

**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 <sup>1</sup>	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	<sup>2</sup> 6 to 16	3 to 22	X	X	X		X	
Arkansas	<sup>3</sup> 5 to 17	5 to 21	X	X		X		X
California	<sup>4</sup> 6 to 18	Birth to 21	X	X	X			
Colorado	—	3 to 21		X				
Connecticut	7 to 16	<sup>5</sup> Under 21			X			
Delaware	<sup>6</sup> 5 to 16	3 to 20			X		X	
District of Columbia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Florida	6 to 18	—	X	X		X		X
Georgia	6 to 16	<sup>5</sup> 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	<sup>7</sup> X			
Indiana	7 to 16	3 to 22		X	X			
Iowa	<sup>8</sup> 6 to 16	Under 21	X	X	<sup>7</sup> X			
Kansas	<sup>9</sup> 7 to 18	<sup>(10)</sup>						
Kentucky	<sup>11</sup> 6 to 16	Under 21	X	X	X			
Louisiana	7 to 17	3 to 21		X		X		
Maine	7 to 17	<sup>12</sup> 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	<sup>13</sup> 7 to 18	Under 22	X	X	<sup>7</sup> X			
Mississippi	6 to 17	Birth to 20				X		
Missouri	7 to 16	Under 21		X	<sup>7</sup> X			
Montana	<sup>14</sup> 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	<sup>(15)</sup>		X	X		X	
New York	<sup>16</sup> 6 to 16	Under 21						
North Carolina	7 to 16	5 to 20	X	X		X		
North Dakota	7 to 16	<sup>17</sup> 3 to 20				<sup>18</sup> X		
Ohio	6 to 18	Under 22		X	<sup>7</sup> X		X	
Oklahoma	5 to 18	<sup>19</sup> 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				<sup>18</sup> X		
Tennessee	6 to 17	3 to 21		X	X		X	
Texas	6 to 18	<sup>20</sup> 3 to 21	X	X		<sup>18</sup> X		
Utah	6 to 18	3 to 22	X	X	X		X	
Vermont	7 to 16	3 to 21				<sup>18</sup> X		
Virginia	5 to 18	2 to 21		X		<sup>18</sup> X		
Washington	<sup>13</sup> 8 to 18	<sup>21</sup> 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	<sup>26</sup> 6 to 16	3 to 21			X			

—Not available.  
<sup>1</sup> Most states have an upper age limit whereby education is provided up to a certain age or completion of secondary school, whichever comes first.  
<sup>2</sup> Ages 6 to 16 or 10th grade completion.  
<sup>3</sup> Must have turned 17 by October 1.  
<sup>4</sup> At least 16 and have graduated high school or passed California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) and obtained parental permission.  
<sup>5</sup> Under 21 or until child graduates from high school.  
<sup>6</sup> Must have turned 5 by August 31.  
<sup>7</sup> State requires either half-day or full-day program.  
<sup>8</sup> Must have turned 16 by September 15.  
<sup>9</sup> Eligible for waiver at 16.  
<sup>10</sup> School age, to be determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the state board.  
<sup>11</sup> Must have turned 6 by October 1.  
<sup>12</sup> 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.  
<sup>13</sup> Eligible for waiver.

<sup>14</sup> Age 16 and completion of eighth grade.  
<sup>15</sup> School-age unless otherwise provided by law.  
<sup>16</sup> Age 16 and completion of school year.  
<sup>17</sup> Must not be 21 by September 1.  
<sup>18</sup> State requires both half-day and full-day program.  
<sup>19</sup> 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.  
<sup>20</sup> For visually and auditorily impaired individuals under 21.  
<sup>21</sup> 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.)