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Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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Educational Support Personnel

Duties and Qualifications

Support staff include: secretaries, administrative assistants, occupational therapists, physical therapists, certified occupational therapy assistants, physical therapy assistants, registered nurses, and teaching assistants.

All support staff: (1) must meet qualifications specified in job descriptions, (2) must be able to perform the essential tasks listed and/or assigned, and (3) are subject to Board policies as they may be changed from time to time at the Advisory Board's sole discretion.

Paraprofessionals and Teacher Aides

~~Paraprofessionals and teacher aides are noncertificated personnel with provide supervised instructional duties; the terms are synonymous support. Service as a paraprofessional or teacher aide requires a statement of approval issued an educator license with stipulations endorsed for a paraprofessional educator unless a specific exemption is authorized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), unless the individual holds any certificate indicative of completion of at least a bachelor's degree or a provisional vocational certificate, is completing an approved clinical experience, and/or is student teaching).~~

Comment [AKL1]: This policy is updated to comply with ISBE rule changes. Except as provided in ISBE rule §1.630, all new applicants for a paraprofessional credential must hold an educator license with stipulations endorsed for a paraprofessional educator (23 Ill. Admin. Code §§1.630 and 25.510).

If the district would like to use the term *teacher aide*, see the Update Memo for optional language and include district edits with the PRESS Plus Response Form.

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LEGAL REF.: No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §6319(c).
34 C.F.R. §§200.58 and 200.59.
105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.
625 ILCS 5/6-104 and 5/6-106.1.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.630 and 25.510, ~~25.520~~.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:170 (Safety), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers)

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