

Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School (25-2052)

Occupation description: Teach elementary school subjects to educationally and physically handicapped students. Includes teachers who specialize and work with audibly and visually handicapped students and those who teach basic academic and life processes skills to the mentally impaired. Substitute teachers are included in Teachers and Instructors, All Other (25-3099).

Employment and Job Openings

	Employment			Average annual openings		
	2016 estimate	2026 projection	Percent change	Labor force exits	Occupation transfers	Total
Alaska	299	303	1.3	10	11	21
United States	188,900	202,800	7.4	6,500	7,100	14,990

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is low with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2018 Wages ?

	Mean Wage	Wage by Percentile				
	Mean	10th	25th	Median	75th	90th
United States	63,110	38,980	47,520	59,390	75,940	95,730
Alaska	72,770	52,020	60,580	72,050	85,440	99,560
Fairbanks North Star Borough	68,470	38,390	55,670	71,250	85,390	96,250
Balance of State	69,090	51,660	59,790	69,010	78,060	91,370

Labor Force Indicators

2016 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
388	33	8.5	51.8	35.7

2016 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	54
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	13
UI claimants previously working in occupation	3

2016 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	89
Number of job position postings	38
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.3

Alaska Licensing Information

Teacher – [View licensing requirements and number licensed](#)

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Bachelor's degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

Training Resources

	Degree
University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage)	
Special Education	GCRT
Special Education	MED
Speech Language Pathology	PBCT
Teach Cred - Sec Ed	LIC
Teach Cred-Sec Ed	GCRT
Teach Cred-Sec Ed	LIC
Teach Cred-Spe Ed	GCRT
Teach Cred-Spe Ed	NDS

	Degree
University of Alaska Anchorage, Prince William Sound (Valdez)	
Direct Services Specialist	OEC

	Degree
University of Alaska Fairbanks (Fairbanks)	
Special Education	MED
Special Education K-12 Post Baccalaureate Licensure Program	GLI

	Degree
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau (Juneau)	
Education Certification - Special Education	GLI
Education Certification - Special Education	M.ED
Education Certification - Special Education	MAT
Special Education	BA
Special Education	GCRT
Special Education	MAT

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