



Why Become a Teacher?

People have many different reasons for becoming teachers. Many of those reasons change over the course of a career. However, there is one reason that often remains, or evolves if not a primary reason initially, and that reason is the joy of having purpose.

As a teacher you will be involved in passing on knowledge and skills that are necessary for individuals to become productive, thoughtful and reasonable citizens of society. You will be helping young people develop their abilities to make small and large decisions as voters and active participants of a democracy. Ultimately, the sophistication of our communities is based on the sophistication of each individual student you will be teaching.



Turning Potential Into Success

Every student enters the classroom at the beginning of a school year with a certain, unknown amount of potential. The recipe to unlock each student's potential can vary greatly. Whether a student has been primed at home to explore the topics a teacher lays in front of her or has experienced the common obstacles faced by children growing up in households where parents are living hand to mouth, the guidance and support of a positive teacher can open up new worlds for each student.

Simply seeing a student change his/her habits from having trouble completing assignments to completing them early, or from not speaking in class to openly sharing his/her opinions can provide a level of satisfaction to a teacher that is simply unattainable in most any other vocation.

Interpersonal Interaction Every Day



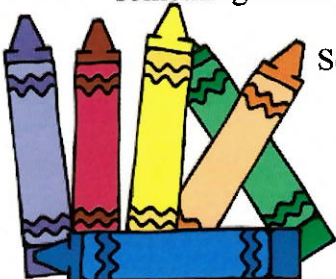
Teachers have days filled with interactions between hugely diverse populations from other teachers and administrators, to students who bring all the diversity of their communities into the classroom. With such eclectic makeup of classrooms and work environments, teachers have the opportunity to expand their own views on a daily basis.

Lifelong Learning

As the world at large changes with advanced technology, the way teachers perform their jobs as well as the education they must possess to meet expectations changes as well. The teacher's knowledge tool bag must grow constantly to meet the everchanging needs of students.



On top of this, teachers are required to continually participate in professional development to help them continue to develop as educators. This may appear daunting at first, but over the course of a career, continually learning through professional education and through students is something that keeps the job of teaching fresh and intellectually rewarding.



Source: <https://teaching-certification.com/why-become-a-teacher/>

Kentucky Educator Statistics

Average Teacher Salary*	\$55,100
Average Administrator Salary*	\$83,730
Vacation Weeks/Year	15

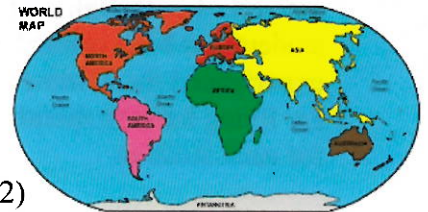


The Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board requires that all certified teachers in the state possess at least a bachelor's degree with a minimum 2.5 total GPA (or 3.0 on the last 60 semester hours of coursework), and graduate from an approved program of teacher preparation in Kentucky.

Certification Options

Base teaching certificates offered in Kentucky correspond to the teacher training program you completed. They include:

- Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (Birth to Primary)
- Elementary School (Primary to Grade 5)
- Middle School (Grades 5 through 9)
- Secondary School (Grades 8 through 12)
- Middle/Secondary School (Grades 5 through 12)
- Elementary/Middle/Secondary School (Primary through Grade 12)
- Exceptional Children (Primary through Grade 12)



Kentucky Colleges Offering Teacher Education Programs:

Morehead State University: <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/college-of-education/teacher-education-services/teacher-education-program>

Kentucky Christian University: <https://www.kcu.edu/academics/school-education/>

Eastern Kentucky University: <https://coe.eku.edu/>

Western Kentucky University: <https://www.wku.edu/cebs/>

Ashland Community and Technical College: <https://ashland.kctcs.edu/education-training/program-finder/interdisciplinary-early-childhood-education.aspx>

(ACTC allows students to take education classes through Morehead State)

University of Kentucky: <https://education.uky.edu/>

Marshall University: <https://www.marshall.edu/academics/programs/elementary-education-ba/>

University of Louisville: <https://louisville.edu/academics/schools-departments/schools-departments/college-of-education-and-human-development>

