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# Introduction

## Purpose of Survey and Report

The Key State Education Policies on PK-12 Education is intended to inform policymakers and educators about the current status of key education policies across the 50 states that define and shape elementary and secondary education in public schools. The report is part of a continuing series by the Council's State Education Indicators program.

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The primary goal of the Council's work with education indicators is to assist national, state, and local policy makers and leaders in making informed decisions. The policies included in the 2006 report are based on advice from Council staff and users in states. All of the information is collected and reported through the support and cooperation of the Chief State School Officers in each state and their staff.

## Sources

This report provides policy information for the 50 states and the District of Columbia as of the fall of 2006. The current report is the eighth in the series (see also CCSSO 1987, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2004). State education staff reported on policies through a survey administered in summer 2006 by Education Indicators staff of the CCSSO Division of State Services and Technical Assistance. The state Education Information Advisory Committee (EIAC) representatives approved the survey and served as the point of contact for each state. Other sources of information for this report are state web sites and Title II Reports ([www.title2.org](http://www.title2.org)).

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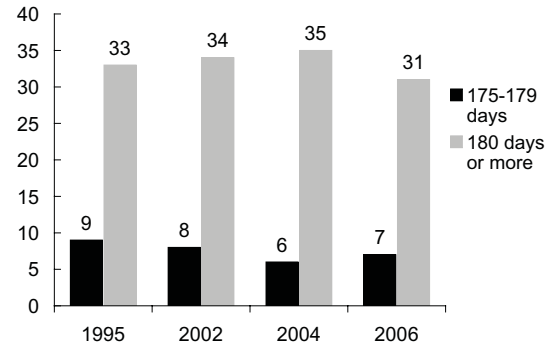
# Time and Attendance Policies

This section of the report provides state level information on policies related to attendance requirements, length of school year, and date for start of school.

## Time in School

Table 1

Since 1989, CCSSO has collected and reported information on state time and attendance policies. Of the 41 states that have a policy in 2005-06 on the minimum days of a school year, 31 require the school year to be 180 days or longer and 7 require between 175 and 179 days. Ten years ago in 1995 the totals were 33 and 9, respectively. The bar graph to the right shows the trend in state length of school year policies over a 11 year period. In addition, Table 1 shows 33 states which list requirements in hours, an increase from 30 states in 2004.



## Date for Start of School

Table 2

As in prior years, the 2006 Key State Policies update finds that most states report fall as the most popular season for the start of school in 2005-06. The majority of states listed a range of acceptable start dates rather than a single date. Of the 42 states that reported having a policy which allows for the school start date to land anywhere within a state-specified range, 39 listed a range which included the month of August and 24 states had ranges beginning in August and ending in September. In addition, 12 states listed a date before which the start of school is prohibited, the most common date being July 1. While many states were able to provide data on the most common start dates or ranges, few reported having a final statewide policy.

## Length of School Day

Table 3

In 2006, 29 states require five or more instructional hours per day (or no less than 900 hours/year, which is roughly equivalent to a five hour day when divided by 180—the mode number of days reported in Table 1) in grades one through high school. For the first through sixth grades, 30 states require at least five hours per day. A similar minimum is required in 35 states for grades seven and eight, and in 33 states for high school (grades 9-12). As in 2004, in 2006 all state high school minimums range from four to seven hours per day except for Missouri which places three hours at the lower limit, and West Virginia with a policy of 3.75 hours per day.

## Year-Round School: State and District Policies

Table 4

Currently, 16 states have a policy regarding year-round school. Despite the fairly low number of states with a policy, 31 states report that one or more districts operate year-round schools. This number represents a 10 percent increase over the number in 1995 when 29 states reported year-round schools in operation. Among states with year-round school programs, few report high numbers of districts with such schools.

