



# Hernando School District

## School Board Workshop

### Agenda - Final

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Tuesday, January 27, 2026

2:00 PM

District Office-Board Room  
919 N. Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601

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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. [26-3507](#) Review and Tentative Approval of Neola Policy - 8451 Head Lice (Pediculosis).  
**Attachments:** [po8451 Head Lice \(Pediculosis\) Modified 12-15-25](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC](#)
2. [26-3562](#) Presentation of the Hernando County School District (HCSD) Volunteer Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program  
**Attachments:** [VPK Board Presentation](#)  
[Budget Sheet Sept 2021 Revised NO Financial Impact ACC - Copy](#)

#### GENERAL COUNSEL

#### ADDENDUM ITEMS

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER/BOARD DISCUSSION

##### School Board Comments

#### ADJOURNMENT

The next School Board Meetings are scheduled for February 10, 2026:  
1:00 PM - Informal Meeting  
2:00 PM - Workshop  
6:00 PM - Regular Meeting

#### Mission Statement

The Hernando County School District Collaborates with students, parents and other community stakeholders to effectively prepare all students for a successful transition into a diverse and changing world.

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## School Board Workshop

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**Agenda Item # 1. 26-3507**

1/27/2026

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**Title and Board Action Requested**

Review and Tentative Approval of Neola Policy - 8451 Head Lice (Pediculosis).

**Executive Summary**

The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Operations, on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby requests the Board to review and give tentative approval for the School Board policy update. The update is in the following section:

Section 8000 - Operations

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**2023-28 Strategic Focus Area**

Priority 4: Community Connection

**Financial Impact**

See attached budget sheet.

If expenditure is not currently budgeted, this will serve as the budget amendment when Board approved. If the agenda item includes the purchase of goods or services, the funds requested are an anticipated amount and may fluctuate depending on such factors as current market conditions, product availability, additional funding sources, and the needs of the District. Should the actual cost exceed the anticipated amount, the Board approves the additional cost, after review by the superintendent, but not in excess of the funds available in the site's approved annual budget.

Book	Policy Manual
Section	8451 Head Lice (Pediculosis)
Title	Copy of HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS)
Code	po8451 jfk 12/1/25jfk 12/15/25
Status	
Adopted	June 13, 2017

#### 8451 - HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS)

The School Board recognizes that effective management of pediculosis (infestation of head lice, *pediculus humanus capitis*) on students in Hernando Schools may depend on prompt case identification, effective treatment, and education regarding prevention of the spread of these ectoparasites.

Students who display signs of head lice infestation at school, such as excessive scratching of the head, may be sent to the clinic to be checked, as needed. A thorough examination of the hair and scalp will be done to determine the presence of live lice. If nits or lice are found, siblings at the same school will be checked for lice infestation as well.

#### Definitions:

**Pediculosis-an infestation of lice.**

**Infestation- the presence of live lice, typically on the head.**

**Lice-the plural form of louse.**

**Nit- the egg of a louse.**

~~If nits are present, an attempt will be made to make contact with the parent/guardian and a Nit Notification and Treatment Letter will be sent home with the student. The student will be given a return to class pass from the clinic. Student must report to the clinic on a daily basis to monitor process of nit removal until no nits are found. The school health professional will use the head lice tracking log. A final recheck will be performed on the 10th day. If nits are still present, the RN should be notified to follow up with the parent/guardian.~~

**If nits or live lice are present,** the School Principal or designee will ~~call~~ **contact the parent/guardian to have the student treated** and pick up the student from school ( ) **at the end of the school day (x ) immediately. If a student with nits or live lice is not able to be picked up immediately, they may remain in the classroom for the remainder of the day. The Principal or designee will determine the type of activities the student will be engaged in for the rest of the day to minimize physical contact with other students. If head-to-head contact is possible, the student will be excused from those activities.**

Parent/Guardian will receive a Head Lice Notification and Treatment Letter. **After nits and/or live lice treatment, the student must report to the clinic with parent/guardian** to be examined for lice/nits before they may return to class.

If no **live** lice or nits are present, the student may return to class with a pass from the clinic. If **nits or live** lice are present, the student will be sent home with parent/guardian.

**After treatment and upon returning to school, the child will be examined by the school health staff or principal. The District practices a policy of ( ) "no live lice" ( x) no nits as a criteria for return to school.**

Presence of lice twenty-four (24) hours after treatment suggests a very heavy infestation, re-infestation, resistance to therapy, or incorrect use of treatment product. Information will be provided to the parent/guardian regarding the treatment used. The parent/guardian is encouraged to contact the student's licensed healthcare provider regarding re-treatment with a pediculicide.

Classroom head checks are not recommended. A head lice information sheet is available and can be used at the principal's discretion.

