



Bemidji State University

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Field Experience Fact Sheet

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

Course Number/Name	ED 3580 Teaching of Middle and Secondary School Social Studies
Expectations of Student	The Bemidji State student (teacher candidate) is encouraged to be an active classroom participant and take opportunities to support the social studies teacher and students. Candidate may work with individual students, work with small groups, co-teach, assist with planning, curriculum delivery, and assessment, and take on tasks that support the social studies teacher. The candidate is required to teach/lead three lessons (expected ~30-50 minutes in length). The candidate may utilize the cooperating teacher's curriculum or create their own lesson materials (depends on the cooperating teachers wishes). The cooperating teacher may also co-teach the lesson with the teacher candidate. The central aim is to gain experience facilitating learning and being in front of the classroom. Overall, the main objective communicated to students is to "help, not hinder" the work of the cooperating teacher. We hope our students are responsive and willing to take on several activities to support the demanding work of the classroom.
Field Experience Hours:	25 hours
Expectations of Teacher	• Share curriculum and instructional resources with the student/teacher candidate. • Provide ongoing support and feedback. • Communicate and assist in planning for the three lessons to be taught by the teacher candidate. • Provide teacher candidate opportunities to be an active participant in the classroom. • Share your wisdom and expertise. • Verify student completed field experience hours in SL & L. • Alert the campus clinicals office if there are any issues or concerns.
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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!

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