



# ONLINE VPK LOTTERY APPLICATION TOOLKIT 2025-2026





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## Why VPK?

Did you know that children who participate in high-quality early learning experiences benefit from improved social skills, higher academic achievement, and enhanced attention spans? There is overwhelming evidence that suggests that children who participate in high-quality preschool programs develop stronger math and reading skills and a full range of competencies necessary for school success. Offered in over 200 schools county-wide, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) early childhood education and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs are committed to providing high quality comprehensive services to prepare young children for life-long learning.

We've put together a comprehensive toolkit to help you promote the VPK program in your school.



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## Suggested Promotion Strategies

- Train front office staff on the prekindergarten programs offered at your school.
- Display the *Online VPK Lottery Application* flyers in high-traffic areas and in the main office. Posting information lets families know that your school offers the VPK program.
- Send an automated phone message.
- Advertise on your school marquee.
- Promote on school social media platforms and school website.
- Post VPK banners on fence line or high traffic area as appropriate for your school.
- Host informational session(s) for parents to allow for tours and provide training for parents to access and complete the online VPK lottery application.
- Provide a desktop or laptop for parents to use at the school site.

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# About Early Childhood Programs

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Early Childhood Programs will begin accepting online VPK applications through the Parent Portal on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to share the following communications with your families and community:

## Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program

VPK is a free high-quality educational program that prepares 4-year-olds for kindergarten and beyond. To be eligible for VPK, children must be four (4) years old on or before September 1. Beginning on January 21<sup>st</sup>, families should access the VPK lottery application by signing into the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Parent Portal using their Google or Apple ID, regardless of whether they have a child currently enrolled in one of our schools. Once the online application has been submitted, the parent and/or guardian must stop by the school to submit the required registration documents to be entered into the lottery taking place on March 14, 2025.

Parents may obtain their required 2025 VPK Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE) after January 1, 2025, online at the VPK Family Portal website: <http://www.vpkhelp.org> The COE is not required, however recommended for lottery eligibility.

## Automated Phone Message

This is [principal's name]. Will your child turn four years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>? Register for our VPK Program Lottery for the upcoming school year beginning January 21<sup>st</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup> online via the Parent Portal at [www3.dadeschools.net](http://www3.dadeschools.net). Contact our school today for required registration documents and to schedule a school visit.

Visit [www.vpkhelp.org](http://www.vpkhelp.org) to apply for your child's Certificate of Eligibility which will be required by the start of the new school year.

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# School Marquee

VPK LOTTERY APPLICATION
OPEN FROM JANUARY 21 – MARCH 7
REGISTER TODAY!
VIA PARENT PORTAL AT DADESCHOOLS.NET

SEATS AVAILABLE FOR 4 YEAR OLDS
REGISTER TODAY!

REGISTER FOR FREE PRE-K TODAY!
INQUIRE INSIDE

DON'T MISS OUT
APPLY FOR VPK ONLINE
JANUARY 21 THROUGH MARCH 7!



# Sample Social Media Posts



Did you know that we have an amazing VPK program for four-year-old children? The Online VPK Lottery application is available from January 21<sup>st</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup>. Apply in the parent portal at [www3.dadeschools.net](http://www3.dadeschools.net). #mdcps #wherelearningbegins #vpk

Will your child turn four (4) years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>? We have seats available in our Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) program for the 2025-2026 school year. Visit our main office or register for the Online VPK Lottery through the parent portal at [www3.dadeschools.net](http://www3.dadeschools.net)! #mdcps #wherelearningbegins #vpk

Use the QR code to access the Online VPK Lottery Application today through March 7<sup>th</sup>.



