

***“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”***

***~Gandhi***

***“Nothing is more powerful and liberating than knowledge.”***

***~William H. Gray III***

***“Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand.”***

***~Chinese Proverbs***



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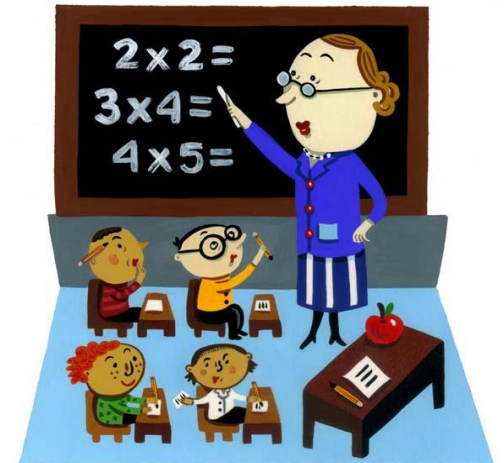
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I hear teachers don't get paid very much compared to other jobs.

Is this true?

In the San Diego School District's 2008 Salary Plan, for a 228 day contract year, the beginning salary is very close to \$49,000 with increases that equal almost \$100,000. These figures compare well with other professions, who usually require a 280 day work year with two weeks paid vacation.

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I'm worried that teaching jobs in California will be hard to find.

An excerpt from an article in the 4/2008 Union Tribune can help answer this concern:

*"Thousands of potential educators may be driven from the profession, spooked by the suddenly shaky job prospects, said Margaret Gaston, executive director of The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning, a non-profit organization based in Santa Cruz. If that happens, the state could come up short as school districts seek to replace 100,000 teachers expected to retire in the next decade, as well as those who change professions, move out of state and leave to raise families".*



How do I become a teacher?

There are many paths to the teaching world. Currently, the need is in middle school or high school math & science, as well as special education at any level. But it is predicted that job openings will occur in all subject areas. San Diego Mesa College offers classes & counseling for those students interested in this profession.

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To view other paths, you can visit the teacher education recruitment center in San Diego.  
[www.teachsocial.org](http://www.teachsocial.org)

Informative websites:

Mesa's Teacher Education Program  
<http://www.sdmesa.edu/teacher-ed/index.cfm>

The "Teach California" website:  
<http://www.teachcalifornia.org/>

The California Commission for Teacher Credentialing:  
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/>

I work full time. Can I complete my teaching requirements amidst my full time schedule?

Most of our teacher preparation courses at San Diego Mesa College have online or evening sections. This path is an economical way to complete lower level requirements.

In addition, several universities such as Cal TEACH, National, or Chapman offer credential programs with evening and/or online options.

I'm a veteran.  
Are there programs that can assist me?

There is currently a special program called, "Troops to Teachers" that offers advising, job referrals and financial assistance. Visit their website for more information:  
[www.caltroops.org](http://www.caltroops.org)

