
Paraeducator Testing

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all Para Educators be deemed highly qualified for the purposes of meeting the intent of the NO CHILD Left Behind Act.

Scope

This policy applies to the Superintendent and all Valley School District Para Educators.

Policy

1. The NO Child Left Behind Act requires that schools hire only highly qualified personnel for student instruction. Para educators who successfully complete testing as set forth in this policy will be deemed 'highly qualified' for purposes of meeting the intent of the Act.
2. The Valley School Board of Directors grants the Superintendent discretion to require that all Para educators pass the recognized Para educator assessment administered by the Education Testing Services (ETS). The Superintendent is authorized, however, at his/her discretion, to substitute either a portfolio assessment or create a local assessment as an alternative to ETS' assessment. Successful completion of either of the alternative assessments will also deem a paraeducator as 'highly qualified'.
3. Prior to administering a portfolio assessment, the Superintendent shall write procedures that describe the portfolio requirements and process, and will present such procedures to the Board. Furthermore, prior to administering any local assessment, the local assessment to be used shall be presented to the Board for its approval.

Related Procedures

N/A

Policy Cross References

N/A

Policy Legal References

N/A

Management Resources

N/A

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