



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster:
Education



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 Styles (personality tendencies) of people who perform well in this occupation have:

Optimism — A tendency to exhibit a positive attitude and positive emotions at work, even under difficult circumstances.

Sincerity — A tendency to be genuine and sincere in interactions with others at work, without concern for personal gain or self-interest.

Perseverance — A tendency to exhibit determination and resolve to perform or complete tasks in the face of difficult circumstances or obstacles at work.

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

- Oral Expression
- Information Ordering
- Oral Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Speech Clarity

Work Activities

- Training and Teaching Others
- Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships
- Developing Objectives and Strategies
- Thinking Creatively
- Coaching and Developing Others

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.

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

- Educational Services
- Self Employment
- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2024 Employment	2034 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
2,279	2,392	113	5.0%	166	\$50,980	\$53,290

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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