



## Anchorage School District

### Meeting NCLB Title I Paraprofessional Requirements

NCLB paraprofessional requirements apply **only** to paraprofessionals who provide instructional support in Title I funded schools and programs.

Under NCLB, a Title I paraprofessional must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent; **and either**
  - a. Completed at least two years of study (48 semester credits) at an institution of higher education; **or**
  - b. Obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; **or**
  - c. Demonstrated through a formal assessment both content knowledge and the ability to assist in instruction.

In Alaska, the formal assessment option for meeting paraprofessional requirements is as follows:

1. A passing score (459) on the *ETS ParaPro Assessment* \* **and**
2. Completion of the *Alaska Paraprofessional Qualifications Form* by the supervising principal. The *APQ Form* documents the principal's assessment of the paraprofessional's ability to assist with instruction.

\* Prior to January of 2010, the *HELP Test* was accepted for meeting part one of the 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 part one of the formal assessment option.

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.

For further assistance with meeting NCLB paraprofessional requirements, contact Zareena Clendaniel at 742-7819 or [Clendaniel\\_Zareena@asdk12.org](mailto:Clendaniel_Zareena@asdk12.org).