

Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders (FOIL) Conference Fall 2021

Lake Mary, FL

November 10, 2021

Transition to Kindergarten: Early Learning Coalition and District Collaboration Success Stories







Topics

- Importance of Successful Transitions
- Collaboration Success Stories:
 - Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties (IRMO) and School District of Indian River County
 - ELC of Pinellas County and School District of Pinellas County
 - ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools



Why is a successful transition important?

- Transition activities for children and families associated with gains in kindergarten
- Reduced stress and higher ratings of social emotional competence at beginning of year
- Improved academic growth and increased family involvement over the yea



National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning (2014)



Success Story

ELC of IRMO and School District of Indian River County

- Panel Presenters:
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LCIRMO Virtua/Provider Meeting Agenda - Indian River Count August 17, 2021 at 12:30pm

Welcome Back!

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS





ACHIEVE 2025 District Strategic Plan

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Ensure high-quality, equitable, standardsbased instruction for all students.

Ensure the School District of Indian River County ranks in the Top 10 Florida districts as measured by kindergarten readiness.

#BLOCKS

Building Learners On Course to Kindergarten Success!



1 Block Designation: Utilize SDIRC PreK to K Transition Form

Participate by 1-using transition form (see BLOCK 1)





1 Supports kindergarten readiness through provider to district communication – Transition form includes SDIRC Student ID, encourages parents to enroll into kindergarten through SDIRC FOCUS system to attain School ID







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Pre-K School Matched Transition Forms

2 Block Designation: Participate in the Indian River County Kindergarten Benchmark Assessment

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2- Assess students using Indian River County Kindergarten Benchmark Assessment (IRKRBA) and participate in 2/3 Data chats with Early Learning Programs

Participate by 1-using transition form

(see BLOCK 1)



2 Supports kindergarten readiness through progress monitoring: Provides 2 or 3 assessment periods for data chats, tracking learning and goal setting.



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3 Block Designation: Utilize "High Impact Standards" spreadsheets



Participate by 1-using transition form (see BLOCK 1)

2- using IRK RBA with Data Chats (see BLOCK 2)



3 - Teachers utilize "High Impact Standards" spread sheets to monitor progress of Early Learning Standards **and** share data summaries (see BLOCK 3)



3 Supports kindergarten readiness through targeted

instruction of Florida Early Learning Developmental Standards as set by the Florida Division of Early Learning.

4 Block Designation: Utilize SDIRC PreK Report Card and Parent Conference Summary Form

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Participate by 1-using transition form (see BLOCK 1)

2- using IRK RBA with Data Chats (see BLOCK 2)

3 - Teachers utilize "High Impact Standards" spread sheets to monitor progress of Early Learning Standards **and** share data summaries (see BLOCK 3

4- Utilize SDIRC PreK Report Card (paper copy) **and** Parent Conference Summary Form

Supports kindergarten readiness through parent

communication and collaboration. Student progress is shared during parent conferences with the report card which is based on the FL standards (FELDS).









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Timelines:

1 Block Designation:

March – Distribute SDIRC Transition forms to providers April/May – All Transition forms Due TO SDIRC Early Learning Programs *Requires: Transfer/share/release of data form for participating students

2 Block Designation:

Sept/Oct – Share IRKRBA Booklet and score summary sheets November – Data Chat 1 February – Data Chat 2 May -Data Chat 3

3 Block Designation:

Sept/Oct – Share "High Impact Standards" Spread sheets Include in November, February and May Data Chats 1, 2 & 3

4 Block Designation:

Sept/Oct – Share SDIRC Report Card Form and Parent Conferences Summary Form (PDF – to be copied by Providers) Include in November, February and May Data Chats 1, 2 & 3 "Working to achieve higher goals for our young learners, goals that guarantee Kindergarten readiness academically and developmentally as a community has been a vision many of us have long waited for. The collaboration in the 2025 SDIRC Strategic Plan is one step of many on the road to building a stronger community that values the child and works effortlessly together to build our future. We are thrilled to be one of the stones on this road."