[\(Click here to access the mp4 file for VPK social media tile above\)](#)



# Appendix

<b>Document Name</b>	<b>Document Link</b>
2025-2026 VPK Lottery Application Flyer (English)	<a href="#">2025-2026 VPK Lottery Flyer - English.pdf</a>
2025-2026 VPK Lottery Application Flyer (Spanish)	<a href="#">2025-2026 VPK Lottery Flyer - Spanish.pdf</a>
2025-2026 VPK Lottery Application Flyer (Haitian Creole)	<a href="#">2025-2026 VPK Lottery Flyer – Haitian Creole.pdf</a>
2025-2026 Accessing the VPK Application (English)	<a href="#">Accessing the VPK Application English.pdf</a>
2025-2026 Accessing the VPK Application (Spanish)	<a href="#">Accessing the VPK Lottery Application Spanish.pdf</a>
2025-2026 Accessing the VPK Application (Haitian Creole)	<a href="#">Accessing the VPK Application Haitian Creole.pdf</a>





# 2025-2026 M-DCPS VPK LOTTERY



## Apply to M-DCPS VPK Programs starting January 21<sup>st</sup>!

Beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>, you can apply to your Neighborhood Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DPCS) VPK Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

### What are VPK Programs?

The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program is a free educational program that prepares every 4-year-old in Florida for kindergarten and builds the foundation for their educational success. M-DCPS VPK Programs offers each child an opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life by offering *high-quality* programs that include developmentally appropriate curricula with a focus on early literacy skills, developmental standards, accountability, substantial instruction periods, manageable class size, and qualified instructors.

### Who Can Apply?

Students who turn four years of age on or before September 1, 2025. If the child's fourth birthday falls between February 2 through September 1 in a calendar year, parents may postpone enrolling their child in VPK until the following year when their child is 5 years old. Parents must provide documents showing proof of age and address for participation in the lottery. Proof of address will be used to verify neighborhood boundary school.

### How Do I Apply?

#### 1. Access the M-DPCS Parent Portal

Visit [www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net), click "Portal," followed by "Parents." Sign in using your Apple or Google Account.

#### 2. Click on VPK Application

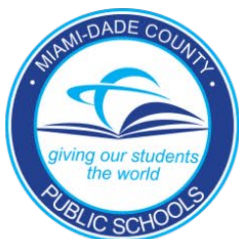
Follow the instructions to begin the application and upload all required documentation directly through the system.

#### 3. Submit Your Application by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### When Will I be Notified?

Selection occurs through a random lottery process and notifications will be sent via email on **March 15, 2025**.

**We look forward to welcoming  
you to our M-DCPS Family!**



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## ¡Solicite la matrícula para los programas VPK en M-DCPS a partir del 21 de Enero!

A partir del 21 de Enero, puede solicitar la matrícula para el Programa VPK de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado Miami-Dade (M-DPCS) en su comunidad para el curso escolar 2025-2026.

### ¿Qué son los Programas VPK?

El Programa de Educación Voluntaria de Prekindergarten (VPK) es un programa educativo gratuito, cuyo fin es preparar a todos los niños de 4 años en Florida para el kindergarten y sienta la base para su éxito educativo. Los programas VPK de M-DCPS ofrecen a cada niño la oportunidad de tener un mejor rendimiento en la escuela y asimismo a lo largo de la vida, al ofrecer programas de alta calidad. Se ofrecen planes de estudio adecuados a la etapa de desarrollo con un enfoque en destrezas de alfabetización temprana, estándares de desarrollo, responsabilidad, períodos de instrucción sustanciales, tamaños de aulas manejables e instructores cualificados.

### ¿Quiénes Pueden Solicitar la Matrícula?

Los estudiantes que cumplan cuatro años de edad antes del 1º de septiembre de 2025 o ese mismo día. Si el cumpleaños número 4 del niño cae entre el 2 de febrero y el 1º de septiembre en un año natural completo, los padres de familia pueden posponer la inscripción de su hijo en VPK hasta el año siguiente, cuando su hijo tenga 5 años. Los padres de familia deben presentar documentos que comprueben la edad y dirección de domicilio para participar en la lotería. El comprobante de domicilio se utilizará para verificar la escuela asignada a su domicilio.

### ¿Cómo Hago la Solicitud?

#### 1. Ingrese al Portal para Padres de Familia de M-DCPS

Visite [www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net), haga clic en "Portal", seguido de "Parents". Inicie sesión con su cuenta Apple o Google.

#### 2. Haga clic en VPK Application

Siga las instrucciones para comenzar la solicitud de matriculación y cargue toda la documentación requerida directamente a través del sistema.

#### 3. Haga su solicitud antes del 7 de Marzo.

### ¿Cuándo Recibiré una Notificación?

La selección se realiza a través de un proceso de lotería aleatorio y las notificaciones se enviarán por correo electrónico el 15 de Marzo de 2025.

