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### **Paraprofessional Qualifications**

The paraprofessional requirements established by the No Child Left Behind Law apply to all instructional paraprofessionals practicing in schoolwide programs and any instructional paraprofessionals supported by Title I Part A funds in a targeted assistance programs. The NCLB requires these instructional paraprofessionals to have a high school diploma and meet ONE of the following criteria in addition to a high school diploma or a GED: 1. Associate's degree 2. Two years of study at an institution of higher education 3. A passing score on an assessment of reading, writing, and math ability with a list of criteria used to determine the passing score. Paraprofessionals need to meet one of the above criteria immediately upon hire if hired after January 2002 or before the start of the 2006-2007 school year if hired BEFORE January 2002. The information given in this message is based on regulations published in the December 2, 2002 Federal Register, Section 200.54 a guidance letter update from the U.S. Department of Education.

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