



# Illinois State Board of Education

\*The Short-Term Approval for Paraprofessional is available for application beginning August 18, 2022

## 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.

### Do you qualify for a Paraprofessional Short-Term Approval?

REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	EMPLOYMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Must provide proof of a high school diploma or GED</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Login to ELIS <a href="#">here</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you do not have an ELIS account, you may create one <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ From the Action Center in ELIS, select "apply for an approval"           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-Term Approval for Teachers at All Grades Levels</li> <li>• Paraprofessional Educator</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Complete application and pay fee</li> <li>✓ Submit a copy of your high school diploma or GED to <a href="mailto:jyoder@peoriacounty.org">jyoder@peoriacounty.org</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Valid for 3 fiscal years*</li> <li>✓ Non-renewable</li> <li>✓ Eligible to be employed as a paraprofessional full-time</li> <li>✓ No limit on work days</li> </ul> <p><i>*Before the approval 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. See requirements below.</i></p>

### EDUCATOR LICENSE WITH STIPULATIONS-PARA (ELS-PARA)

REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY	EMPLOYMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Must provide proof of <b>one</b> of the following:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate degree or higher</li> <li>• 60 semester hours of coursework</li> <li>• High school diploma/GED** + score of 460 or higher on the ETS Parapro test</li> <li>• High school diploma/GED** a score of 4 or higher on the ACT Workkeys Applied Mathematics and Reading for Information tests</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>**If you already hold the paraprofessional short-term approval, you do not need to resubmit your high school diploma/GED.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Login to ELIS <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>✓ From the Action Center apply for a paraprofessional license</li> <li>✓ Complete application and pay fee</li> <li>✓ Submit a copy of test scores to <a href="mailto:jyoder@peoriacounty.org">jyoder@peoriacounty.org</a> or your official transcripts to <a href="mailto:jyoder@peoriacounty.org">jyoder@peoriacounty.org</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Valid for five years</li> <li>✓ Renewable</li> <li>✓ Eligible to be employed as a paraprofessional full-time</li> <li>✓ No limit on work days</li> </ul>

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