## ¡Esperamos darle la bienvenida a nuestra familia en M-DCPS!



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**Aplike nan Pwogram VPK M-DCPS yo,  
Apati 21 Janvye!**

Kòmanse 21 janvye, ou ka aplike nan Pwogram VPK "Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DPCS)" (Lekòl Leta Miami-Dade County) pou lekòl ki nan katye ou pou ane 2025-2026 la.

## **Kisa Pwogram VPK yo ye?**

Pwogram Edikasyon "Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)" (Klas Matènèl Volontè) se yon pwogram edikasyon gratis ki prepare chak timoun katran nan Florid pou jadendanfan, e ki bati fondasyon pou siksè yo nan edikasyon. Pwogram VPK M-DCPS yo ofri chak timoun yon opòtinite pou yo bay pi bon pèfòmans nan lekòl e pandan tout lavi yo, lè li ofri pwogram *bon kalite* ki gen ladan kourikoulòm ki apwopriye ak devlopman yo e ki konsantre sou ladrès lekti ak ekriti yo byen bonè, sou estanda devlopman, responsablite, peryòd enstriksyon konsiderab, kantite elèv ki apwopriye nan salklas, ansanm ak enstriktè ki kalifye.

## **Kiyès ki Ka Aplike?**

Elèv ki gen katran 1ye septanm 2025 oswa anvan. Si katriyèm anivèsè timoun nan tonbe ant 2 fevriye jiska 1ye septanm nan yon ane sivil, paran yo ka rekile enstriksyon timoun sa a nan VPK jiska ane ki vin apre a, lè timoun nan gen 5 ane. Paran yo dwe bay dokiman ki montre laj timoun nan ansanm ak adrès yo pou yo ka patisipe nan lotri a. N ap itilize prèv adrès yo pou verifye lekòl ki nan limit prezans nan katye kote paran an abite.

## **Kijan pou W Aplike?**

### **1. Antre nan Pòtal Paran M-DPCS la**

Vizite [www.dadeschools.net](http://www.dadeschools.net), klike sou "Portal," ansuit klike sou "Parents." Itilize Kont Apple oswa Google ou pou w ka siyen.

### **2. Klike sou Aplikasyon VPK a**

Suiv enstriksyon yo pou w ka kòmanse aplikasyon an e telechaje dokimantasyon yo mande yo dirèkteman atravè sistèm nan.

### **3. Voye Aplikasyon an anvan 7 Mas.**

## **Kilè M Ap Resevwa Repons?**

Nou fè seleksyon an atravè yon pwosesis sou fòm lotri, e n ap voye notifikasyon yo pa imèl nan dat **15 Mas 2025**.

**Nou pa ka tann pou n resevwa w  
nan fanmi M-DCPS nou an!**



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## Accessing the VPK Application

- 1. Log in via the M-DCPS Parent Portal by visiting [www.dadeschools.net/parents](http://www.dadeschools.net/parents)**  
Log in using a Google or Apple ID.



- 2. Click on the VPK Lottery Application Tile**  
Once you have logged into the M-DCPS Parent Portal, scroll down and click on the VPK Lottery Application tile.



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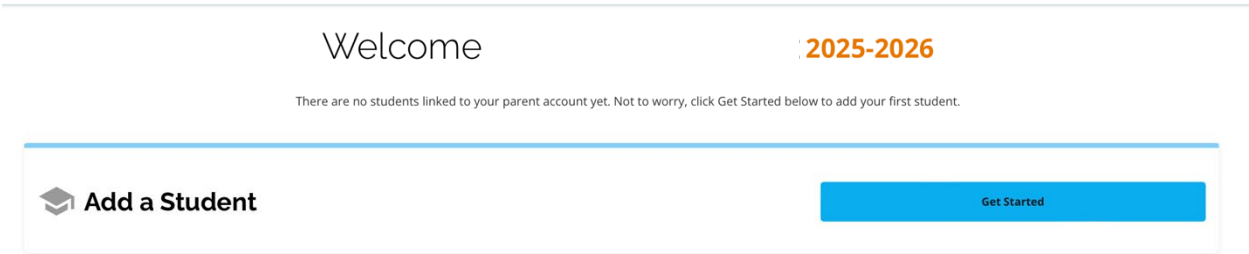
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## Parent Dashboard

