

# More South Dakota Hot Careers

Beyond the  
Top **30**

## High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster: Education and Training



## Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education

*Standard Occupational Code 25-2022*

### What They Do

Teach students in one or more subjects in public or private schools at the middle or junior high level (generally students in sixth through eighth grade). They help students build on fundamentals they learned in elementary school and prepare them for high school. Subjects taught may include math, science and social sciences, among others.

### Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social (Helpers)** — Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

**Artistic (Creators)** — Are artistic and like change. They enjoy using their imagination, creativity, feelings and intuition. They like working in jobs where they are free to set their own schedule.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

**Relationships** — Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly, non-competitive environment.

**Independence** — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Achievement** — Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Oral Expression
- Oral Comprehension
- Speech Clarity
- Written Comprehension
- Speech Recognition
- Written Expression
- Deductive Reasoning

## Basic Skills You Need

- Instructing
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Learning Strategies
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Writing
- Monitoring

## Education & Training

Middle school teacher positions require a bachelor's degree in education or a related program. Middle school teachers must be licensed by the South Dakota Department of Education and Cultural Affairs. For more information, visit <http://doe.sd.gov>.

## Recommended Levels\* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	4
Workplace Documents	6
Graphic Literacy	5

\*Using the median skill level.

## Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education are:

- Educational Services

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
1,959	2,086	127	6.5%	156	\$48,960	\$49,230

## Additional References

### Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic](http://www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic)

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

### mySkills myFuture

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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