

## **ParaPro Testing Information**

The ParaPro Assessment, by ETS, is now available and the cut score has been established. A validation study was conducted in September, 2003, using volunteers from many districts across the state. From that study a cut score of 460 was finalized by Commissioner Yecke and the Minnesota Paraprofessional Consortium.

Here are the basic steps your should follow to use the ParaPro test:

1. If you are a paraprofessional, find out from your district if this is one of the acceptable options for becoming “Highly Qualified.” If you are a district policy maker, make sure your paraprofessionals know which options are acceptable.
2. Decide if you will give the test in your district (web only, as no paper/pencil is available for district use) or if you will send people to a regional testing center.

### **How a district can order the ParaPro test to use on site, or to get your “District Code” for the Paper/Pencil testing:**

<http://www.ets.org/parapro/ippform.html>

Although this webpage talks only about the Internet-based Test, please note that it is now being used to activate all District Codes. After your application has been validated, the email address entered in the application will receive an email message with a "User ID", Password, and instructions for the Internet-based Test. The "User ID" is your District Recipient Code for use on the Paper and Pencil Registration Form. The Password and instructions are for accessing the ParaPro IBT Administrative Website. If your District does not intend to administer the Internet-based Assessment, please disregard the Password and instructions.

### **Where a district or individual can go to take the ParaPro test in MN:**

<http://www.ets.org/parapro/pdfs/TestCenterList.pdf>

Do not try to register for the ParaPro test at the college or university site listed. Register to take the ParaPro at a regional testing center by obtaining the Registration Bulletin, which can be ordered at

<http://www.ets.org/parapro/#reg>

3. Provide opportunities for study. There are study guides and sample tests at:

<http://www.ets.org/parapro>