

How will the move to licensure affect individuals holding an NCLB Paraprofessional Approval or a State Paraprofessional Approval?

NCLB Paraprofessional Approvals

- ❖ NCLB Paraprofessionals
 - May provide instructional support in any school that includes programs supported by Title 1, Part A funds
 - Must hold a high school diploma or GED **AND**
 - Must hold an associate's degree **or** have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education **OR**
 - Must have passed a test of basic skills (currently defined as the ETS Parapro or the ACT Workkeys)
 - ✓ ETS Parapro Assessment score of 460 or higher;
 - ✓ ACT WorkKeys assessments score of Acceptable
 - (Applied Mathematics - 4; Reading for Information - 4; Business Writing - 3; AND Instructional Support Inventory which requires observation of an applicant in a classroom setting - Acceptable)¹

- ❖ NCLB Paraprofessional Approvals will be exchanged for the new *paraprofessional educator endorsement* on an *Educator License with Stipulations*. License holders must register the license by paying the registration fee of \$50.00 [\$10.00/year for five years] upon receipt. The license will be valid until June 30 immediately following 5 years of the endorsement being issued. The license does not automatically renew, but it may be renewed through application and payment of the appropriate fee.

- ❖ After the transition to the licensure system, individuals must apply for the paraprofessional endorsement on an educator license with stipulations and pay an application fee of \$75.00. Applicants will need to meet the requirements stated above to receive the license.

- ❖ **An individual who holds only a paraprofessional educator endorsement is not subject to additional requirements in order to renew the endorsement.**

State-Approved Paraprofessionals

- ❖ Individuals holding a State Paraprofessional Approval may not provide instructional support in programs funded by Title I, Part A.

- ❖ The State Paraprofessional Approval requires that the applicant:
 - Holds a high school diploma or GED **AND**
 - Has earned 30 semester hours of college credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

- ❖ State-Approved Paraprofessionals will not be able to obtain a paraprofessional endorsement on an educator license with stipulations unless they meet the requirements for an NCLB paraprofessional. Individuals holding a State-Approved Paraprofessional Approval will be able to maintain the approval. There is no registration fee for this credential.

¹ Evidence is the ACT WorkKeys "Proficiency Certificate for Teacher Assistants" or an official score report