

**Nevada Department of Education's Recommendation of a Passing Score of 460 on the Educational Testing Service (ETS) ParaPro Assessment**

**Background:** The ETS ParaPro Assessment is comprised of 90 multiple choice questions in the areas of Reading Skills and Knowledge, Writing Skills and Knowledge, Mathematics Skills and Knowledge, and the application of each area to classroom instruction. Fifteen of the 90 questions do not count toward an examinee's score, but are pretest questions. Of the remaining 75 questions, approximately 20% cover each of the subject areas' skills and knowledge content, while the remaining 40 % is divided equally among the subject areas' in the application of those skills and knowledge in a classroom context. The scaled score that an examinee can receive on the ETS ParaPro Assessment ranges from a low of 420 points to a high of 480 points.

**Score distribution from both ETS paper and pencil administrations:**

September 21, 2002, pilot test administration: 40 participants, 85% received a score of 460 or above;

January 11, 2003, administration: 65 participants, 73.8% received a score of 460 or above;

[78.1 % of test takers at both administrations receiving a score of 460 or above]  
80% passing rate would equal a scaled score of 459.

**Recommendation from ETS's Standard Setting Panel:** Nevada participated with Idaho and Utah in a Standard Setting Study for the ETS ParaPro Assessment in November, 2002, to recommend a minimum passing score. The 39-member study panel, comprised of both instructional paraprofessionals and supervising teachers, recommended a passing score of 460.

**Passing scores from other states:** Although other states have adopted the ETS ParaPro Assessment, among them Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, and Virginia, the following three states are the only states currently (as of March 17, 2003) listing a passing score on the [ets.org/parapro](http://ets.org/parapro) website.

Connecticut - 457,      Delaware - 459,      Idaho - 460

**NV school district paraprofessional committee:** A committee of Title I district personnel from Clark, Washoe, Humboldt, and Pershing County School Districts has agreed that 460 would be an acceptable score to their respective school districts.

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