

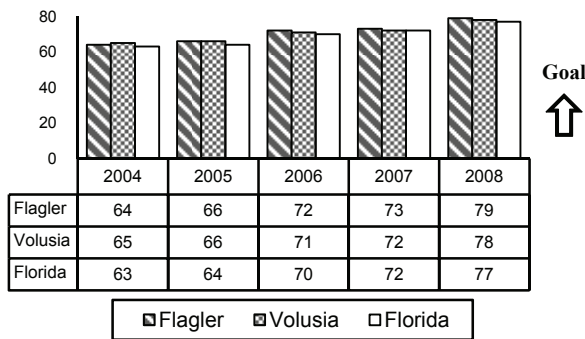
Early Childhood Education

VPK – Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

VPK is a legislatively mandated program designed to prepare every four-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and build the foundation for their educational success. The VPK program is free for all four-year-olds born on or before September 1 who reside in Florida.

VPK gives each child an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life with quality programs that include high literacy standards, accountability, appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, manageable class sizes, and qualified instructors. All eligible four-year-olds are entitled to participate in one of the VPK program options.

School Readiness – Letter Naming Fluency Percent of Kindergartners Who are Above Average or at Low Risk for Letter Naming Fluency



This Indicator Measures...the percent of kindergarten students who have a status of Above Average or Low Risk for Letter Naming Fluency on the DIBELS Screening Instrument in Flagler and Volusia Counties.

This is Important Because... the DIBELS Screening Instrument measures specific skills that are important in learning to read according to the Florida Department of Education.

Source: Florida Department of Education

Note: The percent increased in both Flagler and Volusia.*

*The status categories for these School Readiness Indicators are: Above Average, Low Risk, Moderate Risk, and High Risk. The school systems follow the rules set by the instrument publisher regarding accommodations for children with disabilities. The DIBELS Screening Instrument was used for five consecutive years. See the glossary for details.

Kindergarten Readiness Results

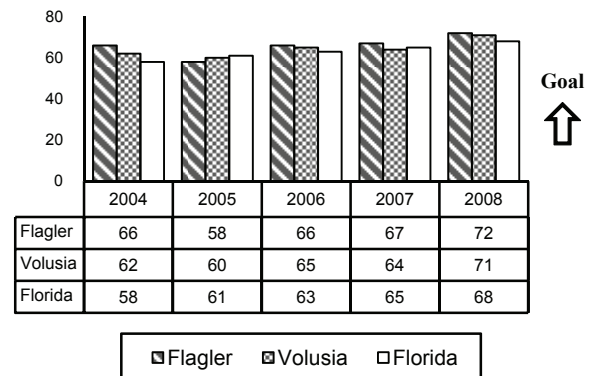
Statewide, within the first 30 days of kindergarten, kindergarten screening must be administered. From 2006 to 2008, the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) included sections of the Early Childhood Observation System™ (ECHOSTM) and the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills™ (DIBELSTM). Beginning in 2009-10 the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) has replaced the DIBELSTM. The following 2008-09 FLKRS data is now available.

ECHOS	% of children prepared for school 2008-09			
	Non-VPK	VPK Non-completers	VPK Completers	Average
Flagler	81.42	83.11	91.33	86.80
Volusia	78.71	84.24	91.36	86.25
Florida	83.30	86.76	92.94	88.80

FAIR	% of children prepared for school 2008-09			
	Non-VPK	VPK Non-completers	VPK Completers	Average
Flagler	58.72	59.60	70.04	64.74
Volusia	55.86	60.75	77.13	67.81
Florida	54.85	58.94	73.62	65.19

Source: Florida Department of Education

School Readiness – Initial Sound Fluency Percent of Kindergartners Who are Above Average or at Low Risk for Initial Sound Fluency



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This is Important Because... the DIBELS Screening Instrument measures specific skills that are important in learning to read according to the Florida Department of Education

Source: Florida Department of Education

Note: The percent has increased in Flagler and Volusia Counties since 2004.*