



Bemidji State University

Fall 2026

Field Experience Fact Sheet

Students: Give a Fact Sheet to each of your cooperating teachers.

Course Number/Name	ED 3202: Language Arts II
Expectations of Student	Teacher candidates should be actively engaged in working with small and whole groups of students. Candidates are required to: provide a whole class read aloud, conduct a small group reading observation, participate in a conference with a striving reader, and-- if possible—conduct a writing lesson, using a plan they have developed.
Field Experience Hours:	25 hrs.
Expectations of Teacher	Provide an opportunity for teacher candidates to teach the required lessons (more would be great). Provide guided opportunities for them to interact with students in the classroom. Encourage their development of lesson planning skills and teaching strategies and share your expertise in classroom management, literacy instruction, and differentiation.
Course Instructor(s) & Contact Information	Dr. Linda Colburn: linda.colburn@bemidjistate.edu

Dear Field Experience Cooperating Teacher:

Thank you for hosting a BSU teacher candidate!

We use an online tool, SL&L by Watermark, to track and manage data we need for our program and for teacher licensure. You will be asked to do two things in SL&L:

1. Your teacher candidate will record in SL&L the hours they spend in your classroom. Then, you will go into SL&L and verify those log hours.
2. Near the end of the semester, please complete the brief teacher candidate disposition form. This information allows us to identify and address any dispositional concerns before the teacher candidate begins student teaching. This data will also be utilized to inform change in our teacher preparation program. It should only take a few minutes to complete the form.

Instructions for how to access SL&L can be found here:

<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/teacher-education/student-resources/sll-by-watermark/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding field experience or the student placed with you, or if you are experiencing technical difficulties with SL&L, please email teaching.clinicals@bemidjistate.edu and we will get your message to the right person.

Thank you for opening your classroom and taking a future educator under your wings!

Office of Teacher Education
Bemidji State University