

HOW OLD ARE CHILDREN WHO ENROLL IN VPK?

Children who turn 4 years old on or before Sept.1 of the program year are eligible to attend VPK. In addition, as of July 2016, children born between Feb.2 and Sept.1 may attend VPK either that Program year or postpone attending until the following program year **as long as the child has not yet been admitted to kindergarten.**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DOB	2/2/15-9/1/16	2/2/16-9/1/17	2/2/17-9/1/18	2/2/18-9/1/19	2/2/19-9/1/20
9/2/14 - 2/1/15	NO				
2/2/15 - 9/1/15	YES	NO			
9/2/15 - 2/1/16	YES	NO			
2/2/16 - 9/1/16	YES	YES			
9/2/16 - 2/1/17	NO	YES			
2/2/17 - 9/1/17	NO	YES	YES	NO	
9/2/17 - 2/1/18		NO	YES	NO	
2/2/18 - 9-1/18		NO	YES	YES	NO
9/2/18 - 2-1-19			NO	YES	NO
2/2/19 - 9/1/19			NO	YES	YES

Grey/No = not eligible Yellow/Yes = Eligible

General Steps for applying for VPK. Contact the Early Learning Coalition and/or visit the website @ <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/vpk/> for more information.

Log into Family/Parent Portal Account or register for an Account. Here is the link to the Early Learning Coalition’s VPK tab: <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/vpk/> . The website has links to the Family/Parent Portal and a link to a training video explaining how to register for your Portal Account.

Complete and submit VPK application: The VPK application is a short application process, requiring the upload of proof of age for child and proof of residency. For options, please see “**VPK Child Age and Residential Eligibility**” under “**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**” @ <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/vpk/>. Once completed, submit your application. When you receive the email that your application has been approved you will be able to log back into the portal and print off the certificate of eligibility (COE). If the application is rejected, a rejection email will be sent explaining the reason for the rejection and the next steps.

Choose location for VPK:

MCPS VPK programs has a lottery/registration process - <https://www.marionschools.net/VPK>

ECS Head Start VPK program - <https://www.ecs4kids.org/>

Private VPK provider/program –Review Provider Profiles here: <https://www.elc-marion.org/parents/vpk/>

Please contact 352-369-2315 ext. 239 with any additional questions.

