

VPK Technology Opportunity

Frequently Asked Questions

VPK Contracted Providers

The Early Learning Coalition of Broward County is excited to bring two new options for FREE technology learning programs to your VPK classroom(s).

Technology can be beneficial to your VPK learners.

- Technology can be used to facilitate & increase learning.
- Technology can expose children to different music, people, cultures, etc...
- Technology can be used to engage families.
- Technology creates visual and auditory learning opportunities.
- Technology connects children to limitless resources.

Age of Learning, Inc. & Marco Polo Learning are the two vendors the ELC has contracted with for this opportunity.

1. How did this opportunity come about?

The Division of Early Learning in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of Broward (ELC) received ARPA dollars that allowed for this opportunity.

2. Does my school need to have a School Readiness (SR) and/or Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) contract to participate?

This is only for VPK contracted providers.

3. Is the program free?

Yes, the program is free for the 2024 – 2025 VPK school year.

4. Is this mandatory for VPK programs?

No, this is optional.

5. Will I receive training?

Yes, each vendor will provide individualized training related to its program.

6. How do I choose which program?

It is completely up to you as the owner/director and teachers at your school to decide which program would benefit your school environment.

7. Are there any trainings available in Spanish?

Yes, there will be trainings available in both English and Spanish

8. My center is in Miami Dade, but I also serve children in Broward, can I participate?

No, this is only for schools physically located in Broward

9. I want to know more; how can I learn about the two options?

We recorded two of our information sessions. They can be accessed on our website under Provider, Past Meeting & Informational Videos, Informational Sessions: [Informational Session Videos | Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc. \(elcbroward.org\)](#)

10. How does my school sign up?

The link to sign up is: <https://lxm.cc/XG6aVt>

11. Do I still need to have my VPK student complete the FAST?

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Yes, this is an additional opportunity for your children and families. FAST is still required and mandatory.

13. What kind of technology is required to use both programs? Do I need tablets?

Both tools are web-based. They can be done on either a tablet or a computer.

14. Is the ELC purchasing tablets for those centers that participate?

No, the ELC gave out tablets before FAST became a requirement. If your school never received, we may have a few that we share with you. We will need to check past distribution list and current inventory.

	
<p>Building the Bridge to Kindergarten Readiness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aligned to Florida ELDS (FELDS) & BEST Standards• Developmentally Appropriate• Play-Based, Hands-On• Personalized Instruction <p>For more information, you can watch a short overview video https://schools.ageoflearning.com/florida</p>	<p>MarcoPolo For Educators is a tool that has been purchased for you which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhances classroom quality• Is aligned to CLASS and STAR• Takes things off of teacher's plates by providing a curriculum aligned video library, a variety of already planned small group centers, vocabulary cards and more!• Provides a strong home connection with our unique Share and Let's Talk feature to connect families to what is going on in their child's classroom with MarcoPolo For Families <p>For more information, you can watch a short video HERE.</p>