

Table 151.—Ages for compulsory school attendance, special education services for students, policies for year-round schools and kindergarten programs, by state: 1997 and 2000

State	Compulsory attendance, 2000	Compulsory special education services, 1997 ¹	Year-round schools, 2000		Provision of kindergarten education, 2000			
			Has policy on year-round schools	Has districts with year-round schools	School districts required to offer		Attendance required	
					Half day	Full day	Half day	Full day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Alabama	7 to 16	6 to 21		X		X		X
Alaska	7 to 16	3 to 22		X				
Arizona	² 6 to 16	3 to 22	X	X	X		X	
Arkansas	³ 5 to 17	5 to 21	X	X		X		X
California	⁴ 6 to 18	Birth to 21	X	X	X			
Colorado	—	3 to 21		X				
Connecticut	7 to 16	⁵ Under 21			X			
Delaware	⁶ 5 to 16	3 to 20			X		X	
District of Columbia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Florida	6 to 18	—	X	X		X		X
Georgia	6 to 16	⁵ Under 21		X		X		
Hawaii	6 to 18	Under 20	X	X		X		
Idaho	7 to 16	3 to 21		X				
Illinois	7 to 16	3 to 21	X	X	⁷ X			
Indiana	7 to 16	3 to 22		X	X			
Iowa	⁸ 6 to 16	Under 21	X	X	⁷ X			
Kansas	⁹ 7 to 18	⁽¹⁰⁾						
Kentucky	¹¹ 6 to 16	Under 21	X	X	X			
Louisiana	7 to 17	3 to 21		X		X		
Maine	7 to 17	¹² 5 to 19		X				
Maryland	5 to 16	Under 21		X	X		X	
Massachusetts	6 to 16	3 to 21			X			
Michigan	6 to 16	Under 26						
Minnesota	¹³ 7 to 18	Under 22	X	X	⁷ X			
Mississippi	6 to 17	Birth to 20				X		
Missouri	7 to 16	Under 21		X	⁷ X			
Montana	¹⁴ 7 to 16	3 to 18			X			
Nebraska	7 to 16	Birth to 21			X			
Nevada	7 to 17	Under 22	X	X	X			
New Hampshire	6 to 16	3 to 21						
New Jersey	6 to 16	5 to 21		X				
New Mexico	5 to 18	⁽¹⁵⁾		X	X		X	
New York	¹⁶ 6 to 16	Under 21						
North Carolina	7 to 16	5 to 20	X	X		X		
North Dakota	7 to 16	¹⁷ 3 to 20				¹⁸ X		
Ohio	6 to 18	Under 22		X	⁷ X		X	
Oklahoma	5 to 18	¹⁹ 3 and up	X		X		X	
Oregon	7 to 18	3 to 21		X	X			
Pennsylvania	8 to 17	6 to 21	X	X	X			
Rhode Island	6 to 16	3 to 21			X		X	
South Carolina	5 to 16	3 to 21		X		X		X
South Dakota	6 to 16	Under 21				¹⁸ X		
Tennessee	6 to 17	3 to 21		X	X		X	
Texas	6 to 18	²⁰ 3 to 21	X	X		¹⁸ X		
Utah	6 to 18	3 to 22	X	X	X		X	
Vermont	7 to 16	3 to 21				¹⁸ X		
Virginia	5 to 18	2 to 21		X		¹⁸ X		
Washington	¹³ 8 to 18	²¹ 3 to 21		X				X
West Virginia	6 to 16	5 to 21	X	X		X		X
Wisconsin	6 to 18	Under 21		X	X			
Wyoming	²⁶ 6 to 16	3 to 21			X			

—Not available.

¹ Most states have an upper age limit whereby education is provided up to a certain age or completion of secondary school, whichever comes first.

² Ages 6 to 16 or 10th grade completion.

³ Must have turned 17 by October 1.

⁴ At least 16 and have graduated high school or passed California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) and obtained parental permission.

⁵ Under 21 or until child graduates from high school.

⁶ Must have turned 5 by August 31.

⁷ State requires either half-day or full-day program.

⁸ Must have turned 16 by September 15.

⁹ Eligible for waiver at 16.

¹⁰ School age, to be determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the state board.

¹¹ Must have turned 6 by October 1.

¹² Must be 5 before October 1, and not 20 before start of school year, assistance in providing coordination of services from birth to age 6.

¹³ Eligible for waiver.

¹⁴ Age 16 and completion of eighth grade.

¹⁵ School-age unless otherwise provided by law

¹⁶ Age 16 and completion of school year.

¹⁷ Must not be 21 by September 1.

¹⁸ State requires both half-day and full-day program.

¹⁹ Children from birth through two are eligible for additional services. Eligibility for special education services cease upon completion of a secondary education program, no age limit.

²⁰ For visually and auditorily impaired individuals under 21.

²¹ Student may complete school year if 21st birthday occurs while attending school.

NOTE: The Education of the Handicapped Act (EHA) Amendments of 1986 make it mandatory for all states receiving EHA funds to serve all 3- to 18-year-old disabled children.

SOURCE: Council of Chief State School Officers, *Key State Education Policies on K-12 Education 2000*; Education Commission of the States, "Clearinghouse Notes," August 1997; California Department of Education, Safe Schools and Violence Prevention Office, *School Attendance Review Boards, Feb. 2001*. (This table was prepared in May 2001.)