Career Outlook 2019: 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/](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/professional-education/)

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that preschool, kindergarten, and elementary 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 12 percent worked for private schools. 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 $37,340 and $92,770 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $56,900 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 2016-2017 Elementary Education graduates, 90.8% 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.)

- Backer Middle School: Middle School Math Teacher, Troy, MI
- Bemidji School District: Preschool Teacher, Bemidji, MN
- Boys & Girls Club: Assistant Director of Academic Success, Bemidji, MN
- Cass Lake Bena Elementary School: Sixth Grade Teacher, Cass Lake, MN
- Fergus Falls Public Schools: Elementary School Teacher, Fergus Falls, MN
- Hutchinson West Elementary School: Kindergarten Teacher, Hutchinson, MN
- Laporte Elementary School: Teacher, Laporte, MN
- Macray School District: Kindergarten Teacher, Maynard, MN
- Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School: Fifth Grade Teacher, Rogers, MN
- Menahga Elementary School: Fourth Grade Teacher, Menahga, MN
- Mountain Lake Public School: Head Start Teacher, Mountain Lake, MN
- Ponemah Elementary School: First Grade Teacher, Ponemah, MN
- Red Lake School: First Grade Teacher, Red Lake, MN
- Renville County West Public School: Middle School Teacher, Renville, MN
- Willmar Public Schools: Second Grade Teacher, Willmar, MN

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

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Capella University, Minneapolis, 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.

Bibliography:
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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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