

CAREERS FOR

Secondary Education

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UNM's Secondary Education Program prepares students to teach grades 7-12 in public or private schools. These teachers are commonly known as middle school and high school teachers. Middle school and high school teachers will teach students in one or more subjects.

[UNM's Secondary Education Program](#) offers teaching concentrations in these subjects:

- Earth Science
- French
- German
- Language Arts
- Life Science
- Mathematics
- Physical Science w/ Chemistry
- Physical Sciences w/ Physics
- Social Studies
- Spanish

Licensure is required in most states and will vary from state to state. [New Mexico's Licensure Requirements for Secondary Education \(7-12\)](#).

In April 2019, Governor Michelle Lujan signed a bill that allowed a 6% raise for all public school staff. Some teachers stand to gain even more as minimum pay grades rise to \$41,000 for new educators, and to \$50,000 and \$60,000 for higher certification levels.

Industries & Target Employers

- Education: Public or private secondary school teacher. Licensure will allow individuals to teach 7-12
- Childcare: Independently owned businesses, corporate childcare services, military childcare, religious organizations, daycare centers, etc.
- Community Services: Not for profit, YMCA, YWCA, Camp programs, Residential Treatment Facilities, Rehabilitation programs, workforce programs, specialty group programs, adoption agencies, etc.
- Continuing/Certificate Programs: GED programs, Adult Education, Continuing Education programs, Board of Education, community colleges, professional associations, specialty populations
- Government: Research, Federal, state or city government, teaching, evaluation
- Social Services: Residential treatment facilities, youth services, senior services, Welfare and Health Departments, case management
- Business: HR, Corporations, Marketing, Test-taking companies, publishers, sales, customer service organizations, not for profit organization, Training and Development, consultation, etc.

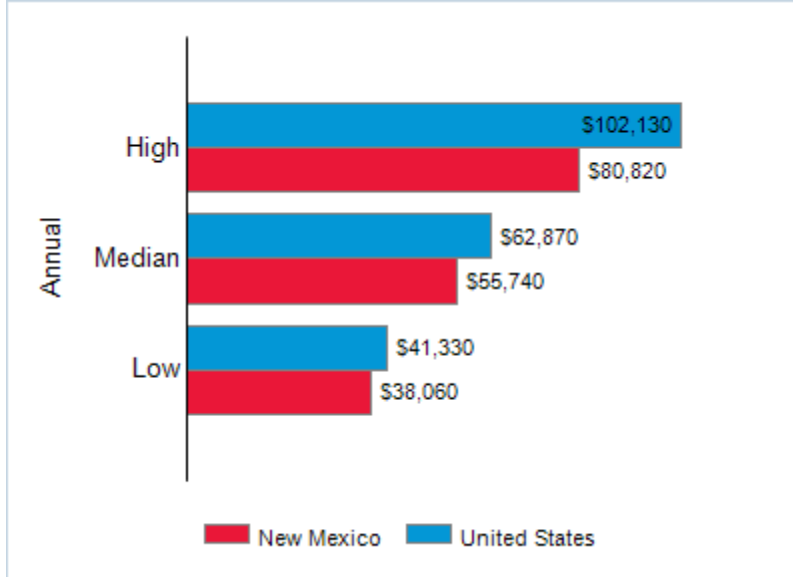
Top School Districts/Employers*

- [Albuquerque Public Schools](#)
- [University of New Mexico](#)
- [Rio Rancho Public Schools](#)
- [Los Lunas Schools](#)
- [Santa Fe Public Schools](#)
- [Gallup-McKinley County Public Schools](#)

*These school districts/employers have hired UNM graduates from UNM College of Education and Human Sciences.

Salary Information*

Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education



*Career One Stop

Tips

- Have you ever shadowed a teacher to see what it's like on the other side of the classroom? Don't wait until you are in your last semester of student teaching to discover whether teaching is a good fit for you! Conduct an [informational interview](#) with a teacher and job shadow in the classroom to get a realistic snapshot of this career field.
- UNM Career Services holds the Educators' Fair every April. New Mexico and out-of-state schools recruit students at this event, often doing interviews on site. Register for [Handshake](#) to see what school districts are attending the April fair.
- Get your resume looked over by a CDF before attending the educators' fair. Information about upcoming career fairs are found on [UNM Career Services webpage](#).

- Obtain a [graduate degree](#) for a deeper dive into secondary education later in your teaching career for a robust increase in your skillsets and knowledge base as well as an automatic salary increase!

Learn More

[Association for Middle Level Education](#)

[National Education Association](#)

[American Federation of Teachers](#)

[American Library Association](#)

[American Association of School Administrators](#)

[National Center of Alternative Certification](#)

[National High School Association](#)

[National Education Association New Mexico](#)

[UNM College of Education](#)

[New Mexico Department of Education](#)

[Register for Handshake: Jobs for Lobos](#)

[O*NET; Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook; High School Teachers](#)

[UNM Student Activity Center - College of Education Graduate Student Leadership Alliance](#)

[Buzzfile Employers by Major; Education](#)

Questions? Visit UNM Career Services in person! See our website for onsite walk-in hours. Or email onlinecareerservices@unm.edu or call 277-2531 to schedule an appointment.