

CAREERS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ventura County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
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INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE/ PARAEDUCATOR



Typical Duties: An Instructional Aide/Paraeducator works under the supervision of a Special Education teacher or specialist, working with students with disabilities in achieving their educational goals. The setting may be a general or special education classroom, or other school environment. Some Instructional Aides are assigned to work one on one with an individual student, others work with small or large groups. Instructional Aides may instruct reading, math, and writing, or other skills related to the disability such as motor skills and self-care.

Education: Instructional Aide/Paraeducators must have a high school diploma. In addition, they must have an AA or AS degree, or pass a basic academic test. Individual school districts may have additional requirements for testing.

Typical Pay: In Ventura County, typical pay for an Instructional Aide/Paraeducator is \$12.19-\$15.96/hour.

Benefits: All school districts have excellent health benefits as well as retirement plans. School employees usually work ten months per year, but in Special Education there is sometimes an option for additional work (4-5 weeks) in the summer.



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