

Information on Delaware Public School Educator Credentials for Paraeducators

Paraeducator Certification

Paraeducators or Paraprofessionals are individuals who work in the Public school system and provide services to students under the direct supervision of a licensed teacher. They perform a variety of tasks including, but not limited to, working with individual students, working with small student groups, assisting in computer labs, assisting with student behavior, or assisting with training support of personal care or assistive technology.

Permits are issued by the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) to verify an individual's qualifications and training to serve in specialized roles. "Permit" is defined as a document issued by the Department that verifies an individual's qualifications and training.

Regulation 1517 Paraeducator Permit (<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1517.pdf>) provides for two permits that a Paraeducator in Delaware may hold, effective as of January 11, 2024:

- 1. Instructional Paraeducator:** A public school employee who provides one-on-one or small group instruction; assists with classroom management or individual student behavior; provides assistance in a computer laboratory; provides support in a library or media center; assists in training and support with functional skill activities, such as personal care or assistive technology; or provides instructional services to students under the direct supervision of a teacher. Instructional Paraeducators are those working with regular education students and students with disabilities in schools other than Title I schoolwide schools or with students not receiving Title I targeted assistance schools.
 - Associate Degree or minimum of 60 college credits (regionally accredited; and earned "C" or better); **OR**
 - High School Diploma or its recognized equivalent **AND** passing score of 459 or higher on the ParaPro Assessment (<https://www.ets.org/parapro.html>).
- 2. Service Paraeducator:** A public school employee who provides support services other than instructional assistance to students, but does not include bus aides.
 - High School Diploma or its recognized equivalent.

NOTE: If you meet the requirements for the Instructional permit, you are issued both permits automatically.

Questions?

Answers to most questions can be found:

<https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification>

If additional assistance is needed, email:

DEEDS@doe.k12.de.us

This information is provided as a summary only. For more detailed and current information on Paraeducator Permits: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3501>.