

Financial Assistance is Available

In addition to college scholarships, mathematics teachers may be eligible for student loan forgiveness or deferral.

The U.S. Department of Education offers student loan forgiveness or deferral for teachers that:

- teach in a school with a shortage of teachers in mathematics
- teach in a school that serves low income students (1,281 schools in Missouri qualified for this benefit in 2000-2001)

For more information about debt relief, visit the Department of Education web site at:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/repayment/teachers/>

Are you ready to make a difference?

There are 34 colleges in Missouri offering undergraduate programs leading to teacher certification in mathematics. Consult the web site below for contact information and additional details on a career in mathematics education.

<http://www.teachmathmissouri.org>

Transform your strong ability in
mathematics into a
rewarding career!



What does your future hold?

Job?
Major?

opportunities?
Career?
College?

Consider a career as a
middle or high school
mathematics teacher!

Choosing a career or a college major can be confusing.



The key to making a good decision about your college major and your future career is getting accurate information. Consider factors such as:

- The job market
- Financial assistance
- Availability of degree programs
- Your areas of interest and talent

As an excellent mathematics student,
we encourage you to consider
teaching mathematics.

What do you know about mathematics teaching careers?

You've taken mathematics classes in school and earned good grades, but what do you *really* know about teaching as a career?

Market Supply & Demand in Middle School & Secondary Mathematics

- There were over 400 posted openings for mathematics teachers in Missouri schools in 2001.
- Missouri colleges graduate less than 100 new teachers of high school mathematics each year.
- 63 mathematics teaching positions in Missouri remained unfilled for the 2000-2001 school year.
- Half of all current teachers will be eligible to retire by 2010.
- Education is a stable career, unlikely to be affected by economic downturns.

Teaching Is Rewarding...

- Starting salaries in Missouri range from \$18,000 to \$34,000 per year.*
**bachelor's degree, 1st year, nine-month contract*
- Some districts offer signing bonuses, stipends for additional education and housing allowances for new teachers.
- Extra duty pay and career ladder benefits can add up to an extra \$5000 to the salary package.
- Missouri offers a strong retirement package after 30 years of service.

... And You Can Be Someone's Hero

- Teachers play a significant role in the lives of students.
- Teachers shape the future by helping others to learn.

Teachers make a difference!