

## **ParaPro Assessment Testing Opportunities**

Highly Qualified requirements of the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation. Specifically, the NCLB Act of 2001 status requires that paraprofessionals serving in an instructional capacity hold one of the following:

- An associate degree; OR
- Two years of college; OR
- pass the State Board of Education adopted paraprofessional assessment which assesses content knowledge in mathematics, reading, and writing and also an understanding of how to assist in the instruction of those topics (ParaPro Assessment).

The ParaPro Assessment was developed in response to the federal NCLB legislation. This test was developed for prospective and practicing paraprofessionals to measure skills and knowledge in reading, mathematics, and writing as well as the ability to apply those skills and knowledge to assist in classroom instruction. Please visit the State Department of Education at [www.sde.ct.gov](http://www.sde.ct.gov) for helpful resources regarding the Highly Qualified Paraprofessionals.

To learn more about testing opportunities please contact Kathy Carney.

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