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**Last Modified by Jill Kolasa on December 15, 2025**

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**C. History**

Check one:

Prior Year Budget: ☐New for Current Year: ☐

Prior Year Approved Budget: \$

Prior Year Actual Spent: \$

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**Agenda Item # 2. 26-3562**

1/27/2026

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**Title and Board Action Requested**

Presentation of the Hernando County School District (HCSD) Volunteer Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program

**Executive Summary**

The Supervisor of Literacy, Intervention and Elementary Academic Programs, on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby requests the Board to review the presentation of the HCSD Volunteer Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program.

**My Contact**

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**2023-28 Strategic Focus Area**

Priority 1: Student Success

**Financial Impact**

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# **VPK Program**

## **School Board Presentation**





## Current VPK Plan

VPK Classes Per School 25-26			
school	VPK classes	VPK enrolled	# on Waitlist
BES	2	40	3
CES	2	40	10
DES	1	20	9
EES	1	20	5
FES	1	20	3
MES	1	20	12
PGES	2 blended	22	10
SES	0	0	0
SHES	2 (1 blended)	31	9
WES	1	20	6
WWK8	1	20	0
		<b>253</b>	<b>67</b>

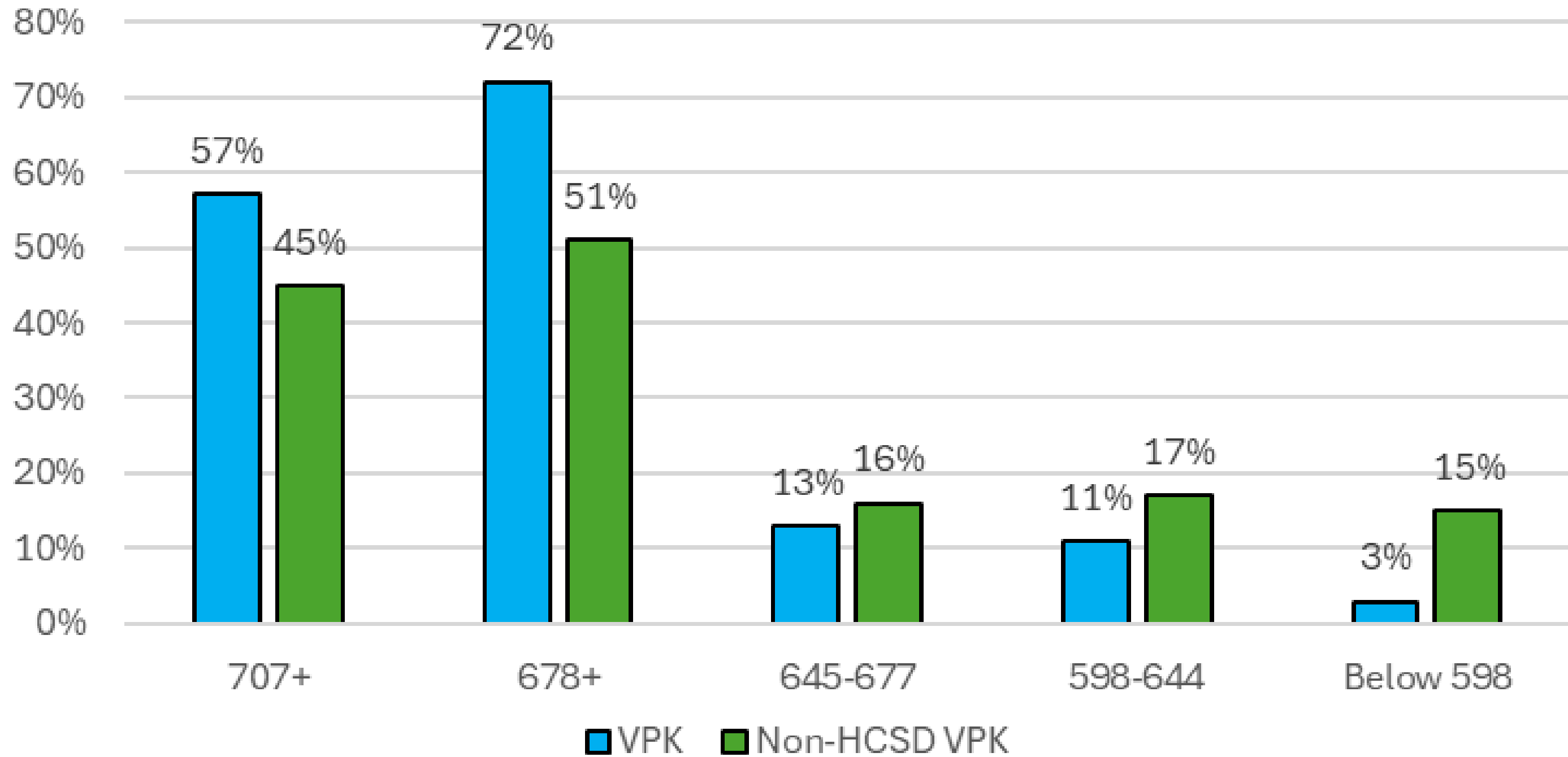




## Proposed VPK Plan

VPK Classes Per School				
school	VPK classes 25-26	Current VPK Enrollment	Possible Expansion 26-27	Potential VPK Enrollment
BES	2	40		40
CES	2	40		40
DES	1	20		20
EES	1	20	1	<b>40</b>
FES	1	20	1	<b>40</b>
MES	1	20	1	<b>40</b>
PGES	2 blended	22		22
SES	0	0	2	<b>40</b>
SHES	2 (1 blended)	31		31
WES	1	20		20
CK8	0	0		0
EK8	0	0		0
WWK8	1	20	1	<b>40</b>
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## 25-26 Kindergarten PM1



