

Early Learning Coalition



of Pinellas County, Inc.

Policy: ELCPC 60.1.4	Title: School Readiness Eligibility Determination & Redetermination	
	Review Date: February 2018	Next Review Date: June 2018

References: 1002.87(6), F.S., 6M-4.200 & 6M-4.208, F.A.C.

Purpose: To establish and maintain standardization of procedures for the child eligibility determination and placement process for the School Readiness program.

Background: The child eligibility and placement process determines eligibility for childcare scholarships and enrollment of children into care. Placements may result from children being enrolled from the Waiting List or by a referral from a partnering agency.

Policy:

The ELC will determine and re-determine eligibility using the Chapter 1002, Part VI, F.S., and Chapter 6M-4, Florida Administrative Code. The ELC will annually redetermine each child's eligibility. Upon redetermination, a child may not continue to receive SR program services if he or she is no longer eligible under the eligibility rules.

ELC staff follows the procedures outlined in the above referenced rules to determine the families' eligibility. ELC staff enrolls the eligible children, giving them a redetermination date of one year and provides the children's enrollment certificates to the family and the providers.

As families' redetermination interview dates arrive, ELC staff follows the same procedure as above for redetermining the families' eligibility. If a family is not eligible, ELC staff documents the reason in the statewide information system using the OEL standard codes. ELC staff contacts the families to let them know that they are no longer eligible for care.