



## South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career



### Career Cluster: Education & Training

# Secondary School Teachers, except Special Education and Career/Technical

*Standard Occupational Code 25-2031*

## What They Do

Teach students in one or more subjects such as English, mathematics, or social studies at the secondary level (high school) in public or private schools. May be designated according to subject matter specialty.

## 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.

**Working Conditions** — Offer job security and good working conditions.

**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
- Deductive Reasoning
- Speech Clarity
- Speech Recognition

## Basic Skills You Need

- Instructing
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Learning Strategies
- Reading Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Social Perceptiveness
- Judgment and Decision Making

## Education & Training

Secondary school teacher positions require a bachelor's degree in teaching or a related program. A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit [StartTodaySD.com](http://StartTodaySD.com) or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2033 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
3,501	3,716	215	6.1%	243	\$50,080	\$51,650

## 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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## 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 secondary school teachers is:

- Elementary and Secondary Schools

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