

# 2025-2026 M-DCPS VPK LOTTERY



## Apply to M-DCPS VPK Programs starting January 21<sup>st</sup>!

Beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>, you can apply to your Neighborhood Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DPCS) VPK Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

### What are VPK Programs?

The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program is a free educational program that prepares every 4-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and builds the foundation for their educational success. M-DCPS VPK Programs offers each child an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life by offering *high-quality* programs that include developmentally appropriate curricula with a focus on early literacy skills, developmental standards, accountability, substantial instruction periods, manageable class size, and qualified instructors.

### Who Can Apply?

Students who turn four years of age on or before September 1, 2025. If the child's fourth birthday falls between February 2 through September 1 in a calendar year, parents may postpone enrolling their child in VPK until the following year when their child is 5 years old. Parents must provide documents showing proof of age and address for participation in the lottery. Proof of address will be used to verify neighborhood boundary school.

### How Do I Apply?

#### 1. Access the M-DPCS Parent Portal

Visit [www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net), click "Portal," followed by "Parents." Sign in using your Apple or Google Account.

#### 2. Click on VPK Application

Follow the instructions to begin the application and upload all required documentation directly through the system.

#### 3. Submit Your Application by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### When Will I be Notified?

Selection occurs through a random lottery process and notifications will be sent via email on **March 15, 2025**.

**We look forward to welcoming  
you to our M-DCPS Family!**



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