Paraprofessional Staff

The paraprofessional provides services that are related to and support instruction and services to children, youth, and families.

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Assignment

- A paraprofessional provides instructional support under the direct supervision and presence of a properly certified teacher.
- Paraprofessionals may perform non-instructional duties (study hall, recess, cafeteria), under the direct supervision and presence of a properly certified teacher or supervisor.

Special Considerations

- Paraprofessionals employed in a Title I school-wide building or paid through Title I funds in a Title I program, and who work with students in remedial reading, writing and/or mathematics, must meet the qualifications below:
  - An associate degree or at least 48 postsecondary education credits; or
  - The successful completion of a state or locally developed assessment in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Restrictions

- Paraprofessional service does not qualify for:
  - Service as a substitute;
  - Purposes of tenure;
  - Professional status; or
  - Permanent certification.
- Paraprofessionals serving as health room aides cannot be directed to engage in health-related activities reserved exclusively for licensed professionals and controlled by the Nurse Practice Act or other medically related laws.
Summary of Changes

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| 9/1/2017          | • Updated language to reflect ESSA requirements for Title I paraprofessional employees effective for the 2016-17 school year  
                   | • Clarifications and reorganization |