

Kindergarten Requirements by State

| State | Compulsory age | District offers kindergarten? | Pupil attendance required? | District required to offer full-day kindergarten? | Pupil attendance in full-day required? |
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| Alabama | 7 | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Alaska | 7 | No | No | No | No |
| Arizona | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Arkansas | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| California | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Colorado | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Connecticut | 5 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Delaware | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| District of Columbia | 5 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Florida | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Georgia | 6 | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Hawaii | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Idaho | 7 | No | No | No | No |
| Illinois | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Indiana | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Iowa | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Kansas | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Kentucky | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Louisiana | 7 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Maine | 7 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Maryland | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Massachusetts | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Michigan | 6 | No | No | No | No |
| Minnesota | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Mississippi | 6 | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| Missouri | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Montana | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Nebraska | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Nevada | 7 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| New Hampshire | 6 | No | No | No | No |
| New Jersey | 6 | No | No | No | No |
| New Mexico | 5 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| New York | 6 | No | No | No | No |
| North Carolina | 7 | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| North Dakota | 7 | No | No | No | No |
| Ohio | 6 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Oklahoma | 5 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Oregon | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Pennsylvania | 8 | No | No | No | No |
| Rhode Island | 6 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| South Carolina | 5 | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| South Dakota | 6 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Tennessee | 6 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Texas | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Utah | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Vermont | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Virginia | 5 | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Washington | 8 | Yes | No | No | No |
| West Virginia | 6 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Wisconsin | 6 | Yes | No | No | No |
| Wyoming | 7 | Yes | No | No | No |

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