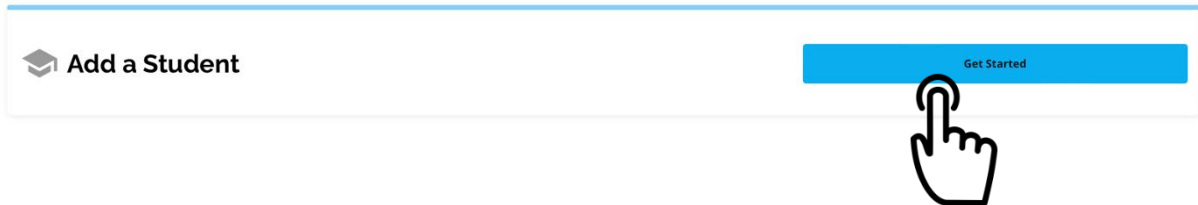
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Once you are redirected to the VPK Lottery Application, you will see your Parent Dashboard.



4.

Click the **Get Started** button in the *Add a Student* box to add your student.



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## Add a Student

- 5.** If your student is a current M-DCPS or Charter School student within Miami-Dade (for example, is enrolled in M-DCPS Head Start, M-DCPS Early Head Start, the TAP program, or a Pre-K program for students with disabilities), you can look up your child using their first name, last name, date of birth and student ID number.

### Student Lookup

Thank you for your interest in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. On this page, you will find a few instructions to get you started with the application.

Is your student currently enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools or a Charter School and do you have their student ID?

Yes  No

Student ID \*

First Name \*

Last Name \*

Date of Birth

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6. If your child **IS NOT** a current M-DCPS or Charter School student, you will need to answer **NO** and fill in the fields to add a student to your account.

## Student Lookup

Thank you for your interest in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. On this page, you will find a few instructions to get you started with the application.

Is your student currently enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools or a Charter School and do you have their student ID?

Yes  No



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## Add Forms

7. Once the student has been added to your account, locate the student on your dashboard. Next to their name, click on the **Add Forms** button.

### Sample Student

No records for the 2025-2026 school year

Add Form(s)



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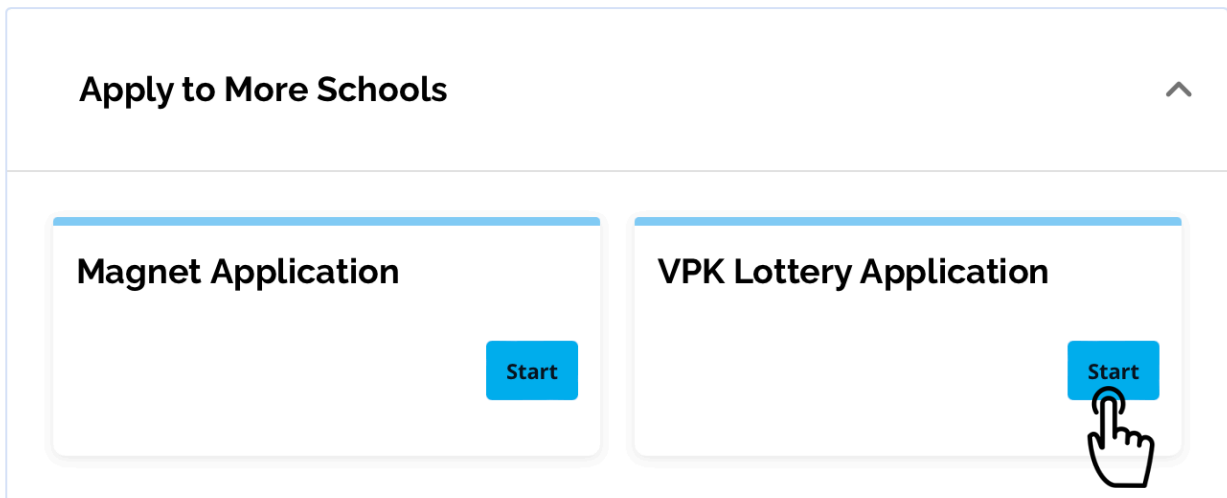


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## Select Enrollment Type

8. From the *Select Enrollment Type* screen, click the **Start** button at the bottom right of the VPK Lottery Application tile. This will start your VPK Lottery Application.



