

VISIONS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Scholarship Program Compliance

(Effective August 2025 – Subject to Annual Review)

Section 3: Financial Solvency

Policy: The school has not been in operation for at least three years. In compliance with section 1002.421(1)(f)1., F.S., a letter of credit or surety bond has been filed with the Florida Department of Education equal to the quarterly scholarship funding amount. If the school receives more than \$250,000 in scholarship funds in a fiscal year, it will contract with an independent certified public accountant to perform the agreed upon procedures as required by law.

Summary: Although VPA is a newer school, financial safeguards are in place through a letter of credit. Additional independent CPA reviews will be conducted if scholarship funding surpasses the statutory threshold.

Section 4: School Administration

Policy: All Owners, Operators, and Chief Administrative Officers have undergone Level 2 FDLE background screenings. The school maintains a process for notifying parents of scholarship recipients at least 30 days before an ownership transfer. All employees and contractors with direct student contact have submitted fingerprints for state and national background screening. Employment is denied or terminated if background checks fail under section 435.04, F.S. The school disqualifies personnel ineligible under sections 435.40, 1012.315, or DOE disqualification lists. Ethical standards and training, employment history checks, and prohibitions on confidentiality agreements are in effect.

Summary: VPA ensures school leadership and staff meet all statutory background, ethical, and employment requirements. Parents are protected through ownership transfer notices, and students are safeguarded through rigorous staff screening and ethical conduct policies.

Section 5: School Staffing

Policy: Teachers employed by the school meet state standards: 3+ years of experience, a bachelor's degree or higher, or special expertise. The school maintains a Re-employment Assistance account with the Florida Department of Revenue as required by Chapter 443, F.S. The school currently employs fewer than four persons.

Summary: All teachers meet state qualifications to ensure quality instruction. The school maintains statutory compliance with employment accounts even with a lean staff structure.



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Section 6: School Program

Policy: The school complies with anti-discrimination provisions under 42 U.S.C. section 2000d. Parents are provided academic accountability through published information and quarterly progress reports. Scholarship students may participate in state or nationally norm-referenced assessments. Scholarship funds require restrictive endorsement or approval by parents prior to deposit. The school maintains a physical campus with qualified teachers and meets minimum attendance requirements (170 days/540–900 hours depending on grade level).

Summary: VPA's program is built on accountability, transparency, and inclusivity. Families receive regular updates, testing access, and assurance that programs meet compulsory education requirements.

Section 7: Student Health, Safety & Welfare

Policy: Health exams and immunizations are documented for each student. Annual immunization compliance reports and scoliosis screenings are completed as required. The school posts and enforces mandatory reporting of abuse and misconduct policies, both on campus and online. Signs with abuse hotline and reporting instructions are displayed in visible student areas.

Summary: Student health and safety are prioritized through medical documentation, mandatory screenings, visible abuse hotline signage, and strong reporting protections. Staff and families know exactly how to act in case of concerns.

Section 8: Student Records

Policy: The school maintains permanent and temporary records in compliance with section 1002.42, F.S. Enrollment and attendance registers are open for district inspection per section 1003.23, F.S.

Summary: VPA protects student information while meeting all record-keeping and reporting obligations.

Section 9: School Facility

Policy: The school facility complies with sanitation, safety, radon testing, and fire code inspections. If applicable, licensing for wells, food service sanitation, and auto liability insurance are maintained.

Summary: VPA ensures its physical environment is safe, inspected, and compliant with Florida statutes and health codes.

