

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

May 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.630, Statewide Provider Contract Monitoring Tool for the School Readiness Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.213(2), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Early Learning (OEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. OEL is required to submit its proposed rules to the State Board of Education for approval.

OEL is statutorily required to establish by rule a standard statewide provider contract to be used with each School Readiness Program provider. The contract has been adopted in Rule 6M-4.610, F.A.C., with amendments to the contract form approved in the Fall of 2018. Procedures and a tool for early learning coalitions to use when monitoring compliance of contracted school readiness program providers with the terms of the contract are adopted in Rule 6M-4.630, F.A.C.

OEL is amending Rule 6M-4.630, F.A.C., to revise the monitoring tool form to align with the amended standard statewide provider contract. The changes to the incorporated form include monitoring provisions regarding health and safety, program assessment, quality improvement plans, developmental screening and child assessment.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-4.630, F.A.C. Form OEL-SR 20M, Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Monitoring Tool (under separate cover)

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6M-4.630 Statewide Provider Contract Monitoring Tool for the School Readiness Program.

(1) The Statewide School Readiness Provider Contracting Monitoring Tool, Form OEL-SR 20M, with Attachment A through D ~~(June 2019)~~ ~~(March 2017)~~ is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference. A copy of Form OEL-SR 20M including Attachments A-D may be obtained at http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/oel_resources/rules_guidance_technical_assistance.aspx or from the Office of Early Learning, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32399. The incorporated forms are also available at: <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08021>.

(2) All school readiness providers shall be monitored by a coalition using Form OEL-SR-20M. This contract monitoring tool shall also be used by a coalition to monitor a school readiness program provider in response to a parental complaint. For parental complaints, the coalition shall utilize the criteria in the monitoring tool category that relates to the complaint and may monitor additional categories if the coalition deems additional review is appropriate. An early learning coalition may execute and retain this Contract Monitoring Tool electronically in compliance with Section 668.50, F.S.

(3) A coalition's school readiness provider program monitoring plan shall include identifying timelines for annual monitoring of school readiness program providers, documented sample size based on the total of all school readiness providers, regardless of provider type, that adheres to the OEL minimum annual sample size guidelines found in Attachment B of Form OEL-SR 20M, ~~draft and final report dates, response dates and deadlines~~, corrective action plan requirements and resolutions, and additional processes to facilitate program compliance. All amendments of the coalition's school readiness provider program monitoring plan shall be submitted to the Office of Early Learning prior to execution of that plan in accordance with Rule 6M-9.115, F.A.C.

(4) Neither a coalition nor its designated school readiness sub-recipient may omit, supplement, or amend the monitoring criteria identified in the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Monitoring Tool. Neither a coalition nor its designated school readiness sub-recipient may include any attachments, addenda, or exhibits to the Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Monitoring Tool.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.213(2), 1002.82(2)(a) ~~(a)~~ FS. Law Implemented 1002.82(2)(a) ~~(a)~~, 1002.84 (15), 1002.85(2)(h) FS. History--New 7-1-15, Amended 3-20-17.