Welcome to Timberlin Creek VPK Information Night

2025-2026 School Year

What is VPK?

- VPK is a free voluntary program that prepares four-and five-yearolds for kindergarten.
- In VPK we deliver age-appropriate curricula, including but not limited to early literacy, math and science standards.
 - It's okay to play in VPK!

- We build on each individual child's, social, emotional, physical well being as well as educational development.
- Children will participate in active group learning activities to also develop fine hand and gross motor skills.
- VPK is a foundation for children to develop strong emotional and social skills and gain a love for learning that stays with the child for life.

VPK at Timberlin Creek

- W.I.N.G.S
- Blended Pre-K Class
- Certified Early Education
 Teacher
 - Ratio: 18 to 1 plus
 Paraprofessionals as needed.

- Little Eagles
- On Site Childcare Center for ages 2 years -VPK.
 - Child Development
 Associate Teachers
 - Ratio: 20 to 1 Plus one Teachers Aide

W.I.N.G.S

Working to Inspire and Nurture Growth for Success

- The WINGS program blends students who are typically developing VPK age students with 3 and 4 year old students with varying exceptionalities, such as a speech or language delay, developmental delay, visual impairment, or other such delays. Your child would be a model student.
- Students who are considered for this program are students who are independent, possibly near the cut off age to be eligible for kindergarten and ready to model appropriate classroom behavior.

WINGS Teachers

Teachers meet the State of Florida requirements for teaching as well as the VPK standards:

- Teachers in the WINGS program are Florida Certified Teachers who specialized in early Education as well as Specialized Education.
- Criminal background checks
- Emergent Literacy training On going
- Performance standards training- On going
- School Readiness training-On going
- First Aid, CPR and AED Ongoing

W.I.N.G.S. - Full Day Care Commitment

- WINGS is a full school day commitment. The hours following the SJCSD school day.
- The full day includes the 3 hours of state VPK instruction.
- The program follows the SJCSD school calendar.

- Drop off begins at 8 am and the tardy bell is at 8:25 am.
 Pick-up begins 2:40 (1:40 on Wednesday)
- VPK instructional hours are 8.30am-11.30am.
- The rate is \$360.00 per
 Month. There is a one-time
 \$150.00 registration fee.

Little Eagles Learning Center

2025-2026

Director: Sarah Lindhout





Little Eagles Teachers

To teach in Florida's VPK program teachers must meet certain state requirements including :

- Have a valid Florida Educators certificate or professional <u>VPK endorsed</u> credential.
- Criminal background checks
- Emergent Literacy training On going
- Performance standards training- On going
- DCF and School Readiness training-On going
- First Aid, CPR and AED Ongoing
- As well as CLASS observation training and FAST training annually.

VPK - Full Day Care Commitment

Little Eagles Learning
 Center is a full day care option.

 The full day includes the 3 hours of state VPK instruction.

- We are open from 7am to 5pm.
- VPK instructional hours are 8:30am-11:30am.
- The rate is \$714.00 per month. There is a one-time \$150.00 registration fee.

Little Eagles - Hours

- Little Eagles Learning Center is a full daycare program.
 - We are open from <u>7am-5pm</u> weekdays only.
- We follow the St Johns County School District calendar.
 When the school is closed, we are closed too.
- VPK at Little Eagles requires a <u>full day commitment</u>. The
 VPK hours are included into the daily schedule.
 - VPK instructional time is <u>8.30am-11.30am</u>

Registration

Step 1

- Early Childhood Support Services to receive your
 - VPK certificate of eligibility.

https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/

What is right for you?

Little Eagles

Little Eagles Application WINGS APPLI



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Applications

I have made my choice and completed the application, what's next?

We will review all the information that is submitted and work with our Pre-K team to create balanced classes. We plan to reach out to everyone no later than March 14, 2025 to confirm your spot of the school year.



Little Eagles and WINGS Registration

Step 2

Register your child with Timberlin Creek Elementary school to receive a student ID. The child must have this step completed and you must have provided all the required documents to be able to start the program.

https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/#forms

Little Eagles Documents

Last step

Complete all documents required for Little Eagles Learning Center registration.(DCF Requirements)

https://www-tce.stjohns.k12.fl.us/littleeagles/littleeagles-registration/

 We will require a copy of your child's birth certificate, certificate of immunizations (DH 680)or exemption certificate. As well as the state of Florida school entry health exam forms.(DH 3040)

Thank you for your time. We look forward to having you at Timberlin Creek.

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