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MLA Paper: Secondary Teacher vs. Education Administrator

When it comes to one's future potential career, there are many thoughts, ideas, and possibilities that are brought to mind. While researching this topic, the aim was to narrow down the basic facts that describe two careers: Secondary Teacher and Education Administrator. Many factors go into making a job the best for an individual and they all need to be considered, for example: salary, education necessary, daily schedule, flexibility of schedule, and the growth of the job. So, all of these factors concerning a Teacher or an Administrator have been examined.

The first career researched was a Secondary Teacher. Basically, this position teaches kids from about grade six to grade twelve. They teach one specific subject, such as math, english, or social studies (Secondary Teacher, My Next Move). There are positive and negative aspects of every job. One of the positive aspects of being a secondary teacher is all of the connections they form with those in their work environment. Whether it be students, coworkers, or even parents, there will always be individuals that remember a teacher because of an impact that was made on their life. Sometimes a secondary teacher is all kids have to be inspired by, to rely on, and to learn with. Another factor that goes with being a secondary teacher is the average to bright employment outlook. Also, the median salary is \$60,000. Teachers do not make a ton of money so, people who go into the profession are not concerned with material things. Teachers are in the career because they genuinely love their job.

The second career researched was an Education Administrator. One of the beneficial aspects to this job is that every day will be different. There are new challenges, problems, and ideas brought to an administrator's attention all of the time. It will not ever feel boring or redundant, being that there is a unique schedule everyday (Education Administrator, My Next Move). Essentially, this job works with students, parents, and teachers to discuss different policies, goals, and programs concerning the schools. Not to mention, this job comes with control when it comes to making decisions. The salary starts out at about \$50,000 and has an average of \$95,390. This profession makes more money, but that comes with the need to be very flexible within one's schedule for the job.

In addition, Secondary Teachers and Education Administrators share some very similar aspects. They both have to do with spending time in schools and with students. They often interact with each other in their work environment. On top of that, each field requires a bachelor degree. The knowledge of managing others, problem solving, and communicating are necessary to do well as an Administrator or Teacher (Education Administrator and Secondary Teacher, My Next Move). While there may be some similarities between these two careers, there are many more differences. They both see kids throughout their career, but teachers spend much more time with them. The bonding experience that teachers and students go through is a lot stronger than a child would normally have with an Administrator. Then, the time they each spend at work differs. Teachers will spend much less time at work than an Administrator will. The difference is, that Administrators have more control of their hours. Teachers have structured hours of when they are at school (My Next Move). Administrators need to be much more flexible with their hours: last minute changes, coming in early, staying late. Not to mention, Administrators do not

get much of the summer off, while teachers do. Administrators spend most of the summers in meetings, considering new policies, and in the office. With the need to be flexible, comes a higher salary. Administrators make about \$30,000 more on average. There is no doubt that there is beneficial aspects to each career. The fact that administrators make more money is undeniably great. Plus, getting more control in your job is very nice. But, teachers get free summers, get to spend more time bonding with kids, and do not have to be at the school as long. Obviously, there are many factors between these two jobs to determine what makes them the best fit for someone.

So, as the careers of Secondary Teacher and Education Administrator were analyzed, there were many pros and cons found within them. Mainly, Education Administrators make more money, get more control within the job, but, have much longer hours. On the other hand, teachers make less, but, spend more time with kids, get summers off, and have shorter hours. Overall, individuals who want their career to be focused more spending time with students, having the summer off, and having less hours should consider being a Secondary Teacher. Those who don't mind longer hours and want more control in their job may enjoy being an Education Administrator. Personally, I find more interest in being an Education Administrator. The aspect of having a say in things that go on at your job is really key for me. I think I could be a good leader in that career and really administrate some schools. With all of this consideration, I would prefer an Education Administrator for my career.

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