



Anchorage School District

**ETS ParaPro Assessment FAQ**

**ETS ParaPro Assessment Key Information**

- The basics:** For those who wish to meet NCLB paraprofessional requirements by passing the *ETS ParaPro Assessment*, go online to [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro) for a registration form as well as for testing dates, deadlines and details. Or call 800-772-9476.
- Local test center:** University of Alaska Anchorage Campus, Eugene Short Building
- Registration cost:** \$45 (Late registration includes an additional \$45 fee.)
- Reimbursement:** Eligible ASD employees see details at [www.asdk12.org/NCLB/parapro/](http://www.asdk12.org/NCLB/parapro/)
- Passing score:** 459 in Alaska

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Must Be Received By:</u>	<u>Late Registration Must Be Received By (with \$45 Late Fee):</u>
09/17/11	08/18/11	08/25/11
01/14/12	12/15/11	12/22/11
06/09/12	05/10/12	05/17/12

ETS must receive your completed registration form and payment by the appropriate date, or you will be charged a \$45 late fee. Allow 7–10 days for mailing within the continental United States, more time for other areas.

**How do I register for the *ETS ParaPro Assessment*?**

Register by going online to [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro).

**When is the *ETS ParaPro Assessment* administered?**

Confirm testing dates online at [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro) and see above.

**What are the registration deadlines for the *ETS ParaPro Assessment*?**

Confirm registration deadlines and details online at [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro) and see above.

**Where can I get details about taking the *ETS ParaPro Assessment*?**

For test related details, go online to [www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro) or contact Zareena Clendaniel at 742-7819 or [Clendaniel\\_Zareena@asdk12.org](mailto:Clendaniel_Zareena@asdk12.org) for special assistance.

**Where is the *ETS ParaPro Assessment* administered in the Anchorage area?**

The test center is on the University of Alaska Anchorage’s campus in the Eugene Short Building.



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### **What is the passing score for the *ETS ParaPro Assessment*?**

For meeting Alaska's NCLB Title I paraprofessional requirements, the passing score is 459 as determined by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

### **What is the cost of taking the *ETS ParaPro Assessment*?**

ETS charges a \$45 test fee. Late registration includes an additional \$45 fee.

### **Can an eligible ASD employee be reimbursed for taking the test?**

Yes. For reimbursement details, go online to [www.asdk12.org/NCLB/parapro/](http://www.asdk12.org/NCLB/parapro/)

### **How many times can an employee take the *ETS ParaPro Assessment*?**

There is no limit to the number of times an employee may take the exam.

### **Is an *ETS ParaPro Assessment Study Guide* available for checkout?**

Yes. Contact Zareena Clendaniel at 742-7819 or [Clendaniel\\_Zareena@asdk12.org](mailto:Clendaniel_Zareena@asdk12.org) for checking out a study guide.

### **Are test preparation classes available?**

Maybe. Contact Zareena Clendaniel at 742-7819 or [Clendaniel\\_Zareena@asdk12.org](mailto:Clendaniel_Zareena@asdk12.org) to see if any test preparation classes are scheduled.

### **Is a passing score on the *HELP Test* still accepted for meeting Alaska's NCLB Title I paraprofessional requirements?**

Yes. Prior to January of 2010, the *HELP Test* was accepted for meeting Alaska's formal assessment option; however, the publisher of *HELP* no longer distributes it. Therefore, the Alaska Department of Education adopted the *ETS ParaPro Assessment* as the replacement test. With official documentation, a passing *HELP* score is still accepted for meeting the formal assessment option.

### **What support is available for paraprofessionals trying to meet NCLB Title I paraprofessional requirements?**

The Anchorage School District is committed to supporting paraprofessionals who are trying to meet these requirements. Forms of support include:

1. Individualized consultation for understanding the requirements and clarifying the options available. Step-by-step guidance and support in meeting a requirement option.
2. The *ETS ParaPro Assessment Study Guide* is available for check out.
3. Periodically, the ASD organizes test preparation study groups (at no cost to the participant) that are led by exemplary instructors.
4. The ASD reimburses the *ETS ParaPro Assessment* fee to eligible employees.

### **Who can I contact if I need special assistance or have further questions?**

Contact Zareena Clendaniel at 742-7819 or [Clendaniel\\_Zareena@asdk12.org](mailto:Clendaniel_Zareena@asdk12.org).