Paraprofessional Descriptions

Moderate Needs Para (Special Education Paraprofessional)

- Supports students who are generally in the mainstream setting
- Direct supervision from moderate needs teacher
- Students require support academically, physically, socially, behaviorally and/or emotionally
- Physical contact is minimal
- Modifications to curriculum in minimal
- Focus is on academic support in content areas
- Must be Mandt certified

Significant Support Needs (SSN) Para (Special Education Paraprofessional)

- Supports students who are in a SSN classroom
- Direct supervision from SSN teacher
- Students require more significant support academically, physically, socially, behaviorally and/or emotionally
- Physical contact is more likely
- Diapering, feeding, medical support are likely
- Curriculum modification is necessary when in the mainstream setting
- Must be Mandt certified

Affective Needs (AN) Para (Special Education Critical Needs Paraprofessional)

- Supports students who are in the AN classroom
- Direct supervision from AN teacher
- Students require extensive support behaviorally and/or emotionally
- Academic support is likely
- Physical contact is anticipated
- Curriculum modification may be necessary in the mainstream setting
- Must be Mandt certified

Autism Para (Special Education Critical Needs Paraprofessional)

- Supports students who are in the Autism classroom
- Direct supervision from an Autism teacher
- Students require extensive support academically, socially, and behaviorally
- Physical contact is anticipated
- Curriculum modification is often necessary in the mainstream setting
- Must be Mandt certified

Preschool Para I & II (Special Education Paraprofessional)

- Para I works 5 days a week; Para II works 4 days a week
- Supports students who are in the preschool setting

- Direct supervision from preschool teacher
- Students require support academically, physically, socially, behaviorally and/or emotionally
- Physical contact is minimal

Autism Preschool Para I & II (Special Education Critical Needs Paraprofessional)

- Para I works 5 days a week; Para II works 4 days a week
- Supports students who are in the Autism preschool classroom
- Direct supervision from an Autism preschool teacher
- Students require extensive support academically, socially, and behaviorally
- Physical contact is anticipated
- Must be Mandt certified