

# Career Outlook: Elementary Education

## Elementary Education Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Elementary Education Teacher Licensure (B.S.)

**Endorsements:** Pre-Primary, Mathematics (5-8), Social Studies (5-8), Science (5-8), Communication Arts & Literature (5-8)

**Licensure:** K-6

**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 2,746,500 jobs in 2019. Of the teachers in those jobs, about 1,579,000 were kindergarten and elementary school teachers, 627,100 were middle school teachers, and 540,400 were preschool teachers. The majority work in local government educational services. About 13 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 4% (as fast as average) through 2029, with people established in their career generally earning between \$39,020 and \$97,900 per year. The median pay for 2019 was \$59,670 per year.

### **PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES:**

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Elementary Education graduates. Of the 78 Bemidji State University 2018-2019 Elementary Education graduates, 92.6% 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.)**

Alexandria YMCA	Day Camp	Alexandria, MN
Belgrade Brooten Elrosa Elementary	Kindergarten Teacher	Brooten, MN
Bemidji Community Education	Activity Assistant	Bemidji, MN
Cedar Creek Elementary School	Kids Connection Assistant	East Bethel, MN
Fertile Beltrami School District	Fifth Grade Teacher	Fertile, MN
Floodwood Elementary School	3-6 Reading Teacher	Floodwood, MN
Heart of Lakes Elementary	Kindergarten Teacher	Perham, MN
McAuliffe Elementary School	Second Grade Teacher	Hastings, MN
Northfield Public Schools	Media Center Assistant	Northfield, MN
Sauk Centre Elementary School	Long Term Substitute	Sauk Centre, MN
Star of the North Academy	Middle School Mathematics Teacher	Bethel, MN
Teachers on Call	Substitute Teacher	Minneapolis, MN
Tutor Time	School Education Manager	Blaine, MN

### **UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Moorhead, MN
- University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

\* 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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