Career Outlook 2018: Elementary Education

Elementary Education Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Elementary Education Teacher Licensure (B.S.)
Endorsements: Preprimary, Mathematics (5-8) Social Studies (5-8) Science, (5-8) Communication Arts & Literature (5-8)
Licensures: Preprimary-6th Grade; K-6th

Department Website: https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/professional-education/

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school teachers held about 2,674,100 jobs in 2016. Of the teachers in those jobs, about 1,565,300 were kindergarten and elementary school teachers, 630,300 were middle school teachers, and 478,500 were preschool teachers. The majority work in local government educational services. About 10 percent worked for private schools. Preschool teachers, except special education, are most often employed in child day care services (57%), religious organizations (18%), and public and private educational services (17%). Employment of teachers is geographically distributed much the same as the population. OOH reports that the nationwide demand for kindergarten and elementary school teachers is expected to grow about as fast as average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $36,560 and $88,590 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $55,800 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Elementary Education graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2015-2016 Elementary Education graduates, 77.5% 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.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES*:
(This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Athlos Academy
5th Grade Teacher
St. Cloud, MN

Brainerd School District
Teacher
Brainerd, MN

Brainerd School District ISD 181
Elementary School Teacher
Brainerd, MN

C4 Character Challenge
Instructor
Park Rapids, MN

Calvary Lutheran Preschool
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Bemidji, MN

Cass Lake-Bena School District
Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Cass Lake, MN

Indus Preschool
Preschool Teacher
Littlefork, MN

ISD 728
Elementary School Teacher
Rogers, MN

Virginia Public Schools- ISD 706
School Readiness Teacher
Virginia, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Concordia University, St Paul, St. Paul, MN
- Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, GA
- St. Cloud University, St. Cloud, MN

* 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.

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