

Teacher

As one of the most influential people in a student's academic journey, being a school teacher enables you to make a positive impact on the lives of young people, every single day.

The opportunities within the teaching profession are nearly limitless. Whether you are passionate about working with a particular age group, sharing your love for a content area, or working with special student populations, selecting the appropriate preparation program sets you on the path to fulfilling your calling.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Beyond just delivering the required curriculum, teachers have a wide variety of responsibilities they perform to help children learn and develop.

Instructional Planning

- Understand student learning and development and respect the diversity of the students they teach.
- Know and understand the content area for which they have instructional responsibility.

Instruction and Assessment

- Understand and use varied assessments to inform instruction, evaluate, and ensure student learning.
- Plan and deliver effective instruction that advances the learning of each individual student.
- Create learning environments that promote high levels of learning and achievement for all students.

Professionalism

- Collaborate and communicate with students, parents, other educators, administrators, and community members to support student learning.
- Assume responsibility for professional growth, performance and involvement as an individual and as a member of a learning community.



1.4 million more students will be in K-12 public schools nationally by the year 2027.

Students spend over 1,000 hours with a teacher every school year.

Requirements For New Teachers

Beginning teachers complete an approved teacher preparation program through either an accredited college or university or the Ohio Alternative pathway to obtain an initial teaching license.



TRADITIONAL PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS

- Complete an Ohio Department of Higher Education-approved program that leads to Ohio licensure. Use the Education Program Finder to see which universities offer the licensure program you seek: <https://highered.ohio.gov/educators/academic-programs-policies/academic-program-approval/educator-preparation/education-program-finder>
- Pass required professional knowledge and content area exams for your Ohio license: <https://www.oh.nesinc.com/>
- Apply for the standard Resident Educator License once you have completed your program and all exam requirements (university approval required).

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the Ohio Alternative Resident Educator Pathway to licensure. Visit <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Resident-License-Options/Alternative-Resident-Educator-Licenses> for step-by-step instructions and requirements.
- Apply for the Alternative Resident Educator license at the request of an employing Ohio school or district once you receive your Department-issued statement of eligibility.

READY TO APPLY?

Applicants should be prepared to complete the following when applying for the standard or alternative Resident Educator license:

- **Background Checks.** Submit the BCI and FBI background checks required for new licensure candidates: <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Additional-Information/Background-Check-FAQs>
- **Set Up OHID Account.** You must set up your OHID account before submitting the online licensure application. Visit <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Additional-Information/Help-and-FAQs-for-the-Online-License-System> for instructions.

EMPLOYMENT

Please visit <https://education.ohio.gov/About/Education-Jobs> for the latest teaching opportunities.

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