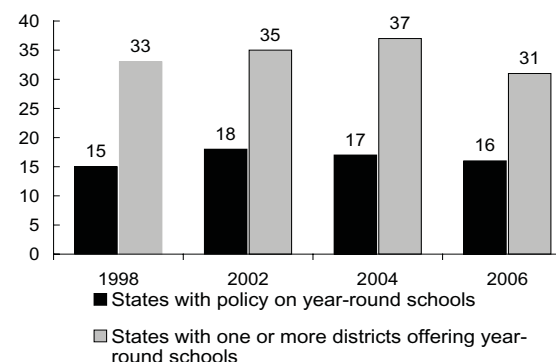


Table 1

## Length of School Year, State Policies in Number of Days or Total Hours — 2006

State	Days	Hours	Minimum Hours After Exception	Minimum Days After Exception
Alabama	175*	—	—	—
Alaska	180	—	740 (K-3); 900 (4-12)	No Minimum
Arizona	175	—	—	—
Arkansas	178	6	No Minimum	Varies
California	180	—	—	163
Colorado	—	968 (E); 1056 (S)	—	142
Connecticut	180	900	—	—
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—	—
Delaware	—	440 (K); 1060 (1-11); 1032 (12)	—	—
Florida	180	—	Varies	177
Georgia	180	810 (K-3); 900 (4-5); 990 (6-12)	Varies	Varies
Hawaii	179	—	—	—
Idaho	170	450 (K); 810 (1-3); 900 (4-8); 990 (9-12)	Varies	No Minimum
Illinois	185	880	—	—
Indiana	180	900 (K-6); 1080 (7-12)	Varies	Varies
Iowa	180	990 (1-11); 962 (12)	Varies	No Minimum
Kansas	186 (K-11); 181 (12)	465 (K); 1116 (1-11); 1086 (12)	Varies	No Minimum
Kentucky	—	1050	No Minimum	No Minimum
Louisiana	177	1062	—	—
Maine	180	—	No Minimum	175 (K-11); 170 (12)
Maryland	Varies	1080 (E, M); 1170 (H)	Varies	Varies
Massachusetts	180	425 (K); 900 (E); 990 (S)	Varies	Varies; 168 for seniors
Michigan	—	549 (K); 1098	—	—
Minnesota	—	—	—	—
Mississippi	180	990	Varies	No Minimum
Missouri	174	522 (K); 1044	Varies	Varies
Montana	—	360 (K); 760 (1-3); 1080 (4-12)	—	—
Nebraska	—	400 (K); 1032 (E); 1080 (S)	Varies	No Minimum
Nevada	180	—	—	—
New Hampshire	180 (K-11); 175 (12)	945 (E); 990 (M, H) of instruction	Varies	No Minimum
New Jersey	180	—	—	—
New Mexico	180	990 (K-6); 1080 (7-12)	—	—
New York	180	—	—	—
North Carolina	180	1000	—	—
North Dakota	173	951.5 (1-6); 1038 (7-12)	Varies	Varies
Ohio	182	920	Varies	Varies
Oklahoma	180	1080	—	—
Oregon	—	405 (K); 810 (1-3); 900 (4-8); 990 (9-12)	—	No Minimum
Pennsylvania	180	900 (K-6); 990 (7-12)	Varies	No Minimum
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	180	—	—	—
South Carolina	180	—	—	—
South Dakota	—	875 (1-3); 962.5 (4-12)	—	—
Tennessee	180	—	—	—
Texas	180	—	Varies	—
Utah	180	990	Varies	Varies
Vermont	175	350 (K); 700 (1-2); 962.5 (3-12)	—	—
Virginia	180	990	Varies	Varies
Washington	180	450 (K); 1000 (1-12)	Varies	No Minimum
West Virginia	180	—	—	—
Wisconsin	180	437 (PK, K); 1050 (1-6); 1137 (7-12)	Varies	Varies
Wyoming	175	450 (K); 900 (E); 1050 (M); 1100 (H)	—	Varies
<b>Total</b>	<b>30 states ≥ 180 days</b>		<b>21 states w/ policy</b>	<b>16 states w/ policy</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; "—" indicates state does not have a requirement in this category; \*Alabama -- 180 days starting in 2006-07; PK= Pre-Kindergarten; K= Kindergarten; M= Middle; H= High School; S= Secondary