Sally Alkayaly, Director Little Rising Stars **4** BLOCK Designee



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"Our accountability and public sharing will result in improved programs!"



early learning

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Early Learning Programs

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Success Story

ELC of Manatee and School District of Manatee County

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Mission & Vision

Vision: Working together for children.

Mission: To ensure each child is prepared for a successful transition to kindergarten.



Goals

- Facilitate children's transition from preschool to kindergarten.
- Establish county-wide communication between preschool and kindergarten teachers.
- Provide tools/resources for preschool teachers and families that contribute toward a successful kindergarten transition.
- Coordinate professional development that supports teachers as they prepare their children to transition to kindergarten.



Transmission Form



Legal Name of Student:	PINELLAS CC PRESCHOOL KINDERGAF	DUNTY SCHOO RTEN PARTNER	LS ISHIP INFORMATION	
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Preschool Packets

We're a "Ready-for-Kindergarten" Family Time has a way of creeping up and even though your child may have just started Pre-K, before you time nas a way or creeping up and even though your sinia may have just started rives, before you know it, it will be time to begin thinking about Kindergarten. Below is a monthly checklist to guide you and your child as you begin the transition to Kindergarten

November

- Learn about school choice and how to apply for District Application Programs (magnets and for District Application Programs (magnets and fundamentals). Visit www.pcsb.org/dap. Attend a Discovery Night to learn more about
- specific District Application Programs.

Learn how to find your child's zoned school at December

- pcsb.org/zone.
 Find out when Ready, Set Kindergarten will be held at your child's zoned school.
- Visit pcsb.org/NG.

Attend Ready, Set ... Kindergarten! Be sure to get January

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- and enrolling your child in kindergarten.
- reservation.pcsb.org-
- February-May
- Take the required paperwork to the school to complete the enrollment process (Birth Certificate complete the enrollment process (Birth Certinicate or other proof of identity/age; Proof of residency; Florida Certificate of Immunization; Physical examination obtained within the last 12 months). Be sure to ask for your child's Ready, Set... Kindergarten1 certificate.
- Download the Vroom app. Every day Vroom will deliver a simple and fun brain building activity for you and your child right to your phone. Go to vroom.org for more information.
- May-August Help your child develop independence by learning how to work belts, zippers, and buttons
- Read books together about starting kindergarten.

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- Two Weeks Before School Starts Talk with your child about what will happen during the school day and about making new
- routine and a morning getting-ready-for-school
- routine with your child. If your child will bring a lunch, practice opening and closing food storage containers and bags. routine with your child.
- One Week Before School Starts
- Plan to attend a back to school event to learn more about your child's school, the kindergarten
- more about your clink's scroon, the knoergare program, and to meet your clink's teacher. Practice walking the route from the car or bus circle to the classroom with your child before school starts to develop confidence in new
- Help your child lay out clothes and backpack the
- night before.

 Talk with the school nurse and your child's teacher
- if your child has allergies or special needs.

First Day of School

- Allow plenty of time to get ready for school. Allow plenty or time to get ready no school.
 If you are taking your child to school, leave early to allow time to find parking and navigate the
- school campus. Have fun and celebrate the first day of
- kindergarten with your child!
- Throughout the Year Begin to establish good attendance habits by making sure your child attends kindergarten each
- and every day.

 Make backup plans to be sure your child can ge
- to school on rainy days. Set aside time after school each day to talk with
- your child about the day. Read everything the school sends home.
- Learn how you can become involved in your
- child's education.
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friends in kindergarten.

