

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER

Elementary school teachers teach students basic academic, social, and other formative skills in public or private schools at the elementary level.

DUTIES

A person in this career:

- Establishes and enforces rules for behavior and procedures for maintaining order among the students for whom they are responsible.
- Instructs students individually and in groups, using various teaching methods, such as lectures, discussions, and demonstrations.
- Adapts teaching methods and instructional materials to meet students' varying needs and interests.
- Confers with parents or guardians, teachers, counselors, and administrators to resolve students' behavioral and academic problems.
- Prepares students for later grades by encouraging them to explore learning opportunities and challenging tasks.
- Prepares materials and classrooms for class activities.
- Provides a variety of materials and resources for children to explore, manipulate, and use, both in learning activities and in imaginative play.
- Establishes clear objectives for all lessons, units, and projects and communicate those objectives to students.
- Guides and counsels students with adjustment or academic problems, or special academic interests.
- Observes and evaluates students' performance, behavior, social development, and physical health.

They are also called primary school teachers. They teach children the educational basics. These include numbers, language, science, and social studies.

These teachers also help children grow into healthy and secure young people. They work closely with parents to help the children be their best.

Elementary school teachers often teach many subjects to one class. Some specialize in a few subjects and teach many different classes of students.

When they aren't teaching, teachers make lesson plans for future classes. They also grade homework and tests. Part of their job is to figure out new and fun ways to teach things.



SALARY INFORMATION

Location	2018				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
California	\$51,900	\$63,570	\$83,360	\$99,160	\$117,650

*Pay period based on yearly amount.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Stable growth rate is estimated to be **7%**

12,130 estimated annual job openings

They use many ways to teach students and get them excited about learning. They lecture and do group talks. They also use hands-on activities and computer programs.

In some schools, teachers have a say in what they teach and how they teach it. In others, they must follow rules set by local school boards and the government.

A teacher teaches more than just academics. They also teach certain values, attitudes, and life skills. In many ways, teachers are like fill-in parents to their students.

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Elementary school teachers track children's social skills. They try to fix any problems they see. They might need to help a child who is shy or one who is too aggressive. They also look out for accidents, sicknesses, and learning problems.

Teachers do more than just teach in the classroom. They often meet with other teachers and do paperwork. They also chaperone school clubs, playground time, and field trips. They meet with parents to discuss their children's challenges and successes. They also use report cards and conferences to let parents know how their child is doing.

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

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