

Career Outlook: Elementary Education

Elementary Education Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Elementary Education Teacher Licensure (B.S.) **Licensure:** K-6

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

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 2,576,600 jobs in 2021. Of the teachers in those jobs, about 1,487,000 were kindergarten and elementary school teachers, 606,500 were middle school teachers, and 483,100 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 4% (As fast as average) through 2031, with people established in their career generally earning between \$43,950 and \$99,420 per year. The median pay for 2021 was \$61,350 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Elementary Education graduates. Of the 56 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Elementary Education graduates, 97.9% 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.)

Boundary County School District	Teacher	Bonnors Ferry, ID
Discovery Woods	Lead Teacher	Brainerd, MN
Forest Lake School	Fifth Grade Teacher	Forest Lake, MN
Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools	Special Education Paraprofessional	Glencoe, MN
Happy Days Preschool	Preschool Teacher	Ely, MN
Heart of the Lake Elementary School	Third Grade Teacher	Perham, MN
Hutchinson Public Schools	First Grade Teacher	Hutchinson, MN
J.W.P. School District	Special Education Teacher	Janesville, MN
Kelliher Public Schools	Math Teacher	Kelliher, MN
Melrose Area School District	Kindergarten Teacher	Atwater, MN
Northome School	Fifth Grade Teacher	Northome, MN
Piedmont Elementary School	Art Teacher	Duluth, MN
ReadingCorps	Reading Tutor	Bemidji, MN
Red Lake Middle School	Middle School Science Teacher	Red Lake, MN
Schoolcraft Learning Community	Math Interventionist	Bemidji, MN

UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATES HAVE CONTINUED THEIR EDUCATION:

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mankato, 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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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/



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