

Utilizing Paraprofessional Support During Continuous Learning

There are many ways paraprofessionals can support teachers during continuous learning. The table below provides examples of tasks that paraprofessionals can assist with, alongside suggestions for how the teacher could structure the task for the paraprofessional.

Paraprofessionals may be better suited for some tasks more than others. Consider individual strengths and talents when determining how your paraprofessional(s) can support continuous learning. Also be sure to follow district protocol for utilizing paraprofessionals, maintaining confidentiality, etc.

Paraprofessional Task	Teacher Preparation/Support
Research resources, websites, and technology tools.	Identify specific student needs that would benefit from having additional resources to choose from.
Create video instruction.	Prepare instructional scripts for paraprofessionals to follow.
Make audio recordings of books, text, etc.	Select and provide access to the books/text that need audio recordings.
Convert materials to formats that are easily accessible in online learning platforms.	Provide guidance on which tools to use or in what ways the materials need to be made more accessible.
Adapt or modify curriculum materials, develop graphic organizers, etc., according to needs of each student.	Present paras with a few examples or options to utilize when adapting or modifying work.
Create or add visuals to student schedules each week.	Supply paras with a library of resources typically used in the classroom.
Break down components of the instruction into smaller parts.	Provide the overall lesson structure with suggestions on which parts to break down.
Support data collection during live virtual instruction sessions.	Share data collection sheets and give guidance on how to collect data during instruction sessions.
Leverage relationships with students and parents/guardians to provide emotional support by checking in via phone, text, etc.	<i>Varies widely based on individual relationships</i>
Connect with other paraprofessionals to share success stories and learn from each other's experiences.	Set up a schedule and arrange a format/platform (e.g., Zoom) for paraprofessionals to connect with each other.