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Oakland County schools in need of paraprofessionals

Numerous positions available

Oakland Schools is putting out an urgent call for paraprofessionals to assist local classroom teachers. There are approximately 22,000 students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in Oakland County who benefit from the services provided by paraprofessionals.

“Parapros help support the overall education of students by assisting them with equal access to curriculum while also helping students to become contributing members of society,” said Oakland Schools’ Executive Director of Special Populations Karen Olex. “We are in desperate need of them here in Oakland County and are encouraging those who believe they are qualified to apply.”

The duties of a paraprofessional may include the ability to:

- work with children with disabilities, from mild to severe, from birth to age 26.
- provide for basic needs of students.
- assist with feeding, self-help skills, toileting, communication strategies and preschool curriculum, and other duties as may be assigned.
- maintain composure under stressful conditions.
- interact appropriately with students based upon developmental data.

- meet multiple demands from several people.
- develop effective working relationships with students, staff and the school community.
- communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- perform duties with awareness of all district requirements and Board of Education policies.
- qualify for CPR and first aid certification.
- learn and follow procedures for meeting student needs.
- work collaboratively with general and special education teachers and other teacher assistants to provide quality educational activities for students.

If you are interested in applying for a paraprofessional position, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3x1d0ZE>.

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