

## 2017-2018 ETS Paraprofessional Training/Testing Dates

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### Workshop Dates

Date	MISD Location	Time
June 16, 2017	Room 206	9:00am - 12:00pm
September 12, 2017	Room 206	9:00am - 12:00pm
November 6, 2017	Room 206	9:00am - 12:00pm
January 4, 2018	Room 206	9:00am - 12:00pm
March 5, 2018	Room 206	9:00am - 12:00pm
May 7, 2018	Room 206	9:00am - 12:00pm

### Testing Dates

Date	MISD Location	Time
August 23, 2017	Computer Lab 111	9:00am - 1:00pm
October 23, 2017	Computer Lab 111	4:30 - 8:00pm
December 4, 2017	Computer Lab 111	4:30 - 8:00pm
February 5, 2018	Computer Lab 111	4:30 - 8:00pm
April 9, 2018	Computer Lab 111	4:30 - 8:00pm
June 18, 2018	Computer Lab 111	9:00am - 1:00pm

The ParaPro Assessment is a general aptitude test that is required in many states for paraprofessional certification. It also offers school districts an objective assessment of your foundation of knowledge and skills. The ParaPro Assessment measures the skills and knowledge in reading, writing, and math possessed by prospective and practicing paraprofessionals. It also measures their ability to apply those skills and knowledge when assisting in classroom instruction.

**Three ways to prepare for the ETS ParaPro Assessment:**

#### **Paraprofessional Workshop**

**Workshop Fee - \$25 includes: ETS approved materials (see free materials below), in-depth review of test content, and test-taking strategies**

#### **Free Test Preparation (on your own)**

**[https://www.ets.org/parapro/test\\_prep/materials](https://www.ets.org/parapro/test_prep/materials) includes: Study Companion (PDF) and ParaPro Assessment Tutorial**

#### **Online Test Preparation (on your own)**

**ParaPro Assessment (1755): 90 day subscription for \$19.95 available at**

**[https://www.ets.org/parapro/test\\_prep/materials](https://www.ets.org/parapro/test_prep/materials)**

#### **Paraprofessional Assessment Test**

**Test Fee - \$55**

**To register for the Workshop or Test, please go to [www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net) and choose the Course Offerings tab.**

The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (Every Student Succeeds Act or ESSA), grants states the authority to determine the necessary qualifications for teachers and paraprofessionals working directly with students. Currently, Michigan requires paraprofessionals to **meet one of the following standards**:

1. Completion of two years of study or more at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours);
2. Obtain an associate's degree or higher;
3. Meet a rigorous standard of quality and demonstrate, through a formal state or local academic assessment:
  - a. Knowledge of, and the ability to assist in, instructing reading, writing, and mathematics;

**or**

- b. Knowledge of, and the ability to assist in, instructing reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate.
4. The Michigan Board of Education has approved the following formal assessments by which a paraprofessional can demonstrate knowledge to meet standard #3, a and b:
  - a. *ETS ParaPro Assessment* with a passing score of 460. Both the paper/pencil test and Internet-based Test (IbT) versions of the ETS ParaPro have been approved. The IbT is only approved if administered by an Intermediate School District.
  - b. *Michigan Test for Teacher Certification – Basic Skills (MTTC)*
  - c. *WorkKeys®* through June 1, 2017. After June 1, the WorkKeys will no longer be accepted due to changes within test content and elimination of the writing test.