

**Bemidji State University**

**Spring 2025**

**Field Experience Fact Sheet**

**ED 3203—Language Arts III**

**ED 3221—Math Methods**

**ED 3222—Science Methods**

**ED 3240—Social Studies in Elem Schools**

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| **Course Number/Name** | ELEMENTARY BLOCK: | |
| ED 3203—Language Arts III  ED 3222—Science Methods | ED 3221—Math Methods  ED 3240—Social Studies in Elem Schools |
| **Expectations of Student** | Teacher Candidates   * should observe for a few hours and then slowly assume more responsibility moving from working with small groups of students to whole class activities. * should plan and teach three whole class lessons, ensuring that one lesson addresses each content area (science, math, & social studies with vocab. component for LA) * must complete & submit weekly reflections. * will observe best teaching practices for classroom discussion. * will give an oral language assessment to at least one student. * must notify the cooperating teacher and faculty members of any late arrivals or early departures, as well any absences due to illness. * should attend field experience three days (Tuesday through Thursday) each week during school operating hours. * will begin field experience hours on March 18 and complete them by April 24. They are expected to remain in the field experience for the entire period (March 18 – April 24) even if the required hours are completed early.   -Any changes to this schedule need prior approval by the Block instructors. | |
| **Field Experience Hours** | - A minimum of 80 hours must be logged into SL&L to pass the Block courses. Teacher Candidates are expected to attend field experience three days (Tuesday through Thursday) during host school’s operating hours. | |
| **Expectations of Teacher** | -Facilitate the “pre-student teacher” candidate’s progression from small group to whole class management responsibility. This experience culminates in the candidate having whole class responsibility as determined by the host teacher and the candidate (ideally one or more full days).  -Complete the Dispositions form of the candidate and verify the field experience hours is SL & L.  -Contact a faculty member if you have any questions or concerns. | |
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**Students: Give a Fact Sheet to each of your cooperating teachers.**

Dear Field Experience Cooperating Teacher:

Thank you for hosting a BSU teacher candidate!

We use an online tool, SL&L by Watermark, to track and manage data we need for our program and for teacher licensure. You will be asked to do two things in SL&L:

1. Your teacher candidate will record in SL&L the hours they spend in your classroom. Then, you will go into SL&L and verify those log hours.
2. Near the end of the semester, please complete the brief teacher candidate disposition form in SL&L regarding the candidate’s dedication/responsibility, compassion, curiosity, and integrity during their field experience with you. This information allows us to identify and address any dispositional concerns before the teacher candidate begins student teaching. This data will also be utilized to inform change in our teacher preparation program. It should only take a few minutes to complete the form.

Instructions for how to access SL&L can be found here: <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/teacher-education/student-resources/sll-by-watermark/>

**I**f you have any questions or concerns regarding field experience or the student placed with you, or if you are experiencing technical difficulties with SL&L, please email [teaching.clinicals@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:teaching.clinicals@bemidjistate.edu) and we will get your message to the right person.

Thank you for opening your classroom and taking a future educator under your wings!

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