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## Cómo acceder a la Solicitud de la Lotería VPK (*VPK Lottery Application*)

1. Inicie sesión a través del Portal para Padres de M-DCPS visitando [www.dadeschools.net/parents](http://www.dadeschools.net/parents)

Inicie sesión en el Portal para Padres de M-DCPS utilizando su ID de Google o Apple.



2. Haga clic en el recuadro de Solicitud de Lotería VPK (*VPK Lottery Application*)

Una vez que haya iniciado sesión en el Portal para Padres de M-DCPS, baje hasta encontrar el recuadro de Solicitud de Lotería VPK (*VPK Lottery Application*) y haga clic.



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## Panel de Padres

- Una vez que seas redirigido a la Solicitud de Lotería VPK (*VPK Lottery Application*), verá su Panel de Padres.

Bienvenida

2025-2026

Todavía no hay estudiantes vinculados a su cuenta de padres. No se preocupe, haga clic en Comenzar a continuación para agregar su primer estudiante.

 Añadir un estudiante

Empezar

- Haga clic en el botón **Comenzar** en el cuadro *Añadir un Estudiante* para agregar a su estudiante.

 Añadir un estudiante

Empezar



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## Añadir un Estudiante

- 5.** Si su hijo/a es un estudiante actual de M-DCPS o de una escuela charter de Miami-Dade, puede buscar a su hijo usando su nombre, apellido, fecha de nacimiento y número de identificación de estudiante.

### Búsqueda de estudiantes

Gracias por su interés en las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Miami-Dade. En esta página, encontrará algunas instrucciones para comenzar con la aplicación.

¿Está su estudiante actualmente matriculado en las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Miami-Dade o en una Escuela Autónoma y tiene su identificación de estudiante?

Sí  No

Identificación del estudiante \*

Nombre \*

Apellido \*

Fecha de nacimiento

MM\* DD\* AAAA\*




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6. Si su hijo **NO ES** un estudiante actual de M-DCPS o de una escuela charter, complete los campos requeridos para agregar un estudiante a su cuenta.

 Gracias por su interés en las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Miami-Dade. En esta página, encontrará algunas instrucciones para comenzar con la aplicación.

¿Está su estudiante actualmente matriculado en las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Miami-Dade o en una Escuela Autónoma y tiene su identificación de estudiante?

sí	No
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## Añadir Formularios

7. Una vez que se haya agregado un estudiante a su cuenta, junto a su nombre, haga clic en el botón **Añadir formulario(s)**.

### Estudiante de muestra

No hay registros para el año escolar 2025-2026

Añadir formulario(s)



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## Seleccione el Tipo de Inscripción

8. Desde la pantalla *Seleccione el Tipo de Inscripción*, haga clic en el botón **Empezar** en el recuadro de Solicitud de Lotería VPK. Esto iniciará su solicitud VPK.

Aplicar a más escuelas ^

Aplicación de imán

Empezar

Solicitud de lotería VPK

Empezar



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## Aksè Aplikasyon VPK a

- 1. Konekte atravè Pòtal Paran M-DCPS la lè w vizite [www.dadeschools.net/parents](http://www.dadeschools.net/parents)**

Konekte nan Pòtal Paran M-DCPS la lè l sèvi avèk yon ID Google oswa Apple.



- 2. Klike sou mozayik aplikasyon lotri VPK a**  
Yon fwa ou konekte nan M-DCPS Parent Portal, desann epi klike sou mozayik Aplikasyon Lotri VPK a.



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## Dashboard Paran

**3.** Yon fwa yo redireksyon w sou Aplikasyon Lotri VPK a, w ap wè Dashboard Paran w la.

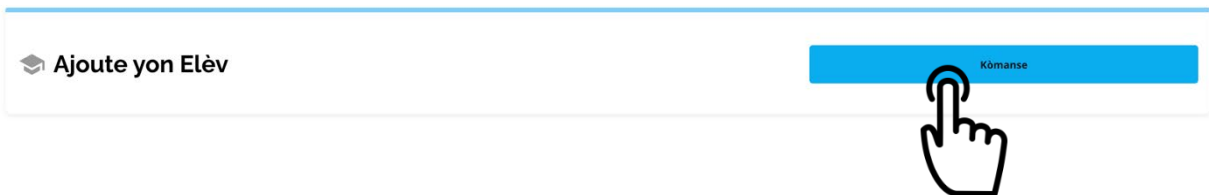
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**2025-2026**

Klike sou kat timoun nan pou jere aplikasyon ak fòm enskripsyon Lekòl Leta Miami-Dade County.



