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Online Academic Paraprofessional Assessment

General Guidelines and Study Resource Information

- The Local Academic Paraprofessional Assessment measures the knowledge and ability of a paraprofessional or paraprofessional candidate to assist in instruction of reading, writing, and mathematics. The test is administered online, including the writing sample portion.
- The assessment is divided into six portions, with each portion being scored separately. A participant may retake portions of the assessment that previously were not passed.
- An individual may retake any portion of the exam for an additional charge. The Local Academic Paraprofessional Assessment Certificate of Completion will be issued to the individual when all components have received passing scores of 80% or above.
- For more information, contact Michelle Slate, Professional Development Services (PDS) Program at: 503-385-4623.
- If a participant does not pass all sections after three attempts, it is recommended that the participant enroll in a school district or regional training for the subject areas they require assistance in, take community college classes for additional training, or use a study guide or an online resource to review the skills they need to improve.
- No one may assist the participant on any of the questions. If a participant needs assistance in understanding the general directions or recording their answers, they should ask the test administrator only.
- No calculators, computers, cell phones, dictionaries, electronic translators, or other personal means of assistance are allowed.
- The Writing Assessment section involves writing a brief essay. It will be scored on how well the writer: responds to the prompt, demonstrates sentence fluency, organizes their thoughts, uses correct grammar, word usage, and spelling.

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➤ Suggested study resources might include the following:

➤ “Test Prep Review” at: http://www.testprepreview.com/cbest_practice.htm

“How to Prepare for the CBEST: California Basic Educational Skills Test” (Paperback) by Fred Obrecht (Author), Allan Mundsack (Author), John Orozco (Author) available at Amazon.com at: <http://www.amazon.com/>

➤ “Study Guides and Strategies for Test Taking” at: <http://www.studygs.net/>;

Powell’s Book Store at: <http://www.powells.com/>

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➤ The Khan Academy website is a resource for development of math skills. There is opportunity to practice all levels of math. <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

➤ Oregon Department of Education (ODE) provides the Writing Scoring Guide which contains information about proficient writing.

http://www.ode.state.or.us/wma/teachlearn/testing/scoring/guides/2011-12/wriscorguide_eng_1112.pdf

➤ This link to ODE provides student writing samples at various grade levels.

<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?=527>

Willamette Education Service District (WESD) reserves the right to revise the Local Academic Paraprofessional Assessment at any time. The purpose of the revision process is to continuously improve the reliability of the assessment tool as it relates to guidelines of the NCLB Act. This assessment serves as a local assessment and does not meet the criteria of a standardized assessment.