



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster: Education



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 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
- Oral Comprehension
- Speech Clarity
- Speech Recognition

Work Activities

- Training and Teaching Others
- Coaching and Developing Others
- Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships
- Making Decisions and Solving Problems
- Developing Objectives and Strategies

Education & Training

Secondary school teacher positions require a bachelor's degree in teaching or a related program. Many focus their major in a specific content area, such as mathematics or history. in addition to their teaching degree.

Secondary 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 secondary school teachers is:

- Educational Services
- Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional, and Similar Organizations
- Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals
- State Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2024 Employment	2034 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
3,423	3,596	173	5.1%	237	\$51,050	\$53,960

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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