Secondary Education Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Secondary Education Teacher Licensure (B.S.)

**Teacher Licensure Areas:** Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Life Science, Physics, Health Education, Mathematics, Music (Vocal, Instrumental), Physical Education, Social Studies, English (Communication Arts and Literature). (See separate Career Outlook for each Teacher Licensure area.)

**Department Website:** [https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/professional-education/](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/professional-education/)

**MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:**
The teacher is a reflective professional who nurtures the potential of individuals through knowledge of child and adolescent development and who addresses the diversity of student needs in a multicultural society. The teacher has the ability to mesh effectively the methodologies, theories, concepts, and principles upon which the art and science of education are built. Working from a pedagogical and academic knowledge base, the teacher integrates these elements into effective teaching to promote growth in cognitive and affective learning. In addition, the teacher, as a life-long learner, keeps abreast of current trends and research while working with colleagues, administrators, other professionals, and parents to enhance the educational process now and in the future. The model that forms the basis for the programs is fully described in the department’s Teacher Education Handbook.

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS:**
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that in 2012 there were 614,400 middle school teachers, and 955,800 high school teachers. Employment of teachers is geographically distributed much the same as the population. The market varies widely by area and subject specialty.

**PROJECTED DEMAND FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJORS IN MINNESOTA:**
MnCareers reports that the outlook for middle and high school teachers is good, with 18,060 teachers employed in Minnesota and a median annual salary of $55,910. Again, the market varies widely by area and subject specialty. Job growth is tied to local budgets and population growth.

**PROJECTED DEMAND FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJORS NATIONWIDE:**
Focus™2 reports that the nationwide demand for high school teachers is expected to grow slower than average through 2022, with people established in their career generally earning between $42,070 and $66,110 per year. The American Association for Employment in Education, Inc. (AAEE), reports a considerable shortage of Physics teachers. The AAEE also reports some shortage for Mathematics, Special Education, Chemistry, Biology (life science), Earth/Physical Science and Spanish teachers. Fields with balanced supply and demand (according to AAEE) are Music, English and Health Education. Fields with some surplus (according to AAEE) are Physical Education and Social Studies. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that growth for high school teachers is at 6% and the average median pay was $55,050 in May 2012.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION GRADUATES:**
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Secondary Education graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2012-2013 Secondary Education graduates, 85.7% of Mathematics Education, 75% of English Education, 100% of Music (2011-2012), 100% of Science Education majors, 100% of Health Education majors, 83.3% of Physical Education, and 100% of Social Studies Education graduates reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, furthering their education, unavailable, or had unknown status. There was no information reported from the 2012-2013 Spanish education or the Music graduates.
LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU SECONDARY EDUCATION GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Bagley School District
Band/Cheoir Teacher
Bagley, MN

Bemidji School District
Physical Education Teacher
Bemidji, MN

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Director of Recruitment
Minneapolis, MN

Blackduck Elementary School
Physical Education Teacher
Blackduck, MN

Blackduck High School
Social Studies Teacher
Blackduck, MN

Blue Earth Area Schools
English Teacher
Blue Earth, MN

Cass Lake-Bena School District
Teacher
Cass Lake, MN

East Grand Forks High School
Biology Teacher
East Grand Forks, MN

Fergus Falls Area Schools
Math Teacher
Fergus Falls, MN

Fergus Falls School District
Physical Education Teacher
Fergus Falls, MN

Grand Rapids School District
Substitute Teacher
Grand Rapids, MN

Greenbush School District
Physical Education Teacher
Greenbush, MN

Hendricks Public Schools
Science Teacher
Hendricks, MN

Hibbing School District
English Teacher
Hibbing, MN

Hill City Public Schools
Math Teacher
Hill City, MN

Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Schools
Health/Physical Education Teacher
Howard Lake, MN

Lincoln School
Seventh Grade Teacher
San Jose, CA

Littlefork-Big Falls School District
Social Studies Teacher
Littlefork, MN

Oklee Public Schools
Substitute Teacher
Oklee, MN

Pequot Lakes School District
Science Teacher
Pequot Lakes, MN

Roseau Public School District
Physical Education Teacher
Roseau, MN

Waconia Community Education
Substitute Teacher
Waconia, MN

Waconia School District
Science Teacher
Waconia, MN

Warroad School District
High School Math Teacher
Warroad, MN

Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.

Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

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For more information, please contact the Career Services Office in Sattgast 207 or call us at 218-755-2038 or toll free at 800-657-3726.
For more job listings please visit:

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/