Start to establish an evening going-to-bed

Transition Toolkit Transition Idea #3 Toolkit Feelings Idea #2 In VPK, children are learning to identify their own feelings as well as the feelings of their friends. Making Friends **Transition** They are learning how to respond appropriately to their feelings and how to calm themselves after having strong emotions. Children at this age are also learning how to respond to others with empathy and compassion. These skills will serve your children well as they prepare to enter starting kindergarten is fun and exciting for most children, but it can sometimes be scary kindergarten. oo Making friends is one thing that children may be worried about. My Heart is Like a Zoo is the perfect book to talk about feelings. The first time you read the book, eld your children talk about the idea of making new friends by reading the book, Fox the children will likely be excited about the animals and notice that the animals are all made q Toolkit lokes Friends by Adam Relf. In this book, Fox learns what it means to make friends. After hearts, but with subsequent readings you will be able to talk about the feeling words. Many will be familiar and some will be new. 1. After reading the book the first time, talk about the different animals the children saw in the Tell children that Fox and his friends used kind words in the story to invite their "Thends" to play. Show one of the pictures in the book and read the words: "Please story. Ask the children what they notice on the last page. Why does the book say "tired as a zookeeper who's had a busy day?" Brainstorm other animals that could be part of the story. if you come and play?" Tell children that using kind words is a great way to make new friends. Let children role play with each other and use kind words. 2. Put out different size heart shape cut outs. Let children experiment with putting hearts together to make different animals. Add children's words to their heart animal and create a Put out a variety of everyday materials such as construction paper, beads, sticks, and class book. . Let children create their own friend. Ask them what makes a good friend. ncpurage them to tell someone at home how Fox made friends. 3. On another day, reread the book. Tell the children in the book it talks about many different ways your heart can feel. Spend some time talking about a few of the pages and the feelings on sk hildren to think about what makes a good friend (e.g., sharing toys, doesn't yell). each page. Connect it to children's lives. For example, ask "When is a time your heart might feel frightened as a rabbit?" we children sit in a circle. Tell them to think about the person sitting next to them Use the language of the book to help children talk about their feelings. d what makes them a good friend. Toss a bean bag to each child and let them Throughout the day as children experience different emotions, ask them how their heart is feeling. You can also refer to the animals in the book: You look happy as a hippo this morning. Through talk and play, you can set your students up for Books are great tools for helping children identify success by helping them learn about making friends before they ever get to kindergarten! and talk about their own feelings. And you'll be setting them up for success in kindergarten! Happy Reading! Happy Reading!



Back-to-School Meeting Drive-Through-Celebrate-You Parade



RTNERSHIP.

https://youtu.be/tYfe1h Mn3E





	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April					
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children. Let them share how kindergarten will be the same and how it will be different from preschool. (See resource section at the end.	الا				
 Have children draw a picture of themselves to send to their kindergarten teacher. Attach it to the PKP Transmission Form. 		,			
 Begin scheduling conferences to share updated assessment information. You will also want to have families give input on the PKP Transmission Form and sign it so it can go on to the kindergarten teacher. 					
 Continue implementing ideas from the Transition Toolkit cards. 	,'				
Remind families to register for kindergarten before elementary schools close for the summer.	ļ 				
 Invite a family or two from last year's class to come back and talk to current families about the transition to kindergarten. 					

Data Sharing Agreement

- data file with child's name and VPK site
- determine feeder patterns


Data Sharing Agreement

- phone numbers of current VPK students
- email addresses of current VPK students



Data Sharing Agreement

- counts of VPK children by provider
- mailing address









ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe and Miami-Dade Public Schools

- Panel Presenters:
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Miami-Dade County Public Schools Transition to Kindergarten

- Partners: M-DCPS Title I Schools, Early Learning Coalition Private Providers, Miami-Dade County Community Action and Health Services Department (CAHSD)
- Goal: Strengthen the bonds between early learning centers/providers and neighboring M-DCPS schools to fosters successful transitions of students to kindergarten



Transition to Kindergarten Ambassadors Program

- Superintendent's Initiative
- Initiated 2014-2015 School Year
- Transition to Kindergarten Ambassadors (Title I)
 - Promote kindergarten readiness
 - Support successful and smooth transitions
- Recognized by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics





Transition to Kindergarten Ambassadors Program

- M-DCPS School Administrators
- Early Learning Centers in Miami-Dade County







Transition to Kindergarten M-DCPS Administrator Support

- Highlight Kindergarten Rocks 'N' Enrolls Campaign
 - M-DCPS
 - Private Sector
- Plan Transition to Kindergarten focus for the school year
- Discuss Transition to Kindergarten Principal Data Form
- Support and coordinate efforts and events throughout the year



