



Information on Delaware Public School Educator Credentials for Paraeducators

Paraeducator Certification

Paraeducators or Paraprofessionals are individuals who work in the Public school system and provide services to students under the direct supervision of a licensed teacher. They perform a variety of tasks including, but not limited to, working with individual students, working with small student groups, assisting in computer labs, assisting with student behavior, or assisting with training support of personal care or assistive technology.

Permits are issued by the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) to verify an individual's qualifications and training to serve in specialized roles. "Permit" is defined as a document issued by the Department that verifies an individual's qualifications and training.

Regulation 1517 Paraeducator Permit (<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1517.pdf>) provides for three permits that a Paraeducator in Delaware may hold:

- **Title I Paraeducator:** A public school employee who provides one on one or small group instruction; assists with classroom management; provides assistance in a computer laboratory; provides support in a library or media center; or provides instructional services to students under the direct supervision of a teacher. Additionally, Title I Paraeducators are all Instructional Paraeducators who work with regular students and children with disabilities in Title I schoolwide schools and all Title I Paraeducators who work with children receiving Title I services in Title I targeted assistance schools, except those whose duties are limited to acting as a translator or as a home school liaison.
- **Instructional Paraeducator:** A public school employee who provides one-on-one or small group instruction; assists with classroom management or individual student behavior; provides assistance in a computer laboratory; provides support in a library or media center; assists in training and support with functional skill activities, such as personal care or assistive technology; or provides instructional services to students under the direct supervision of a teacher. Instructional Paraeducators are those working with regular education students and students with disabilities in schools other than Title I schoolwide schools or with students not receiving Title I targeted assistance schools.
- **Service Paraeducator:** A public school employee who provides support services other than instructional assistance to students, but does not include bus aides as per Title 14 Delaware Administrative Code 1105.

Note: If you meet the requirements for either a Title I or Instructional permit, you are issued all three permits automatically.

Questions?

Answers to most questions can be found at:

<https://www.doe.k12.de.us/certification>

If additional assistance is needed, email:

deeds@doe.k12.de.us

This information is provided as a summary only. For detailed information, visit our website for Paraeducator Permits: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3501>.