

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Office of Academics
Early Childhood Education

2026 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Summer Bridge Attendance and Behavior Policy

Welcome to the Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) VPK Summer Bridge program. All parents and student participants are required to adhere to the State and District rules detailed in this document.

BCPS offers the *VPK Summer Bridge* program, providing 150 hours of free additional VPK instruction. Please read the information below carefully. As a condition of your child's participation in the VPK Summer Bridge program, and as part of the application process, you will be asked to sign, acknowledging your agreement with the terms of your child's attendance in the program.

This document contains the following information:

- VPK Summer Bridge Attendance
- Drop Off and Pick-Up Procedure
- Reporting Your Child's Absence
- Late Arrival and/or Early Dismissal
- Late Pick Up
- Behavior
- Emergency School Closure

VPK Summer Bridge Attendance

Daily attendance is extremely important for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Summer Bridge students. Your child's daily attendance ensures that he/she receives the activities and instruction that will help them be successful in Kindergarten and beyond. Each day your child attends class, the school records your child's attendance. If your child is not in attendance, he/she will not receive the program instruction that the VPK Summer Bridge program entitles them to receive. **A pattern of non-attendance may result in your child's dismissal from the program.**

Drop Off and Pick-Up Procedure (Arrival and Departure)

Due to ongoing safety and security concerns, there is limited access to school buildings. Accordingly, the drop-off and pick-up procedure for VPK Summer Bridge students will mirror the drop-off and pick-up process in place at each school as determined by the school principal. The parent/guardian will drop off their VPK Summer Bridge child via the school's car loop, where they will be received by school staff. School staff will record student arrival and dismissal as part of the electronic daily attendance. **Violation of school or BCPS procedures for arrival and/or dismissal may result in your child's dismissal from the program.**

Reporting Your Child's Absence

We understand that absences sometimes occur. In the event that your child needs to be absent from school, it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to call the school and report the absence by 8:00 a.m. **A pattern of non-attendance may result in your child's dismissal from the program.**

Late Arrival and/or Early Dismissal

We understand that there are circumstances and times that require you to arrive late or pick up your child before the end of the school day and/or program hours. Late arrival and/or early dismissal from school, although sometimes necessary, cause a disruption to the instruction for the child and the class. Consequently, late arrival and/or early dismissal should occur only in cases of documented necessity and/or emergency. **A pattern of early dismissal may result in your child's dismissal from the program.**

Late Pick Up

Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging on-time, daily pick-up at the end of program hours each day. When a student is not picked up on time, the student is taken to the front office and the situation is managed as per the school's late pick-up procedure. **A pattern of late pick-up may result in your child's dismissal from the program.**

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Behavior

BCPS expects that all students behave appropriately at all times. This includes treating others with respect and behaving in a manner that does not disrupt student learning or the operation of the classroom. Students exhibiting inappropriate behavior such as, but not limited to, biting, kicking, screaming, punching, hitting, running away, disrespect towards adults or children, or destruction of property, will be redirected through the use of age-appropriate strategies and interventions. All staff members use strategies and interventions that are consistent with the ECE Department curriculum. Parents/guardians will be contacted if inappropriate behavior persists. **We believe that appropriate behaviors are taught and learned as a part of the preschool experiences within the classroom. However, a child exhibiting behaviors that impact the safety and learning of themselves, or others may be temporarily removed from the VPK Summer Bridge classroom to ensure safety.**

Emergency School Closure

In the event of school closure due to emergency or other reasons, the BCPS VPK Summer Bridge program and schools will follow Federal, State, local, and BCPS guidance as it pertains to attendance.

This document is subject to amendment and/or change. Parents/guardians will be notified via the school or email if it becomes necessary to amend or change any portion of this document/agreement.

I have read, understand, and agree to the information above. All authorizations and permission granted above shall remain in effect unless revoked in writing by the undersigned to Early Childhood Education Department. Denial of consent forms are available upon request.

Parent's First Name

Parent's Last Name

Child's First Name

Child's Last Name

Parent's Signature

Date