

# 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://higher.ed.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.

## References

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- Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Equity/Ohio-s-Educator-Standards>