

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 at nearby locations is listed below:

Highline College	Des Moines	(206) 592-3251 https://placeandtest.highline.edu
Kent School District	Kent	(253) 373-7209 Must schedule in person at: 12033 SE 256th Street A-100 Kent, WA 98030
Tacoma Community College	Tacoma	(253) 460-4364 http://www.tacomacc.edu/resourcesandservices/testingcenter/ 6501 South 19th St., Building 6 Tacoma, WA 98466

Please visit <https://www.ets.org/parapro/register/centers> for a list of current testing centers.