



Education Needed

Elementary School Teachers must have at least a bachelor's degree from a college or university.

Typically a bachelor's degree takes 4 years to complete.

Many Teachers have a Master's or Specialist's degree.

Public school teachers must have a state-issued certification or license.

Essential Skills and Duties

1. Patience
2. Leadership
3. Explain New Concepts
4. Engage Students in Learning
5. Classroom Management
6. Create and Adapt Lessons
7. Work with Diverse Backgrounds
8. Collaborate with Other Teachers
9. Deliver Instruction based on Individual Needs
10. Serve as a Role Model
11. Attend Seminars and Meetings
12. Communicate with parents, teachers, and students

Jobs In This Career

Elementary and Secondary Schools	1372580
Employment Services	3000
Religious Organizations	2350
Child Day Care Services	700
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	600
Local Government (OES Designation)	580
Other Schools and Instruction	470
Educational Support Services	420
Individual and Family Services	210

Job Openings

Greater than Average
Growth Rate: 18.3%

Salary Expectations

Starting = \$37,000
Average = \$54,000
Top = \$73,000

TCHS Graduates Who Are Elementary School Teachers You May Know

Brooke Anderson	Jamie Arnold	Mallary Jenkins	Jennifer Barrow
Megan Anderson	April Busby	Abbey Johnson	Madison McArthur
Mara Brannen	Ben Collins	Ashlea Johnson	Kristen Mercer
Brooke Butler	Rachel Cowart	Melanie Kirby	Nina Ocampo
Jenna Cowart	Amanda Daly	Rebecca Kirkland	Shae Odom
Taylor Flowers	Haley Davis	Carlee McLeod	Victoria Purvis
Courtney Howell	Abby Foster	Alexa Ortiz	Jena Rogers
Kayleigh Hunter	Elizabeth James	Tiffany Trim	Sarah Thigpen
Chaz Kicklighter		Amanda Waters	Bailey Waters
Will Maybin			Mandy McGlashan
Julianne Atkinson			Tiffany Alexander

A Day in the Life of an Elementary Educator

Kindergarten and Elementary School Teachers work in public and private schools. They generally work school hours when students are present, and use nights and weekends to prepare lessons and grade papers. Most kindergarten and elementary school teachers do not work during the summer.

As an Elementary School Teacher you prepare younger students for future schooling by teaching them the basics of subjects such as math and reading. You act as a facilitator/coach to help students learn and apply important concepts. You may use a hands-on approach, including props, to help students understand abstract concepts, solve problems, and develop critical thinking skills. You will spend most of your day in one classroom. You may escort students to assemblies; to classes taught by other teachers, such as art or music; or to recess. While students are away from the classroom, you plan lessons, grade assignments, or meet with other teachers and staff.