

Thinking About Being A Teacher...

Just Guessing

but if you picked up this brochure, it's probably because...

- you like working with or helping children and youth;
- you have a love of learning;
- you've known teachers who have been great role models and who have inspired you;
- And you're thinking about being a teacher!

Time and Money: What to Expect

Many independent studies show that teachers typically work between 45 and 50 hours per week, because in addition to the "classroom" day, there are other hours spent on preparation for class, student assessment, and various other duties that are part of the practise of the profession. The salary you earn depends on your qualifications. Salary scale information is contained in the Teachers' Collective Agreement available on the NLTA website, www.nlta.nl.ca.

Continued Learning: The Teacher as Learner

Teachers often spend time during the school year and throughout the summer attending programs and doing courses to remain current in knowledge and practice. Ongoing "professional development" is a very important part of being a teacher.

Ongoing Support

All teachers in this province who work for the "public" school system are members of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. The NLTA acts as both a union (negotiating contracts on behalf of teachers, and providing various legal and employee services) and as a professional association providing professional development opportunities, communication services and so on. Through the NLTA, teachers are also affiliated with the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

Bottom Line

A career in teaching can be very rewarding, though the rewards are not always "measurable". Ask any teacher who has seen a child grow from a tentative, shy kindergarten student in September to a confident and skilled little person who hugs them as they leave for summer vacation. Or talk to the teacher who has worked with a struggling reader and seen the efforts rewarded with success. Ask yourself if you would be proud to see graduates walk across a school stage to receive a diploma knowing that you contributed to their success!

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