

Professional Development Opportunities for Paraeducators

To locate trainings in PDO, type “para,” “SPT10,” “Promethean,” “Google,” “Chromebooks,” “OCTO,” and/or “E-TIPS”

New paraeducator professional development opportunities –

New Paraeducator Orientation (Oct, 7 hours) (*Highly recommended for all paras: reg, sp ed, TPT; stipend paid*)

Information for New Critical Staffing Paraeducators (10 hour course, fall and spring, **by invitation only**)

Paraeducator PD Now! Online (licensed program for new paras, **by invitation only**)

Paraeducator Career Ladder (18 hours)

This course is based on Studying Skillful Teaching 1 & 2 (SST 1 & 2)

Support Professionals Training for 10 Month Employees (SPT10) (Throughout the school year; 10 month employees may be paid for up to 8 hours of professional development after their duty day each school year; replaces NWNP days.)

Examples of trainings offered:

What is Autism?

Behavior Management for Paraeducators

Positive Playgrounds

Bullying Awareness and Prevention

Introduction to Google Apps for Education on Chromebooks for Paras

This is an introductory class on using Chromebooks.

Google Instructional Apps on Chromebooks for Paras

This is a more in-depth exploration of the instructional apps on Chromebooks to support instruction.

Promethean board and ActivInspire

Beginner and Intermediate classes

Math Strategies for ES Paras

1a & 1b; 2a & 2b

Algebra Course Content Preview for MS and HS Paras

1a & 1b; 2a & 2b; 3a & 3b

Special education training opportunities (Offered throughout the school year and on one day in January which is an unpaid non-student day; *stipend paid*)

E-TIPS: High Incident Assistive Technology (HIAT)

Clicker 5, Kurzweil, Boardmaker Plus, PIXIE, UDL, and more

Professional development opportunities will be announced throughout the year on the Paraeducator folder in Outlook.

Resources for Paraeducators

www.fredjones.com

www.janebluestein.com

www.nea.org/esphome/index.html

www.nrcpara.org

www.paraconnect.come

www.para.unl.edu

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