



Bemidji State University
Field Experience Fact Sheet Fall 2026

ED 3203—Language Arts III

ED 3221—Math Methods

ED 3222—Science Methods

ED 3240—Social Studies in Elem Schools-online

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

Course Number/Name	Elementary Block: Ed 3203-Language Arts III Ed 3221-Math Methods Ed 3222-Science Methods Ed 3240-Social Studies in Elem. Schools
Expectations of Student	Teacher Candidates • should observe for a few hours and then slowly assume more responsibility moving from working with small groups of students to whole class activities. • should plan and teach three whole class lessons, ensuring that one lesson addresses each of the following content areas (science, math, & social studies). • will give a reading assessment to at least one student for LA III. • will interview mentor teacher and reflect on findings for LA III. • will submit weekly reflections for S.S. • will submit reflections as assigned for Math. • will observe best teaching practices for classroom discussion for LA III. • must notify the cooperating teacher and faculty members of any late arrivals or early departures, as well any absences due to illness. • will attend field experience three days (Tuesday through Thursday) each week during school operating hours. • will begin field experience hours on Oct. 27 and complete them on Dec.3. Candidates are expected to remain in the field for the entire period even if the minimum required hours are completed early. • will be expected to attend campus classes on Mon. during field experience. Any adjustments to this schedule need prior approval by the Block instructors.
Field Experience Hours:	- A minimum of 80 hours must be logged into SL&L and verified by mentor teacher to pass the Block courses. Teacher Candidates are expected to attend field experience three days (Tuesday through Thursday) during host school's operating hours.
Expectations of Teacher	-Facilitate the "pre-student teacher" candidate's progression from small group to whole class management responsibility. This experience culminates in the candidate having whole class responsibility as determined by the host teacher and the candidate (ideally one or more full days). -Complete the Dispositions form of the candidate and verify the field experience hours is SL & L. -Contact a faculty member if you have any questions 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 in SL&L regarding the candidate's dedication/responsibility, compassion, curiosity, and integrity during their field experience with you. 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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