**Table 2**  
**Date for Start of School Year — 2006**

State	Start Date for Fall 2005	Earliest Allowable	Latest Allowable
Alabama	August 8 - August 11	—	—
Alaska	September 1	—	—
Arizona		—	—
Arkansas	August 10 - August 26	Local decision	—
California	Data not collected by state	—	—
Colorado	August 4 - September 6	—	—
Connecticut	August 5 - September 5	—	—
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>			
Delaware	August 14 - September 10	—	—
Florida	August 1 - August 16	—	—
Georgia	July 11 - August 18	—	—
Hawaii	June 23 - August 29	—	—
Idaho	August 22 - September 6	—	—
Illinois	August 5 - September 10	—	—
Indiana	August 10 - August 18	Not before July 1	—
Iowa	August 15 - September 2	Not before September 1*	—
Kansas	August 17 - September 1	—	—
Kentucky	August 3 - August 16	—	—
Louisiana	August 10 - September 3	—	—
Maine	August 10 - September 9	—	—
Maryland	August 23 - September 6	—	—
Massachusetts	Late August - Mid-September	—	—
Michigan	August 23 - September 10	Not before Labor Day	—
Minnesota	—	—	—
Mississippi	August 1 - August 11	Not before August 1	—
Missouri	August 17 - August 29	—	—
Montana	Mon. before Labor Day - Tues. after	—	—
Nebraska		—	—
Nevada	Late August - Early September	—	—
New Hampshire	August 29 - September 7	—	—
New Jersey	—	—	—
New Mexico	August - after Labor Day	Local decision	—
New York	Data not collected by state	Local decision	—
North Carolina	August 10 - August 25	—	—
North Dakota	Last week/Aug - 1st week/Sept	—	—
Ohio	August 22 - September 7	Not before July 1	Not later than June 30
Oklahoma	August 11 - August 18	—	—
Oregon	Last week/Aug - 1st week/Sept	Not before July 1	—
Pennsylvania	August 29 - September 6	Not before July 1	—
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>			
Rhode Island	August 30 - September 8	—	Not after 1st Thurs after 1st Mon in Sept.
South Carolina	August 15 - August 29	—	—
South Dakota	August 20 - September 4	Not before July 1	—
Tennessee	1st - 3rd week of August	—	—
Texas	August 22 - August 26	Week of August 21	—
Utah		Local decision	Not after October 1st
Vermont	August 28 - September 5	—	—
Virginia	After Labor Day	Not before Labor Day*	—
Washington	August 25 - September 7	Local decision	—
West Virginia	August 27 - August 28	Not before August 26	—
Wisconsin	September 1 - September 15	Not before September 1	—
Wyoming	August 23 - September 07	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>42 states lists a range of dates</b>	<b>12 states with policy</b>	<b>3 states with latest date policy</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; "—" indicates state does not have a requirement in this category; \*Iowa -- waiver available to open before September 1; \*Virginia -- schools may open before Labor Day if granted a waiver for good cause from the Virginia Board of Education

