



**Early Learning
Coalition**
OF PINELLAS COUNTY

New holiday policy to allow for more schedule flexibility

Exciting News to Announce!

The Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County's (ELC) Board of Directors recently approved changes to the School Readiness (SR) Holiday Policy.

Starting July 1, School Readiness Providers will be eligible for reimbursement for observance of up to 12 holidays per year. Providers will be able to choose all 12 of their paid holidays during the 2021-2022 Provider Profile Update period. ELC will no longer designate any of the 12 available days. Providers must submit their selected holidays in the Provider Profile in the Provider Portal and may choose to utilize holidays for professional development or planning purposes, in addition to any holidays they observe.

Have you already submitted your 2021-2022 Provider Profile?

Providers who have already submitted their 2021-2022 Provider Profiles are asked to check their Closure Calendar dates to confirm the dates currently highlighted in the 2021-2022 Provider Profile are the dates from which they wish to choose their paid holidays. If Providers would like to remove or change any of their highlighted dates, they may do so at this time and resubmit their '21-'22 Provider Profile.

Selected paid holidays are listed in Exhibit 6 of the School Readiness Provider Contract and will be confirmed upon certification of the Contract. Once the contract is certified, a change in a scheduled paid holiday will require an amendment to the contract. Please note, changes to scheduled holidays may only be made before the holiday date and can't be changed after the date has passed.

School Readiness contracting for 2021-2022 to begin soon

Contracting for the 2021-2022 School Readiness Year will begin at the end of April. Provider Profiles must be submitted and active. Contracts can't be initiated until '21 '22 Provider Profiles are active.

The deadline for submission was March 15, 2021; however, due to a high volume of incomplete Provider Profiles that still need to be submitted, we have extended the due date. We ask that all Providers complete their profiles as soon as possible to ensure we are able to begin contracts in a timely manner.

We thank you for all your hard work and are excited to offer these new changes to you. Please contact your Contract Specialist if you have any questions.

A copy of the School Readiness Holiday Policy is on our website [here](#).

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