

Washington State Paraeducator Guidelines

<http://www.k12.wa.us/Paraeducators/pubdocs/ParaeducatorGuidelines.pdf#Cover>

All paraeducators recommended for employment in the Tahoma School District must currently have a secondary school (high school) diploma or its recognized equivalent (GED), and meet **one** of the three following requirements **PRIOR** to hire:

1. Complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education; OR

- Institution must meet criteria of Section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act
- Classes at 100 level or above
- 72 quarter or 48 semester credits
- Documented by official transcripts

2. Obtain an Associate (or higher) degree; OR

- Documented by official transcripts

3. Qualify through passing the ETS ParaProfessional Assessment

Meet a rigorous standard of quality and demonstrate knowledge of and the ability to assist in reading, writing, and mathematics. This academic assessment consists of 90 multiple choice items – 30 questions in each subject area.

- 2.5 hours testing time
- Passing Score: 461
- Test instructions and practice test are available at www.ets.org/parapro

The current cost for taking the ETS ParaProfessional Assessment varies depending on the Washington State testing center. Registration information and assessment dates can be found at <https://prometric.com/parapro>

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