Table 3

## Length of School Day in Minimum Hours by Grade Level — 2006

Time and Attendance

State	Pre-Kindergarten	Half-Day Kindergarten	Full-day Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Alabama	—	—	6	6	6	6
Alaska	—	—	4	4 (1-3); 5 (4-6)	5	5
Arizona	1.2	2	—	4 - 5	6	—
Arkansas	—	—	6	6	6	6
California	—	3.3	—	4.7(1 - 3); 5 (4 - 6)	5	6
Colorado	—	—	—	—	—	—
Connecticut	—	—	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Delaware	—	440/yr	1060/yr	1060/yr	1060/yr	1060/yr
Florida	—	—	—	5	5	5
Georgia	4.5	—	4.5	4.5 (1 - 3); 5.0 (4 - 5)	5.5 (6 - 8)	5.5
Hawaii	6	6	6	6	6	—
Idaho	—	2.5	—	4	4	4
Illinois	5	—	5	5	5	5
Indiana	—	2.5	5	5	6	6
Iowa	—	—	—	5.5	5.5	5.5
Kansas	—	2.5	—	6	6	6
Kentucky	—	—	—	—	—	—
Louisiana	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maine	—	2.5	2.5	5	5	5
Maryland	2.5	2.5	6.5	6	6	6.5
Massachusetts	—	—	—	LD	LD	LD
Michigan	2.5	—	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mississippi	5.5/day; 990/yr	990/yr	5.5/day; 990/yr	5.5/day; 990/yr	5.5/day; 990/yr	5.5
Missouri	—	1.5/day; 522/yr	1.5/day; 522/yr	3/day; 1044/yr	3/day; 1044/yr	3/day; 1044/yr
Montana	—	360/yr	720/yr	1080/yr	1080/yr	1080/yr
Nebraska	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nevada	—	—	2	5	5.5	5.5
New Hampshire	—	—	—	6	6	6
New Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	—	2.5	5.5	5.5	6	6
New York	—	2.5	5	5	5.5	5.5
North Carolina	—	1000/yr	1000/yr	1000/yr	1000/hr	1000/yr
North Dakota	—	2.75	5.5	5.5	6	6
Ohio	—	2.5	5	5	5.5	5.5
Oklahoma	2.5	2.5	6	6	6	6
Oregon	—	6	—	6	6.5	7
Pennsylvania	450/yr	450/yr	900/yr	900/yr	990/yr	990/yr
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	2.5	2.75	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
South Carolina	2.5	2.5	6	6	6	6
South Dakota	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	5.5	4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Texas	—	—	7	7	7	7
Utah	—	2	—	4	4	4
Vermont	—	2/day; 350/yr	—	4	5.5	5.5
Virginia	—	3	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Washington	—	450/yr	—	1000/yr	1000/yr	1000/yr
West Virginia	—	—	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.7
Wisconsin	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wyoming	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>States <math>\geq</math> 5 hr/day or <math>\geq</math> 900 hr/yr:</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; "—" indicates state does not have requirement in this category; LD= Local Decision

Table 4

## State Policies and District Practices Regarding Year-Round Schools — 2006

State	Policy on Year-Round Schools	Districts with Year-Round Schools	Definitions
Alabama	—	1	
Alaska	—	A few	
Arizona		Not reported	
Arkansas	Yes	4	
California	Yes	162	
Colorado	—	Not reported	
Connecticut	—	Not reported	
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>			
Delaware	—	2	
Florida	Yes	5	FL: At least 180 days of instruction vs. 8 or 9 consecutive months attendance.
Georgia	—	5	
Hawaii	Yes	1	HI: Operates on a multi-track year-round system.
Idaho	—	4	
Illinois	Yes	16 Districts/58 Schools	
Indiana	—	6	
Iowa	Yes	5	
Kansas	—	Not reported	
Kentucky	—	27	
Louisiana	—	2	
Maine	—	—	
Maryland	Yes	Not reported	
Massachusetts	—	Not reported	
Michigan	Yes	2	
Minnesota	—	—	
Mississippi	—	Not reported	
Missouri	—	1	
Montana	—	Not reported	
Nebraska	—	A few	
Nevada	—	4	
New Hampshire	—	Not reported	
New Jersey	—	LD	
New Mexico	Yes	2	
New York	—	Not reported	
North Carolina	Yes	20 (14 charter schools)	
North Dakota	—	Not reported	
Ohio	Yes	No data	
Oklahoma	—	4	OK: at least ten (10) months of four (4) weeks during which the school shall actually be in session and instruction offered for not less than one hundred eighty (180) days.
Oregon	—	1-2	
Pennsylvania	Yes	Not reported	
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>			
Rhode Island	—	Not reported	
South Carolina	—	Not reported	
South Dakota	Yes	Not reported	
Tennessee	Yes	13	TN: 200 day calendar.
Texas	Yes	32	TX: operates during the greater part of ten months and up to twelve calendar months of the year.
Utah	—	7	
Vermont	—	Not reported	
Virginia	—	6	
Washington	—	11	
West Virginia	Yes	2	
Wisconsin	—	2	
Wyoming	—	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 with policy</b>	<b>31 states</b>	

