

# Para Pro Assessment

Paraeducators working in a school that receives Title 1 money must be “highly qualified.” (HQ)

HQ standing is set by the federal government in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law enacted July 1, 2005 as an individual having a minimum of 48 college credits. If you have 48 college credits, an Associate’s degree, Bachelor’s degree, or higher, you are already considered HQ.

With the enactment of the NCLB law, each state was allowed to determine how to assist its staff to meet the requirements of this law. The State of Maryland has elected to use the Para Pro Assessment and has set a minimum passing score of 455. If you pass the Para Pro Assessment with a score of 455 or better, you will receive the HQ rating, even if you do not have the necessary college credits.

MCPS does not administer this exam. All information, including registration and free practice tests, can be found at [www.ets.org/para](http://www.ets.org/para)