



Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education

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Teach one or more subjects to students at the middle, intermediate, or junior high school level.

Sample of reported job titles: Art Teacher, English Teacher, Language Arts Teacher (LA Teacher), Math Teacher (Mathematics Teacher), Middle School Teacher, Music Teacher, PE Teacher (Physical Education Teacher), Science Teacher, Social Studies Teacher, Teacher

Summary

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Occupation-Specific Information

Tasks

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- Prepare materials and classrooms for class activities.
- Observe and evaluate students' performance, behavior, social development, and physical health.
- Instruct through lectures, discussions, and demonstrations in one or more subjects, such as English, mathematics, or social studies.
- Prepare, administer, and grade tests and assignments to evaluate students' progress.
- Establish and enforce rules for behavior and procedures for maintaining order among students.

Occupational Requirements

Work Activities

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- **Training and Teaching Others** — Identifying the educational needs of others, developing formal educational or training programs or classes, and teaching or instructing others.
- **Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships** — Developing constructive and cooperative working relationships with others, and maintaining them over time.
- **Developing Objectives and Strategies** — Establishing long-range objectives and specifying the strategies and actions to achieve them.
- **Thinking Creatively** — Developing, designing, or creating new applications, ideas, relationships, systems, or products, including artistic contributions.
- **Coaching and Developing Others** — Identifying the developmental needs of others and coaching, mentoring, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge or skills.

Detailed Work Activities

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- Set up classroom materials or equipment.
- Evaluate student work.
- Monitor student performance.
- Monitor student behavior, social development, or health.
- Apply multiple teaching methods.

Work Context

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- ✚ **E-Mail** — 93% responded “Every day.”
- ✚ **Face-to-Face Discussions with Individuals and Within Teams** — 80% responded “Every day.”
- ✚ **Contact With Others** — 77% responded “Constant contact with others.”
- ✚ **Work With or Contribute to a Work Group or Team** — 71% responded “Extremely important.”
- ✚ **Determine Tasks, Priorities and Goals** — 72% responded “A lot of freedom.”

Experience Requirements

Job Zone

Title	Job Zone Four: Considerable Preparation Needed
Education	Most of these occupations require a four-year bachelor's degree, but some do not.
Related Experience	A considerable amount of work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. For example, an accountant must complete four years of college and work for several years in accounting to be considered qualified.
Job Training	Employees in these occupations usually need several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training.
Job Zone Examples	Many of these occupations involve coordinating, supervising, managing, or training others. Examples include real estate brokers, sales managers, database administrators, graphic designers, conservation scientists, art directors, and cost estimators.
SVP Range	(7.0 to < 8.0)

Training & Credentials

State training	Select a State	Go
Local training	ZIP Code	Go
Certifications	Find certifications nationwide	
State licenses	Select a State	Go

Apprenticeship Opportunities

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Worker Requirements

Software Skills

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- ✚ **Computer based training software** — Common Curriculum; Moodle; Padlet; Schoology
- ✚ **Desktop communications software** — ClassTag; Edmodo; Tadpoles
- ✚ **Electronic mail software** — Email software; Microsoft Outlook 🔥
- ✚ **Multi-media educational software** — Kahoot!; Nearpod; Seesaw
- ✚ **Video creation and editing software** — Apple Final Cut Pro; Flipgrid; Screencastify; Video editing software

 Hot Technologies are requirements most frequently included across all employer job postings.
[See all 10 Hot Technologies for this occupation.](#)

Essential Skills

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- **Learning Strategies** — Selecting and using training/instructional methods and procedures appropriate for the situation when learning or teaching new things.
- **Speaking** — Talking to others to convey information effectively.
- **Active Listening** — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
- **Active Learning** — Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.
- **Monitoring** — Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

Transferable Skills

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- **Instructing** — Teaching others how to do something.
- **Social Perceptiveness** — Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.
- **Coordination** — Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.
- **Time Management** — Managing one's own time and the time of others.
- **Complex Problem Solving** — Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.

Knowledge

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- **Education and Training** — Knowledge of principles and methods for curriculum and training design, teaching and instruction for individuals and groups, and the measurement of training effects.
- **English Language** — Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, and rules of composition and grammar.
- **Philosophy and Theology** — Knowledge of different philosophical systems and religions. This includes their basic principles, values, ethics, ways of thinking, customs, practices, and their impact on human culture.
- **Mathematics** — Knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, and their applications.
- **Psychology** — Knowledge of human behavior and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; psychological research methods; and the assessment and treatment of behavioral and affective disorders.

Education

How much education does a new hire need to perform a job in this occupation? Respondents said:

67%	Bachelor's degree required
21%	Post-baccalaureate certificate required ?
10%	Less than high school diploma required

Worker Characteristics

Abilities

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- **Oral Expression** — The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.
- **Information Ordering** — The ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules (e.g., patterns of numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).
- **Oral Comprehension** — The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
- **Problem Sensitivity** — The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing that there is a problem.
- **Speech Clarity** — The ability to speak clearly so others can understand you.

Interests

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Interest code: SA

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- Social** — Work involves helping, teaching, advising, assisting, or providing service to others. Social occupations are often associated with social, health care, personal service, teaching/education, or religious activities.
 - Teaching/Education** — Work involves teaching through lectures, discussions, and demonstrations in one or more subjects.
 - Social Service** — Work involves providing social services and assistance to improve the well-being and social and psychological functioning of children and adults.
 - Professional Advising** — Work involves providing expert advice, coaching, and counseling on topics such as careers, educational opportunities, and educational and professional development.
- Artistic** — Work involves creating original visual artwork, performances, written works, food, or music for a variety of media, or applying artistic principles to the design of various objects and materials. Artistic occupations are often associated with visual arts, applied arts and design, performing arts, music, creative writing, media, or culinary art.

Work Styles

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- Optimism** — A tendency to exhibit a positive attitude and positive emotions at work, even under difficult circumstances.
- Sincerity** — A tendency to be genuine and sincere in interactions with others at work, without concern for personal gain or self-interest.
- Perseverance** — A tendency to exhibit determination and resolve to perform or complete tasks in the face of difficult circumstances or obstacles at work.
- Adaptability** — A tendency to be open to and comfortable with change, new experiences, or ideas at work.
- Empathy** — A tendency to show concern for others and be sensitive to others' needs and feelings at work.

Workforce Characteristics

Wages & Employment Trends

Median wages (2025)	\$64,370 annual		
State wages	Select a State		Go
Local wages	ZIP Code		Go
Employment (2024)	633,700 employees		
Projected growth (2024-2034)	Decline (-1% or lower)		
Projected job openings (2024-2034)	40,500		
State trends	Select a State		Go
Top industries (2024)	Educational Services		

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics [2025 wage data](#) and [2024-2034 employment projections](#). "Projected growth" represents the estimated change in total employment over the projections period (2024-2034). "Projected job openings" represent openings due to growth and replacement.

Job Openings on the Web

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More Information

Related Occupations

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- 25-3011.00 [Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, and English as a Second Language Instructors](#)
- 25-2021.00 [Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education](#)  **Bright Outlook**
- 25-2012.00 [Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education](#)
- 25-2031.00 [Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education](#)
- 25-3041.00 [Tutors](#)

Professional Associations

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National Associations 5 of 14 displayed

- [ACSD](#) 
- [American Choral Directors Association](#) 
- [Association for Middle Level Education](#) 
- [Association of American Educators](#) 
- [Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation](#) 

Accreditation, Certification, & Unions

- [American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO](#) 
- [National Education Association](#) 