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; “—” indicates state does not have requirement in this category; LD= Local Decision

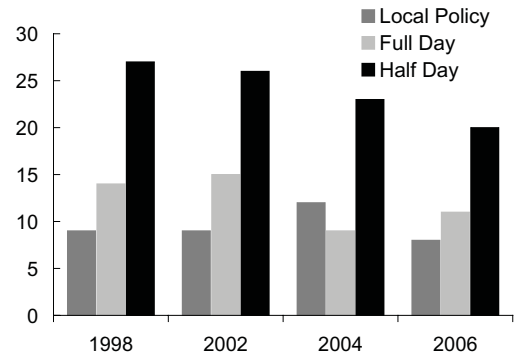
# Early Childhood Education

This section continues the line of questions on early childhood education first asked of states in the 2002 Key State Policies report. It builds on the time and attendance indicators and provides additional information regarding pre-school policies and early childhood education in the 2005-06 academic year.

## Kindergarten Programs: State Policies

Table 5

The 2005-06 data reveal that the number of states requiring districts to offer kindergarten programs continues to rise (44 states in 2006). Since the last 2004 Key State Policies report, however, the proportion of required full-day kindergarten programs to half-day kindergarten programs remained fairly constant. Currently 11 states require full-day programs and 20 states require half-day programs, and 13 require either of the two. Only eight states report no policy on the matter.

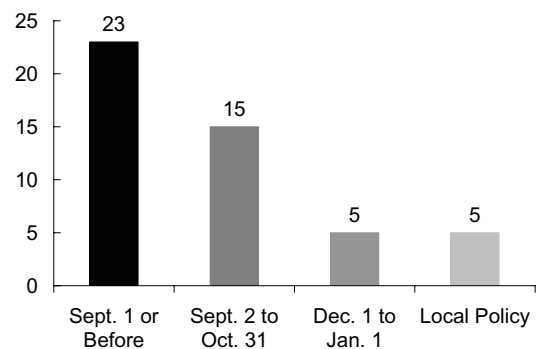


## Student Attendance Requirements

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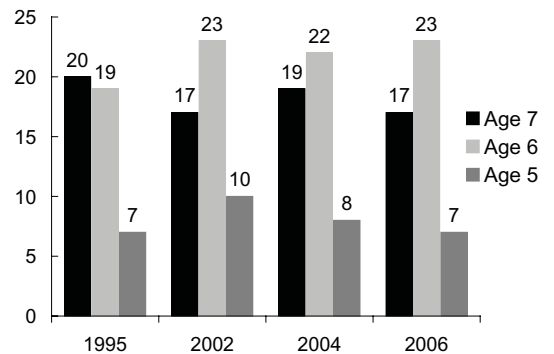
### Cut-off Date for Kindergarten

To be eligible to enroll in kindergarten, students must reach an entrance age by a state-determined cut-off date. In 45 states, students must be at least 5 years old to enter kindergarten, and 4 states allow districts to select the age of entrance. Approximately half of all states (24) have selected kindergarten cut-off dates on or before September 1.



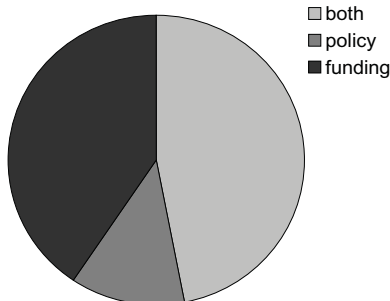
### Age Students Must Enter School

By a certain age, education is compulsory for American children. State policies on this age vary from five to seven years old. In 2005-06, many states (17) selected age 7 as the age by which students must enter school. A notable 78 percent (40 states) have chosen either age 6 or age 7 as this compulsory age. This trend has remained relatively constant for over 15 years.



