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South Dakota  
High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster: Education and Training



## Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education

*Standard Occupational Code 25-2021*

### What They Do

Teach students basic academic, social and other formative skills in public or private schools at the elementary level. They teach basic subjects such as math, reading and science to help prepare students for further education.

### 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.

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

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

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

- Oral Expression
- Deductive Reasoning
- Oral Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Speech Clarity

## Basic Skills You Need

- Instructing
- Speaking
- Learning Strategies
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Coordination

## Education & Training

Elementary school teacher positions require a bachelor's degree in teaching, childhood education, elementary education or a related program. Elementary 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 elementary school teachers, except special education are:

- Educational Services
- Self Employment

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
4,184	4,454	270	6.5%	333	\$47,890	\$48,390

## 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

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