

Paraprofessionals

Title I Paraprofessional Requirements

Paraprofessionals who work in a Title I program must meet federal qualification requirements even if the position is not paid with Title I funds. In a Targeted Assistance Title I school, this applies to paraprofessionals who provide Title I-supported services to students identified for assistance. In a Schoolwide Title I school, this applies to all paraprofessionals including paraprofessionals supporting students receiving special education services.

All paraprofessionals who work in the Title I program must have a high school diploma or its equivalent. Paraprofessionals who assist with instruction must meet additional requirements with one of three options currently available in Minnesota:

Option A

Completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (a minimum of 60 semester credits or the amount required to complete two years of full-time enrollment as defined by the institution attended); or

Option B

Obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or

Option C

Demonstrate knowledge of and the ability to assist in instructing reading, writing, and mathematics (or, as appropriate, readiness for each of these subject areas) by passing the *ParaPro* test with a minimum score of 460. The test is administered by appointment in participating school districts, regional offices of education, and other agencies. Go to [ParaPro Assessment](#) for more information.