What is a Paraprofessional?

Paraprofessionals play an essential role within school districts. Under the supervision of a licensed teacher, a paraprofessional supports teachers and students many ways. For instance, a paraprofessional can tutor students or assist the teacher with classroom management and organizing instructional materials.

Option 1: Short-Term Approval for the Paraprofessional

*We are no longer accepting new applications for the Paraprofessional Short-Term Approval, but educators who hold the approval can continue to work on it.

**If you already hold the paraprofessional short-term approval, you do not need to resubmit your high school diploma/GED.

**Before the 3 fiscal year period expires, you must apply for and receive the Educator License with Stipulations endorsed for Paraprofessional (the ELS-PARA) in order to continue serving as a paraprofessional.

Option 2: ELS-PARA

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