



Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program

School Year 2026–2027

Program Overview

Thank you for your interest in St. Michael Academy's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Program. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's early learning journey.

Our Pre-Kindergarten 4 (VPK) program is approved by the Diocese of St. Augustine and accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference and the National Association for Non-Public Schools. In addition to the VPK core curriculum, St. Michael Academy offers a well-rounded program that includes Art, Music, Physical Education, and Religion.

VPK Program Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fees & Payment Information

The State of Florida VPK Program provides funding for 540 instructional hours during the school year. St. Michael Academy offers an optional additional two months of instruction for a fee of \$1,500.00. This fee applies to all VPK4 students who opt in to the two additional months of instruction.

- For those opting into the two additional months of instruction, the remaining \$1,500 may be paid in full or in 10 monthly installments (billed to the FACTS account) beginning in July.
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Eligibility Requirements

To participate in the VPK program:

- Your child must be four years old on or before September 1, 2026.
 - Your child must be fully potty-trained.
 - SMA does not accept Religious health exemptions
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How to Apply for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

Parents must apply online for the State of Florida Certificate of Eligibility (COE). [CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

After receiving your COE:

1. Sign and date the form (Boxes 18 & 19).
Email the completed COE to: [Lynne Coyle](#), Registrar
 2. It is the parents' responsibility to provide the COE. If we do not receive your child's signed and dated COE, you will be billed at the standard PreK-4 SMA tuition rates.
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Benefits of Early Education & the VPK Program

- The brain's most significant growth and development occurs by age five.
 - The early years are the learning years. During this period, children develop attention, self-regulation, and the ability to follow directions.
 - High-quality early childhood programs strengthen language skills, improve school readiness scores, support social development, and reduce behavioral challenges.
 - Children who attend Pre-Kindergarten enter Kindergarten with greater confidence in early reading, early math, and peer interaction.
 - Early learning fosters a lifelong love of learning and builds on the foundational skills children gain at home.
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"St. Michael Academy is a child care facility operating under an exemption pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and is not subject to licensure or regulation by the Department of Children and Families."



St. Michael Academy

Guided by Catholic beliefs, we at St. Michael Academy provide a Christ-centered environment, laying the foundation for exceptional academic and moral life-long learning to serve God and others as disciples of Christ.

[St. Michael Academy is a proud recipient of the 2024 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award.](#)