

NOTIFICATION: Fiscal Year 2026 Voluntary Prekindergarten Allocation

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SOUTH KOOCHICHING SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 2025

Dear Jeremy Tammi, Early Childhood Coordinator, MacKenzie Lehn, and Alissa Carlson,

We are pleased to notify you of the funding status for fiscal year (FY) 2026 (the 2025-26 school year) based on the voluntary prekindergarten (VPK) application submitted by **SOUTH KOOCHICHING SCHOOL DISTRICT** to the Minnesota Department Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

Based on recent legislative decisions, the current funding status for VPK programs is as follows:

- **Ongoing Funding:** Districts and charter schools funded in FY2025 are guaranteed continued funding in future years.
- **Requirements for Funding:** All funding is dependent upon meeting statutory program and enrollment requirements.
- **Program Updates in Non-Application Years:** On non-application years, districts and charter schools will be asked to update program information with DCYF.
- **Future Application Requirement:** A new application will be required in January 2029 for ongoing FY30-33 funding.
- **Use of Funds:** VPK funding can only be used to serve children at the sites listed below that were approved in your FY26 application

The table below includes the funding details for each site that was included in your FY2026 VPK application:

Voluntary Prekindergarten Program Site Number and Name	FY26 Requested Allocation	FY26 Renewal Allocation	FY26 Expansion/New Allocation	FY26 Total Allocation
80 NORTHOME ELEMENTARY	7	7	0	7
Total FY26 Allocation				7

Important: Action Required if VPK Program Changes are Needed

Please notify DCYF.VPK@state.mn.us immediately if any of the following situations apply to your district or charter school: one of these situations exists:

- **You no longer wish to pursue VPK funding for your school district or charter school sites.** Under current legislation, this decision would require you to reapply during the next application cycle and qualify for funding based on priority rankings.
- **You plan to serve students at a different location than the site listed in the funding table** (e.g., moving seats to a district early learning center)
- **You need to redistribute seats between district sites due to enrollment or facility needs.**

Reminder: If you had an amendment on file for the previous school year, it would need to be updated and reissued for the 2025-26 school year.

- **You do not plan to serve the full number of students at an approved site during FY26**

Important Information for VPK Programs in FY 2026

1. **Program Requirements:** The signed Statement of Assurances submitted with your application ensures that your school district or charter school program will implement all program requirements for VPK in compliance with DCYF and under [Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142D.08](#).
2. **FY 2026 VPK Guidance Resources for Implementation:**

a. **FY26 VPK Implementation Overview:** On July 9, 10-11:00 a.m. we will host an overview of VPK implementation requirements including new eligibility and enrollment criteria. This webinar will be recorded. [Register here](#).

b. **Additional Live Webinars and Open Office Hour Sessions:** We will host a variety of live presentations prior to the start of school to support the implementation of VPK. Registration information will be sent in July to VPK contacts and posted on the [MDE Calendar](#).

c. **Posted Guidance and Resources:** Administrators, business office, and early childhood program coordinators should bookmark the [VPK homepage](#) and the [VPK Resources for Funded Programs webpage](#). NOTE: These webpages are currently in transition to the DCYF website. We will update you as changes are made.

 - **Student Data System Reporting Information for MARSS Coordinators:** When reporting VPK students, exclude the average daily membership (ADM) of VPK students from the ADM estimates that are provided via the ADM Web Edit (ADM WE) system. Also exclude the English learner ADM estimates from ADM WE. These estimates will be taken from your application and manually entered to the MDE data base by MDE staff.
 - **Metered general education payments will begin July 15.** The additional aid generated by VPK students will be included in the regular aid entitlements for each program (e.g., general education, compensatory); not paid as a separate line item.

For questions or further information: Contact DCYF.VPK@state.mn.us.

We look forward to supporting you and the work you do on behalf of Minnesota's children and families!

Sincerely,
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