



Durbin Creek Elementary's VPK selection is done by a lottery system. 2026-2027 school year **VPK Lottery applications will be accepted January 12, 2026—January 30, 2026**. The first week of February, 18 applicants will be selected and notified. Upon acceptance, those selected students will begin the registration process.

**Only students selected will be contacted.** If you have not been contacted by February 13th, then your child was NOT selected for one of the 18 spots, and will be put on the waiting list. Due to the number of lottery applications, it is advised that you have a back-up plan. Other VPK providers can be found at [Search \(myflfamilies.com\)](https://www.myflfamilies.com)

Please review the following pages for more program details. **To apply for the lottery**, print the last page, fill it out and return it to the school. Lottery applications can be dropped off at the front desk or emailed to Michele.Mcdermott@stjohns.k12.fl.us. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application. Only those chosen for the program will receive a second email with directions on how to register.

Thank you for considering Durbin Creek Elementary and best of luck in the lottery!

2026-2027

# St. Johns County School District VPK Program

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The St. Johns County School District (SJCSJ) VPK Program is a high-quality early childhood program for four-year-olds born on or before September 1, 2021. SJCSJ VPK focuses on building foundational skills in literacy, math and social development through engaging play-based learning experiences. The SJCSJ VPK Program consists of the first three hours free with a VPK certificate and wrap-around services for a full school day. Students participating in the SJCSJ VPK gain the essential skills needed for future academic success in a nurturing and stimulating environment, preparing students to be **Kindergarten Ready!**

School District VPK is available at the following schools:

- Durbin Creek Elementary School
- Hickory Creek Elementary School
- Julington Creek Elementary School
- Ocean Palms Elementary School
- Picolata Crossing Elementary School
- Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Elementary School
- RB Hunt Elementary School

We offer:

- Highly qualified St. Johns County School District staff
- Lead Teacher and Teacher Assistant in each class
- High Quality Kindergarten Readiness Instruction
- Developmentally appropriate comprehensive curriculum that supports the Florida Early Learning Developmental Standards
- Play-based learning opportunities
- Low student to staff ratio for individualized learning
- A safe and clean school district environment

SJCSJ is a contracted VPK provider. You have a choice in the selection of a VPK program that meets your needs. For other options or further questions please contact:

**Episcopal Children's Services**

VPK Department

(904)726-1500

# 2026-2027 VPK Lottery form

**\* DURBIN CREEK ELEMENTARY Location Only \***

The VPK program at Durbin Creek Elementary is a full day PreK program (same hours as KG-5). The student must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026, to apply.

The VPK program is a fee based Kindergarten Readiness program, with the VPK certificate paying for the first 3 hours and the second 3 hours having a fee of **\$700 per month. The VPK program requires a full day commitment.**

Due to limited space, acceptance is based on a lottery system.

VPK Lottery applications will be accepted January 12th, through January 30th, 2025. Due to the limited space, it is recommended that you apply to other schools in the area, as well. Final selections and notifications will be made by February 13, 2025. Only those accepted into the program will be notified with instructions on how to proceed.

**PRINT this page** and fill out the below VPK Lottery form. Drop it off at the front desk at Durbin Creek Elementary or email it to: Michele.Mcdermott@stjohns.k12.fl.us Thank You!

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Who does student live with: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle all that apply. My child is: **shy, outgoing, shares well with others, verbal, quiet, active, likes to help others**

My child is fully potty-trained: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

My child has potty accidents: Frequently \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_\_

My child wears: Diapers \_\_\_\_\_ Pullups \_\_\_\_\_ Underwear \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any physical/medical concerns we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies we need to be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child currently receive any special services? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_