**4.** Klike sou bouton **Kòmanse** nan bwat *Ajoute yon Elèv (Add a Student)* pou ajoute elèv ou a.



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## Ajoute yon Elèv

- 5.** Si elèv ou a se yon elèv aktyèl M-DCPS oswa Charter School nan Miami-Dade (pa egzanp, li enskri nan M-DCPS Head Start, M-DCPS Early Head Start, pwogram TAP, oswa yon pwogram Pre-K pou elèv ki gen andikap), ou ka chèche pitit ou a lè l sèvi avèk non li, siyati, dat nesans li ak nimewo idantite elèv la.

### Chèche elèv

Mèsi pou enterè ou nan Lekòl Leta Miami-Dade County. Nan paj sa a, w ap jwenn kèk enstriksyon pou kòmanse ak aplikasyon an.

Èske elèv ou a kounye a enskri nan Lekòl Leta Miami-Dade County oswa nan yon Charter School epi ou gen ID elèv yo?

Wi  Non

ID elèv \*

Non \*

Siyati \*

Dat nesans

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**6.** Si pitit ou a PA yon elèv aktyèl M-DCPS oswa Charter School, w ap bezwen reponn NON epi ranpli jaden yo pou ajoute yon elèv nan kont ou.

## Búsqueda de estudiantes

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sí  No



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## Ajoute Fòm

7. Yon fwa yo te ajoute elèv la nan kont ou, lokalize elèv la sou tablodbò ou a. Akote non yo, klike sou bouton **Ajoute Fòm** (*Add Forms*).

### Egzanp Elèv

Pa gen dosye pou ane lekòl 2025-2026 la

Ajoute Fòm (yo)



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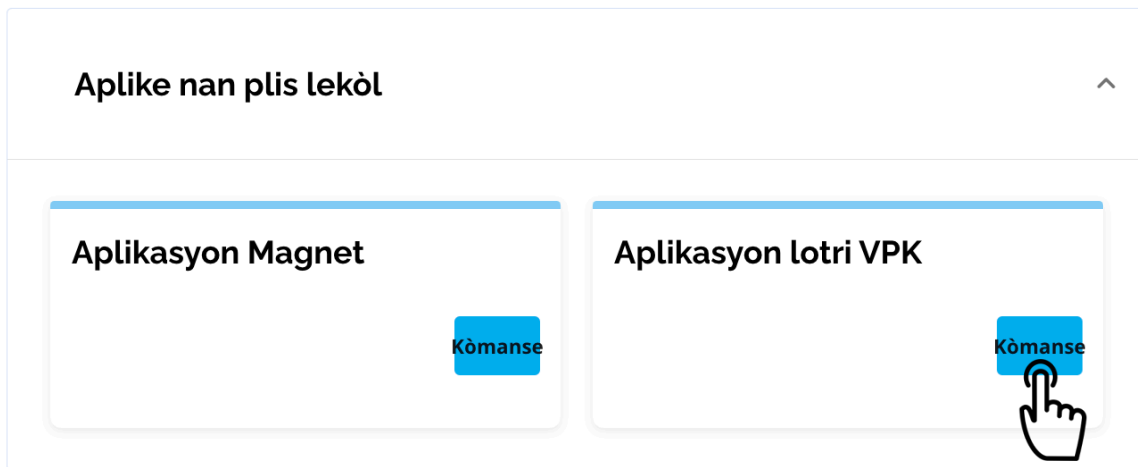


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## Chwazi Kalite Enskripsyon

8. Soti nan ekran *Chwazi Kalite Enskripsyon* an, klike sou bouton Kòmanse ki anba adwat mozayik Aplikasyon Lotri VPK a. Sa a pral kòmanse aplikasyon pou lotri VPK ou a.



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