

## ALASKA TITLE I-A PARAPROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires school districts (local education agencies or LEAs) to ensure that paraprofessionals assisting in instruction and employed in programs supported with Title I, Part A funds meet the requirements outlined below. **This includes any instructional paraprofessional paid in whole or in part by Title I-A funds in a targeted assistance program and all paraprofessionals working in Title I Schoolwide programs.**

Note: The college credits and assessment requirements do **not** apply to paraprofessionals that serve as language translators or whose duties consist solely of conducting parent involvement activities [NCLB 1119(e)] or who have only non-instructional duties such as providing technical support for computers, providing personal care services or performing clerical duties [CFR 200.58 (2)(ii)]. **All** Title I paraprofessionals must have a high school diploma or GED.

### **Title I Paraprofessionals Non-Regulatory Guidance**

Many questions about paraprofessional requirements and qualifications can be answered by the guidance prepared by the U.S. Department of Education. This guidance is available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/paraguidance.doc>.

### **Minimum Requirements for Title I-A Paraprofessionals**

[NCLB Sections 1119(f) and 1119(c)(1)]

- High school diploma or GED  
**AND**
  - 1) Two years of college (at least 48-semester hour credits); *or*
  - 2) Associate's (or higher) degree; *or*
  - 3) Pass the HELP assessment and the Paraprofessional Standards Checklist.

### **HELP Assessment & Paraprofessional Standards Checklist Information**

For information about administering the Help assessment in your district, district staff should contact Educational Resources, Inc at [sales@eriworld.com](mailto:sales@eriworld.com) or call: 1-800-292-2273. (Paraprofessional staff should contact the district contact for information about taking the HELP Assessment.)

The required tests and passing scores are as follows:

Essential Math	54%
Reading Comprehension	41%
Written Expression	55%

The Paraprofessional Standards Check list may be found on the Alaska Department of Education Teacher Certification website at:

<http://www.eed.state.ak.us/TeacherCertification/AlaskaParaprofessionalChecklist.pdf>

### **Timeline**

January 8, 2002 Any Title I-A paraprofessional hired after this date must meet all requirements  
**June 30, 2006** All Title I-A paraprofessionals must meet all requirements