

# TEACHER, SECONDARY

## { JOB DESCRIPTION }

Instruct students in public or private schools in one or more subjects, such as English, mathematics, or social studies. May oversee study halls and homerooms and supervise extracurricular activities.

## { SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED }

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Ability to inspire trust, confidence
- Ability to motivate students
- Be organized, dependable, patient, and creative

Secondary school teachers instruct students in the subjects introduced in elementary school, but at a higher level of knowledge. Secondary teachers specialize in a specific subject, such as English, Spanish, mathematics, history, or biology. They may use films, slides, overhead projectors, and the latest technology in teaching, including computers, telecommunication systems, and video discs. Use of computer resources, such as educational software and the Internet, exposes students to a vast range of experiences and promotes interactive learning.

Teachers plan, evaluate, and assign lessons; prepare, administer, and grade tests; listen to oral presentations; and maintain classroom discipline. In many schools, teachers are increasingly involved in making decisions regarding the budget, personnel, textbook choices, curriculum design, and teaching methods.

### { SOUTH PLAINS }

Avg. Wage  
**\$18.62**

Avg. Annual  
Job Openings  
**148**

Employment in  
1998 2008  
**2,597 3,247**

### { TEXAS }

Avg. Wage  
**\$16.54**

Avg. Annual  
Job Openings  
**7,404**

Employment in  
1998 2008  
**132,044 163,926**

### { U.S. EMPLOYMENT }

In 1998  
**1,426,213**

Female **62%**  
Minority **20%**

## 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**- Individuals will be certified to teach in secondary, but they must complete an academic major.
- **LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**- Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education emphasis
- **WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**- Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education

### { JOB SITES }

Elementary/Secondary Schools 99%

### { FOR MORE INFORMATION }

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NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
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