

ParaPathways: Redefining Paraeducator Potential

ParaPathways is an innovative assessment designed to validate and enhance the essential skills paraeducators need to support teachers and students effectively.



ParaPathways represents the next generation of paraeducator assessment, building upon the foundation of the original ParaPro assessment (1775) while adapting to meet today's classroom demands.

Key Enhancements:

- Streamlined evaluation of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics skills with direct classroom applications.
- Enhanced focus on practical classroom applications, digital literacy in teaching and writing, and ethical research practices including proper citation methods.
- Refined content and eliminated redundant topics like synonyms/antonyms and overlapping mathematical concepts.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- The new assessment is split into two separately timed subtests: Reading and Writing (5758) and Mathematics (5759)
- The total number of test questions has decreased from 90 multiple-choice questions to 87 multiple-choice questions (51 for Reading and Writing, 36 for Mathematics).
- The total allotted testing time has decreased from 150 minutes to 145 minutes (85 minutes for Reading and Writing, 60 minutes for Mathematics).
- The use of a four-function calculator is now permitted.



Test Comparison At A Glance

1755 ParaPro Testing Time: 150 minutes		5758 ParaPathways: Reading & Writing Subtest Testing Time: 85 Minutes		5759 ParaPathways: Mathematics Subtest Testing Time: 60 Minutes	
Category	Aproximate Number of Questions	Category	Aproximate Number of Questions	Category	Aproximate Number of Questions
I. Reading	30	I. Reading	30	I. Numbers and Operations	18
II. Mathematics	30	II. Writing	21	II. Geometry, Measurement, & Data Analysis	18
III. Writing	30			Total	36
Total	90	Total	51	Total	36

Content Topics

Reading & Writing Content:

- Eliminates outdated pre-reading strategies (e.g., skimming) in favor of Science of Reading principles.
- Emphasis on reading fluency and analyzing textual evidence.

Mathematics Content:

- Expanded focus on real-world applications and problem-solving in geometry, and measurement.
- Increased emphasis on data analysis and comprehension in Mathematics.

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

The content of the updated 5757 test aligns with:

- College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards for Adult Education
- International Literacy Association (ILA) Standards for Education Support Personnel
- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Principles and Standards for School Mathematics



Get Started with ParaPathways

ParaPathways is available for adoption in Fall 2025.

Contact your Director of Educational Partnerships to discuss how this assessment can transform your classroom support.

