



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career



Career Cluster: Education & Training

Middle School Teachers, except Special Education and Career/Technical

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. 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

Basic Skills You Need

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

Education & Training

Middle school teacher positions require a bachelor's degree in education or a related program. A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit StartTodaySD.com or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
2,153	2,280	127	5.9%	160	\$49,720	\$51,240

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture

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

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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 industry which employs the largest number of middle school teachers is:

- Elementary and Secondary Schools

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