirements will lose VPK funding. The child may be allowed to remain in the classroom, but will be required to pay the full tuition rate of \$350.00 per month.

I have received a copy of the VPK Attendance Policy:

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____