

# Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle School Education



Career Pathways

## School of Education

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### Overview:

Preparation for the classroom, as well as meeting high standards for the facilitation of student learning, comes from a degree in Education. As a teacher some of the major responsibilities include writing lesson plans, facilitating learning through lesson plans, delivering curriculum in an engaging manner, creating assessments that measure learning, making learning relevant, grading student work, and being responsive to various learning styles. Communicating across levels and populations is also essential in speaking with administrators and parents. A degree in Education is also valuable in other work settings such as training and higher education.

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### Acquired Skills **MOST** Valued by Employers:

- Design and Implement Standards-based and Evidence-based Content Pedagogy and Assessment
  - Create, Support, and Sustain a Culture of Access and Equity for Each Learner
  - Implement Effective Classroom Management Techniques into Teaching
  - Identify and Implement Strategies for Supporting ELL and Others with Learning Needs
  - Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
  - Oral/Written Communications
  - Teamwork/Collaboration
  - Digital Technology
  - Leadership
  - Professionalism/Work Ethic
  - Career Management
  - Global/Intercultural Fluency
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### Common Pathways:

- Academic Advisor
  - Admissions Counselor
  - Childcare Workers
  - Education Administrators
  - Health Educators
  - Social and Human Service Assistants
  - Teacher (pre-K; elementary, middle, high school)
  - Teacher Assistants
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*Please note that some of these pathways require an advanced post bachelor's degree*

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### Common Industries:

- K-12
  - Nonprofit
  - Higher Education
  - Business and Communication
  - Government
  - Business
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### Sample of Employers of Stevenson University Students:

- Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- Baltimore City Public Schools
- Baltimore County Public Schools
- Carrol County Public Schools
- Cecil County Public Schools
- Celebree Learning Centers
- Dorchester County Public Schools
- Frederick County Public Schools
- Harford County Public Schools
- Howard County Public Schools
- Kennedy Krieger Institute

### **First Placement and Internship Sites for Stevenson Students:**

- East Middle School
- Essex Elementary School
- Garrison Forest School
- Irvine Nature Center
- Jemicy School
- Jewish Community Center of Greater Baltimore
- New Town Elementary School
- North Glen Elementary School
- Perry Hall Elementary School
- Pinewood Elementary School
- Piney Ridge Elementary School
- Pot Spring Elementary School
- Randallstown Elementary School
- Sparks Elementary School
- The Odyssey School

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### **Graduate Schools Attended by Stevenson Alumni:**

- La Salle University
- Loyola University Maryland
- Johns Hopkins University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- McDaniel College
- Towson University
- University of Maryland: Baltimore Campus
- University of Maryland Baltimore County
- University of Maryland University College

### **An Employer's Perspective:**

Teachers can impact a student's learning in numerous ways if they are well-prepared both through their college education, as well in their student teaching experiences. In today's educational system, a dedicated teacher can facilitate student learning not just in course content but through increased self-awareness of strengths and motivation to learn. Employers value a teacher's understanding and responsiveness of learning styles and diverse populations. Cultural competency and knowledge of disabilities are critical in the classroom in order to enhance learning across populations. Employers also source candidates that think creatively, are resourceful, and can think on their feet. The use of technology in the classroom is every changing and continual learning on the part of the teacher is also extremely important.

### **Salaries:**

Salaries are dependent upon the industry, level of position, and geographical region. A few good resources for researching salaries of specific jobs within various industries are [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com), [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) and [www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com).