**Star Early Literacy Comparison Data**



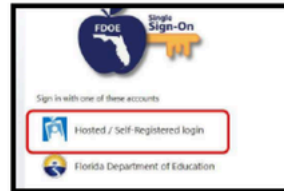
- January 1st of each calendar year, Florida Early Learning opens the VPK Certificate of Eligibility application process.
- Parents must make an account with the FL Single Sign On (FL SSO) to complete an application.
- Once the application is submitted and approved, parents login to the Florida Early Learning website to print their VPK Certificate of Eligibility.
- HCSD VPK begins registration at school sites in the first week in March and continues to accept certificates throughout the year. This provides us with a list of names for enrollment (based on the number of available spots at a school) and waitlist.



## 26-27 VPK PROGRAMS

### Step 1:

- Parents can apply for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility from [Florida Early Learning](#); choose “sign up” to create an account on the FL SSO website.
- Once an account is created, return to the Florida Early Learning site and choose “sign in.”
- Now on the FL SSO Website choose, “**Hosted/Self-Registered User**” (not Hernando) to complete the application for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility.



### Step 2:

Beginning **Tuesday, March 3rd**, register in person at the school site. Bring a printed copy of VPK Certificate of Eligibility.

#### Free full day program for students living in the following school zones:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ✓ Brooksville Elementary | ✓ Moton Elementary       |
| ✓ Deltona Elementary     | ✓ Pine Grove Elementary  |
| ✓ Eastside Elementary    | ✓ Spring Hill Elementary |
| ✓ JD Floyd Elementary    | ✓ Westside Elementary    |

#### Schools offering a Self-Pay (\$110/week) Full-day VPK programs:

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| ✓ Chocachatti Elementary:<br>Does not qualify students to attend kindergarten. | ✓ Winding Waters K-8:<br>Does not qualify students out of zone to attend kindergarten. |
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Contact Us 352-797-7000 ext 70238 [Hernandoschools.org](https://hernandoschools.org)

**VPK JUNE 9-JULY 29**  
7am-5pm Monday-Thursday

**Brooksville Elementary**  
885 North Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
352-797-7014

Registration open for students with a 2024-2025 VPK Certificate that has not already been used.

**VPK Certificate**  
Scan the QR Code to register for your free VPK Certificate

Call Connie Jeppesen 352.797.7000 ext. 238 for registration details

**HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Pre-K Programs

**ESE Pre-K**  
Meet eligibility requirements through the IEP process. Contact FDLRS for more information. ESE Pre-k classrooms are available at:  
- Brooksville Elementary  
- Deltona Elementary School  
- Eastside Elementary School  
- Explorer K-8 School  
- JD Floyd Elementary School  
- Moton Elementary School  
- Pine Grove Elementary  
- Spring Hill Elementary  
- Suncoast Elementary  
- Westside Elementary  
- Winding Waters K-8 (attends PGES)

Available at: Chocachatti Elementary

**VPK Self-Pay**  
• Valid VPK Certificate from the Early Learning Coalition  
• 4 years old by Sept. 1  
• \$100/week full day program  
• Space is limited and does not guarantee future enrollment at CES for kindergarten

**VPK/ Title 1**  
• Valid VPK Certificate from the Early Learning Coalition  
• 4 years old by Sept. 1  
• Must live in the school zone providing the program  
• Free all-day program  
• Space is limited

Available at: Brooksville Elementary, Deltona Elementary, Eastside Elementary, JD Floyd Elementary, Moton Elementary, Pine Grove Elementary, Spring Hill Elementary, Westside Elementary

For VPK Certificate [ELCPH.org](https://elcph.org)

For ESE Pre-k Contact [fdlrs@gulfcoast.org](mailto:fdlrs@gulfcoast.org)

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## 25-26 VPK PROGRAMS

**Step 1:**  
Parents are able to obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando. [ELCPH.org](https://elcph.org)

**Step 2:**  
Register in person at the school site. Bring with you proof of residency, birth certificate, recent physical and immunization records.

**Free full day program for students living in the following school zones:**

• Brooksville Elementary (full)	• JD Floyd Elementary (full)
• Eastside Elementary (full)	• Pine Grove Elementary (full)
• Moton Elementary (full)	• Westside Elementary (full)
• Spring Hill Elementary (full)	• Deltona Elementary (full)

**Schools offering a Self-Pay (\$110/week) Full-day VPK programs:**

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