

Paraprofessionals

A paraprofessional is an individual who provides instructional support for students.

An instructional paraprofessional is an individual who provides instruction and support for classroom teachers. The following activities are recommended as appropriate job duties of an instructional paraprofessional:

- Provide one-on-one tutoring for eligible students if the tutoring is scheduled at a time when the student would not ordinarily be receiving instruction from the regular teacher
- Assist in classroom management, such as organizing instructional and other materials
- Provide assistance in a computer laboratory
- Provide instructional support in a library or media center
- Provide instructional support services under the direct supervision of a teacher

Qualifications

Paraprofessionals must be at least 18 years old and have earned a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

Paraprofessionals must have:

1. Completed at least two years (48 credit hours) of study at an institution of higher education or obtained an associate's or higher degree; or
2. Demonstrated through a formal local academic assessment the knowledge of and ability to assist in instructing, as appropriate, in reading/language arts, writing and mathematics.

Notice to parents

An annual written notice shall be provided to parents of students enrolled in a Title I Schoolwide or Targeted Assistance Program telling them they may request information about any paraprofessionals who provide instructional support for their child. The notice may be combined with a notice regarding Title I teacher qualifications.

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LEGAL REFS.: 34 C.F.R. 200.58, 200.59 (federal regulations related to paraprofessional qualifications)

CROSS REFS.: GDA, Support Staff Positions

GDE/GDF, Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring