

TEACHER, ELEMENTARY

{ JOB DESCRIPTION }

Teach elementary pupils in public or private schools basic academic, social, and other formative skills; maintain order and discipline in the classroom and on the playground; and discuss pupils' academic progress with parents.

{ SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED }

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Ability to inspire trust, confidence
- Ability to motivate students and understand their educational and emotional needs
- Be organized, dependable, patient, and creative

Elementary teachers must be able to recognize and respond to individual differences in students, and employ different teaching methods that will result in higher student achievement. They prepare a teaching outline for the course of study and prepare, administer, grade and record tests for their students.

Most elementary teachers instruct one class of children in several subjects. In some schools, two or more teachers work as a team and are jointly responsible for a group of students in at least one subject. In other schools, a teacher may teach one subject to a number of classes, such as music, art, reading, science, math, or physical education. A small number of teachers instruct multilevel classrooms, with students at several different learning levels.

{ SOUTH PLAINS }

Avg. Wage
\$17.48

Avg. Annual
Job Openings
97

Employment in
1998 2008
2,642 3,005

{ TEXAS }

Avg. Wage
\$16.54

Avg. Annual
Job Openings
4,841

Employment in
1998 2008
134,293 151,696

{ U.S. EMPLOYMENT }

In 1998
1,754,475

Female **81%**
Minority **26%**

HUMAN SERVICES CAREERS



{ PREFERRED EDUCATION }

- Bachelor degree and
- Completion of an approved teacher education certification program

{ LICENSE / CERTIFICATION }

- Required for public school teachers
- May be optional for private school teachers

{ REGIONAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS }

- **SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE**- Associate of Arts (A.A.), Education; Associate of Science (A.S.), Education
- **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY**- Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Human Development and Family Studies
- **LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**- Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Interdisciplinary Studies, Early Childhood emphasis
- **WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**- Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Interdisciplinary Studies, Elementary Education

{ JOB SITES }

Elementary/Secondary School 99%

{ FOR MORE INFORMATION }

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