



## Free and Compulsory School Age Requirements 2025

### What are the state's free and compulsory school age requirements?

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STATE	Age Requirements for Free Education	Citation for Age Requirements for Free Education	Age Requirements for Compulsory Education	Citation for Age Requirements for Compulsory Education
Alabama	5 - 19	Ala. Code § 16-28-4 Ala. Code § 16-11-16	6 - 17	Ala. Code § 16-28-3
Alaska	5 - 20	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.03.080 Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.03.070	7 - 16	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.30.010
Arizona	5 - 21	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-821 Ariz. Const. art. XI, § 6	6 - 16	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-802
Arkansas	5 - 21	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-202 Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-207	5 - 18	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-201
California	5 - 21	Cal. Educ. Code § 48000 Cal. Educ. Code § 46300.1	6 - 18	Cal. Educ. Code § 48200
Colorado	5 - 21	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-1-102 Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-1-115	6 - 17	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-33-104
Connecticut	5 - 21	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-186	5 - 18	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-184

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Delaware	5 - 21	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 202	5 - 16	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 2702
District of Columbia	5 - none identified in statute	D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 5-E, § 2000 D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 5-E, § 2004	5 - 18	D.C. Code Ann. § 38-202
Florida	5 - none identified in statute	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1003.21	6 - 16	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1003.21
Georgia	5 - 20	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-150	6 - 16	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-690.1
Hawaii	5 - 20	Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 302A-1134	5 - 18	Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 302A-1132
Idaho	5 - 21	Idaho Code Ann. § 33-201	7 - 16	Idaho Code Ann. § 33-202
Illinois	5 - 21	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/10-20.12 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/34-19	6 - 17	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/26-1
Indiana	5 - none identified in statute	Ind. Code Ann. § 20-33-2-7	7 - 18	Ind. Code Ann. § 20-33-2-6
Iowa	5 - 21	Iowa Code Ann. § 282.1	6 - 16	Iowa Code Ann. § 299.1A
Kansas	5 - none identified in statute	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-3118 Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-4348	7 - 18	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 72-3120
Kentucky	5 - 21	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 158.030 Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 158.100	6 - 16	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 159.010
Louisiana	5 - 20	La. Stat. Ann. § 17:221 La. Stat. Ann. § 17:151.3	5 - 18	La. Stat. Ann. § 17:221
Maine	5 - 20	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 5201	6 - 17	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 5001-A
Maryland	5 - 21	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-101	5 - 18	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-301

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Massachusetts	LEA decision	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 76, § 1 <a href="#">Kindergarten Entry Age</a>	6 - 16	603 Mass. Code Regs. 8.02 <a href="#">School Finance: School Choice</a>
Michigan	5 - 20	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.1147  Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 388.1606	6 - 18	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.1561
Minnesota	5 - 21	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 120A.20	7 - 17	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 120A.22
Mississippi	5 - 21	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-15-9  Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-45-1	6 - 17	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-13-91
Missouri	5 - 21	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 160.051	7 - 17	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 167.031
Montana	5 - 19	Mont. Code Ann. § 20-5-101  Mont. Code Ann. § 20-7-117	7 - 16	Mont. Code Ann. § 20-5-102
Nebraska	5 - 21	Neb. Const. art. VII, § 1	6 - 18	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-201
Nevada	5 - 21	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.040	6 - 18	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 392.040
New Hampshire	LEA Decision - 21	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 189:1-a	6 - 18	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 193:1
New Jersey	5 - 20	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:38-1	6 - 16	N.J. Stat. Ann. § 18A:38-25
New Mexico	5 - 22	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-8-2	5 - 18	N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-12A-4
New York	5 - 21	N.Y. Educ. Law § 3202	6 - 16	N.Y. Educ. Law § 3205
North Carolina	5 - 21	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-364  N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-1	7 - 16	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-378
North Dakota	5 - 21	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 15.1-06-01	7 - 16	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 15.1-20-01
Ohio	5 - 22	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3313.64	6 - 18	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3321.01

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Oklahoma	5 - 21	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 70, § 1-114	5 - 18	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 70, § 10-105
Oregon	5 - 19	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 339.115	6 - 18	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 339.010
Pennsylvania	6 - 21	24 P.S. § 13-1301	6 - 18	24 P.S. § 13-1326
Rhode Island	5 - none identified in statute	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-2-27	6 - 18	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-19-1
South Carolina	5 - 22	S.C. Code Ann. § 59-63-20	5 - 17	S.C. Code Ann. § 59-65-10
South Dakota	5 - 21	S.D. Codified Laws § 13-28-2 S.D. Codified Laws § 13-28-5	5 - 18	S.D. Codified Laws § 13-27-1
Tennessee	5 - none identified in statute	Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3001	6 - 18	Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3001
Texas	5 - 21	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 25.001	6 - 19	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 25.085
Utah	5 - 18	Utah Code Ann. § 53G-7-502	6 - 18	Utah Code Ann. § 53G-6-201
Vermont	5 - none identified in statute	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 1073	6 - 16	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16, § 1121
Virginia	5 - 20	Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-1	5 - 18	Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-254
Washington	5 - 21	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.225.160	8 - 18	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.225.010
West Virginia	5 - 22	W. Va. Code Ann. § 18-5-18 W. Va. Code Ann. § 18-5-15	6 - 17	W. Va. Code Ann. § 18-8-1a
Wisconsin	4 - 20	Wis. Const. art. X, § 3	6 - 18	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 118.15
Wyoming	5 - 21	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-4-301	7 - 16	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-4-102