



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

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SUBJECT: Adoption of ParaPathways Assessment

The Connecticut State Board of Education (SBE) recently approved the adoption of ParaPathways as the state's basic skills assessment for paraeducator qualification. Developed by Educational Testing Services (ETS), ParaPathways is a redesigned paraeducator assessment, with updated content and support materials to reflect today's classroom needs. The ParaPathways assessment adoption by SBE and established passing score now meet the requirements for Title I paraeducators who provide instructional assistance. As a reminder Title I paraeducators must have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, a General Education Development (GED) diploma, and:

- Two years of college credit; OR
- An associate (or higher) degree; OR
- Pass a State Board of Education adopted paraeducator assessment that assesses content knowledge in mathematics, reading, and writing and an understanding of how to assist in the instruction of these topics.

The newly adopted ParaPathways assessment consists of two subtests:

Reading and Writing (5758) – Passing Score: 332
Mathematics (5759) – Passing Score: 334

For your reference, this newest version of the assessment was available to candidates as of September 1, 2025. The previously adopted ParaPro assessment remains available through August 31, 2026, after which it will be discontinued. Connecticut school districts may begin using ParaPathways at any time during this transition period. Although ParaPro will remain available until August 31, 2026, districts may want to consider the opportunities being offered by ETS during the introduction to ParaPathways.

A candidate that takes the ParaPro assessment prior to the test's discontinuation will have access to that score for 10 years. Please see attached flyer from ETS parapathways.

For more information, please review the attached informational flyer or contact Cory Galano at cgalano@ets.org, Malik Mckinley at mmckinley@ets.org, or Bryan Klimkiewicz at Bryan.klimkiewicz@ct.gov.