

ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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July 21, 2026

PARAPROFESSIONAL Opening 2026-2027 School Year

Rate of Pay: Appendix A, Support Staff contract
Hours to be worked: 11:30 am till 3:15 pm
Benefits: As per Support Staff Master Agreement
Immediate Supervisor: Principal

The Ontonagon Area School District has two openings for a paraprofessional position in the afternoons. This position will be supporting students. One position focuses on helping out in the distance learning lab. The other position is in Kindergarten. The position will focus on interventions and support for students.

Qualifications

Required: High School or GED diploma and pass Paraprofessional test OR an associates degree
Knowledge of student developmental strategies
Proficient in the use of technology
Ability to work effectively in an environment with frequent interruptions requiring the ability to concentrate and consistently produce accurate work while responding to interruptions and changing priorities
Ability to interact with students, parents, staff, and community members, personally and through electronic communications, in a warm and confident manner.
Individual initiative and ability to work with minimal direction, using sound judgment is essential.
Ability to maintain confidentiality in all matters.
Demonstrate sensitivity to the cultural, ethnic, gender, and religious diversity of members of the school and community

Qualifications

Desired: Training in educational teaching strategies
Training in NVCI
Behavior management training

Position Purpose: Provides support to certified professional staff with students in all educational environments to meet instructional and behavior goals and objectives.

Essential Functions and Dispositions:

1. Creates a favorable professional impact on students, parents, community, and other employees.
2. Maintains confidentiality in verbal, written, and electronic communication.
3. Refers confidential information to the appropriate person.
4. Follows safe practices and adheres to safety standards.
5. Strong ability to lead by communicating effectively and developing sustainable relationships/partnerships with others.

Essential Role & Responsibilities Paraprofessional:

6. Assists students in all aspects of classroom instruction to maximize inclusion, learning and achievement.
7. Follows and helps implement IEP's, 504 Plans, Behavior or learning plans, etc
8. Assistant and guides all students to reinforce reading, language arts, mathematics, and other skills.
9. Works with students individually, in small groups, or whole group to reinforce and re-teach basic learning and implement assigned programs.
10. Assists with preparing educational material in classroom preparations and strategies for reinforcing instructional materials and skills according to individual student needs.
11. Assistants with classroom behavior management and student reteaching of skills to minimize disruptions, ensure a safe and orderly classroom, and ensure students are on task.
12. Assistants all students in non-instructional areas, such as supervising the lunch program, playground duty, hallways, and other related non-instructional areas.
13. Prepares educational materials as needed.
14. Assistants students with activities of daily living for the purpose of maximizing their ability to participate in school or learning activities (toileting, feeding, etc)
15. Follows all applicable safety rules, procedures and regulations governing the proper manner of assistance for all students, including those with disabilities or other special needs.
16. Assistant with fostering independence, socialization, self esteem for all students
17. Other duties as assigned

Please submit a letter of application, resume to:

Lisa Johnson
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 31 or until filled

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