Transition to Kindergarten Principal Data Form

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Center	Address	Director	Email	Phone #	Grade Level Configuration
JUST KIDS CENTERS, INC.	12470 SW 8th St, Miami 33184	Grisell Grau	ggrau@justkidscenters.org	3052210011	Infants- 4 years old
ABC LEARNING PRE- SCHOOL	11890 SW 8th St Ste 100, Miami , 33184	Ms. Yaimara	learningabcpreschool@gmail.com	3052258833	Infants- 4 years old
RELIGIOSAS TEATINAS DAY CARE	12261 SW 6th St, Miami, 33184	Eladia Garcia	<u>teatinasmia@att.net</u>	3052202205	Infants- 4 years old
ACADEMIR	11980 SW 8th St Ste 11, 33182	Rolando Mir	ACADEMIR@LIDE.COM	3052202205	Infants- 4 years old
LITTLE MONKEY PRESCHOOL	15673 SW 88th St, Miami, 33196	Ismary Fernandez	littlemonkeypreschool@gmail.com	3053856581	1-4 years old



Transition to Kindergarten Early Learning Center Support

Highlight	Highlight Transition to Kindergarten goals
Develop	Develop relationships between M-DCPS and Early Learning Centers
Gather	Gather Early Learning Center information
Provide	Provide M-DCPS feeder pattern school information
Invite	Invite to Technical Assistance Sessions/Lunch & Learn NEW!
Coordinate/ Facilitate	Coordinate and facilitate parent workshops



Transition to Kindergarten Technical Assistance/Lunch & Learn

- 4 sessions led by TTK Ambassadors
- Provides guidance and support for early learning centers on transitioning children to kindergarten and increasing kindergarten readiness
- Platform for early childhood educators to network and share best practices



Transition to Kindergarten 2021-2022 Lunch & Learn



- 1. Introduction to Quality Interactions September 29, 2021
- 2. Emotional Support October 27,2021
- 3. Classroom Organization November 17, 2021
- 4. Instructional Support January 26, 2022



Transition to Kindergarten Parent Workshops

- Guidance and support for families/guardians to ensure a smooth and positive experience during the transition process
- Registration procedures for Kindergarten in M-DCPS
- Community Resources for Families
 - Read to Learn Book Club
 - Library Cards
 - Vroom



Transition to Kindergarten Coffee and Conversations





Transition to Kindergarten Rocks 'N' Enrolls Campaign





Transition to Kindergarten Rocks 'N' Enrolls Campaign Toolkit

Weeks	Dates	School Events
Week 1	February 22- February 25	Kindergarten Rocks 'N' ENROLLS Promotional Activities
Week 2	February 28 - March 4	Pre-K School-Based Visit to Kindergarten
Week 3	March 7- March 11	Neighboring Early Learning Centers/ Head Start Visits
Week 4	March 14 - March 18	Parent Orientations/ Tours/ Registration



Transition to Kindergarten Rocks 'N' Enrolls Campaign Toolkit

- Promotional Flyer
- PowerPoint Template
- Registration Checklist
- Family Questionnaire
- Social Media Posts
- Available in 3 languages





Transition to Kindergarten Pre-K/Kinder Articulation Meetings

- Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards Four Years Old to Kindergarten (2017)
- 2017 Early Learning Standards Crosswalk with Kindergarten Standards
- Data Chats
 - VPK Assessment
 - Waterford Reports
 - FLKRS: Star Early Literacy
 - Kindergarten Placement (Articulation Cards)



Transition to Kindergarten Parent Summer Toolkit

- Summer Parent Involvemen Calendar
- Tips for Parents
- Entering Kindergarten Summer Reading List





Transition to Kindergarten NEW "Pandemic" Resources

- Kindergarten Webinar
- Virtual Fieldtrip
- Resources
 - Providers
 - Families
- M-DCPS TTK Website
- Lunch & Learn



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 Private Provider teacher/M-DCPS Kindergarten teacher articulation NEW 21-22



Transition to Kindergarten Collaboration with ELC

Send VPK Private Provider contact information to receive Transition to Kindergarten Communications from MDCPS

Encourage providers to attend TTK: Lunch and Learn Trainings

Attend trainings held by MDCPS to encourage participation and show collaboration

Reinforce/Share information in Technical Assistance Visits





Questions?



