

# EDUCATION

## News & Notes

### Paraeducators Help Out

(NAPS)—Teachers who instruct students with disabilities get much needed help in the form of paraeducators.

Paraeducators are also called teacher aides/assistants, instructional assistants, transition trainers, education technicians, or



**A paraeducator helps a teacher create a healthy learning environment for students with disabilities.**

paraprofessionals. Supervised by teachers, they help deliver services to students with disabilities in both special education and general education classrooms, grades pre-K through 12.

Typical tasks include instructional activities planned by the teacher, giving the teacher feedback on a student's progress, and assisting in clerical duties.

Paraeducators enjoy being around children and are willing to help a teacher create a healthy learning environment. They are flexible, resourceful and collaborate well with teachers and school personnel.

Much of the training that paraeducators receive is done on the job by teachers and other paraeducators. A college degree is not required.

Call your school district to ask about these positions or contact the National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education at [www.special-ed-careers.net](http://www.special-ed-careers.net) for more information.