

Curious About Careers: Teacher

Do you enjoy working with kids? Do you like helping people? Is learning fun for you? Teaching could be the career for you!

Teachers need to graduate from college and get their teaching license in whichever state they would like to teach in. This requires taking some tests and working with another teacher for a few months to make sure they understand the best ways to work with students.

Teachers need to be able to work well with other people. They need to work with students, parents, other teachers, and other staff members at the school. Sometimes the students may get frustrated if they don't understand the work, so teachers need to know how to help them calm down and work through it. Other times the students might have something unpleasant going on at home, so teachers need to be able to listen and provide a safe place for those students. Teachers may plan lessons with other teachers in the same subject area or grade level, so they have to be able to work well with their colleagues. There are many other staff members in schools who teachers also need to work with, including principals, coaches, secretaries, and custodians.

As most kids know, teachers also have to do a lot of grading. They grade math tests, spelling tests, and many other papers. But did you know that a lot of teachers also have to create their own lessons, worksheets, projects, and tests? Most teachers are told what information they have to teach, but they may get to choose how to teach it. Teachers may use technology, art, books, and experiments to teach their topics, among other ways! They take a lot of time to create lessons that will help their students learn.