



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Policy

EII.C.6.4 School Readiness Provider Contracting Requirements

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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Board, when contracting with providers, to comply with the requirements of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida's Grant Agreement with the Florida Office of Early Learning as well as all additional State and Federal regulations. This policy insures consistency of practices and policy application regarding provider eligibility for the School Readiness program. These policies are consistent with the Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program (6M-4.610),

Definitions:

Provider: One who delivers child care services, specifically: a child care facility, family child care home, large family child care home, public or nonpublic school exempt from licensure, a faith based child care program exempt from licensure, a before or after-school program, or an informal child care as authorized by law. (6M-4.610 F.A.C)

School Readiness: The School Readiness Act was passed by the Florida Legislature to help children from low-income families get the support they need to be successful in school. The program provides child care so a parent can work or attend a training or education program. The program is funded primarily by a federal Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant. It is administered at the state level by the Office of Early Learning. (http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/school_readiness.aspx)

Citation History: 1002.88 F.S., 6M-4.610. F.A.C.; Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract, Form OEL-SR 20.

Associated Documents: Coalition Policy 220.11 Reporting Abuse and Neglect; Procedure EII.QS.C.6.4 Provider Eligibility and Responsibility; 6M-4.620 Health and Safety Checklists and Inspections; and the eight Health and Safety Standards Handbooks, Checklists and for each School Readiness provider type, Forms OEL-SR-6201-6208, that are incorporated by reference.

Reference #:

Replaces: Policy 408.3