



State of Arizona
Department of Education

Arizona Requirements for Instructional Paraprofessionals

Instructional paraprofessionals working in a program supported by Title I funds must meet requirements that were required of the state the day before Dec. 10, 2015 when ESSA was enacted. Section 1111(g)(2)(J) and Section 1111(g)(2)(M) of ESSA address this requirement.

Federal Requirements for Paraprofessionals:

According to federal Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95) requirements, all K-12 instructional paraprofessionals working in a program supported by Title I funds must meet the following requirements:

- High School diploma or GED **AND** an Associate's Degree or higher **OR**
- Completed two years of study (equaling 60 or more credit hours) from an accredited institution of higher education **OR**
- Obtained a passing score on one of the Arizona Department of Education approved assessments below:
 - ETS ParaPro Assessment (Praxis)
 - ACT Workkeys (Writing, Applied Mathematics & Reading for Information)
 - Master Teacher's ParaEducator PD Now! (formerly ParaEducator Learning Network)

The Arizona Department of Education does not retrieve or retain exam results for paraprofessionals. ADE approved assessment providers can be reached via the following Internet sites/telephone numbers:

- ETS Parapro Assessment <http://www.ets.org/parapro/> 1-800-772-9476
- ACT Workkeys <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers.html> 319-337-1147
- The Master Teacher Para Educator PD Now! <http://www.masterteacher.com/ParaEducator-PD-Now> 1-800-669-9633

Praxis

Educational Testing Service (ETS) designs the ParaPro Exam. Unfortunately, they no longer offer registration for the ParaPro Exam. ETS authorizes various Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to administer the test. The results are sent to ETS for processing and scoring. **The Arizona Department of Education does not administer or schedule the ParaPro Exam. Please contact one of the LEAs listed below or your LEA for services.**

Higley USD	480-279-7070/7059
Queen Creek USD	480-987-7488
St. David (Cochise County Rural Schools only)	520-720-4492 Ext. 151
Friendly House	602-416-7232