## Pre-School State Policies

Table 7



For the past ten years, CCSSO has collected information on statewide pre-school programs and the associated state policies. Under federal law, all states must provide preschool programs to disabled students. Thirty-two states reported having a state pre-school policy regarding the programs, eligible students, and/or funding (15 had both a policy and provided funding, 4 listed only a policy, and 13 had a funding stream, but no policy).

**Table 5**  
**State Kindergarten Programs — 2006**

State	Kindergarten Program Required	Full-Day Kindergarten Required	Half-Day Kindergarten Required	Student Attendance Required
Alabama	Yes	Yes	—	—
Alaska	—	—	—	—
Arizona	Yes	—	Yes	—
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
California	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Colorado	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Connecticut	Yes	—	Yes	—
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—	—
Delaware	Yes	—	Yes	Yes
Florida	Yes	Yes	—	—
Georgia	Yes	Yes	—	—
Hawaii	Yes	Yes	—	—
Idaho	—	—	—	—
Illinois	Yes	—	Yes	—
Indiana	Yes	—	Yes	—
Iowa	Yes	—	Yes	—
Kansas	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Kentucky	Yes	—	Yes	—
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	—	—
Maine	Yes	—	Yes	—
Maryland	Yes	—	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	—	Yes	—
Michigan	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Minnesota	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		Yes
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	—	—
Missouri	Yes	—	Yes	—
Montana	Yes	—	Yes	—
Nebraska	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Nevada	Yes	—	Yes	—
New Hampshire	—	—	—	—
New Jersey*	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
New Mexico	Yes	—	Yes	Yes
New York	—	—	—	—
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	—	—
North Dakota	—	—	—	—
Ohio	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		Yes
Oregon	Yes	—	Yes	—
Pennsylvania	—	—	—	—
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	—	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
South Dakota	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
Texas	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Utah	Yes	—	Yes	—
Vermont	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Virginia	Yes	Either Full- or Half-Day		—
Washington	Yes	—	Yes	—
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
Wisconsin	Yes	—	Yes	—
Wyoming	Yes	—	Yes	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; “—” indicates state does not have requirement in this category; \*New Jersey -- Abbott Districts only

**Table 6**  
**Student Attendance Requirements — 2006**

State	Age Students Must Enroll	Kindergarten Cut-Off Date	Kindergarten Entrance Age	Age Students Must Remain Until
Alabama	7	September 1	5	16 or waiver
Alaska	7	September 1	5	16
Arizona	6	—	—	16 or completed 10th grade
Arkansas	5	September 12	5	17
California	6	December 5	5	18
Colorado	7	—	5	16
Connecticut	7	January 1	5	18 or 16 w/ guardian consent
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>				
Delaware	5	August 31	5	16
Florida	6	September 1	5	16 w/ written intent to withdraw
Georgia	6	September 1	5	16
Hawaii	6	January 1	5	18
Idaho	7	September 1	5	16
Illinois	7	September 1	5	17
Indiana	7	July 1	5	18
Iowa	6	September 15	5	16
Kansas	7	August 31	5	18 or waiver
Kentucky	6	October 1	5	16
Louisiana	7	September 30	5	17 w/ guardian consent
Maine	7	October 15	5	17, or 15 if student meets other criteria
Maryland	5	September 30	5	16
Massachusetts	6	Local decision	Local decision	16
Michigan	6	December 1	5	16
Minnesota	—	September 1	5	16
Mississippi	6	September 2	5	16
Missouri	7	August 1	5	16
Montana	7	September 10	5	16 or completion of grade 8
Nebraska	6	October 15	5	16
Nevada	7	September 30	5	17
New Hampshire	6	Local decision	Local decision	16 w/ guardian consent
New Jersey	6	Local decision	Local decision	16
New Mexico	5	September 1	5	17 w/ guardian consent
New York	6	December 1	5	16
North Carolina	7	October 16	5	16 or waiver
North Dakota	7	August 31	5	16
Ohio	6	August 1/September 30*	5	18
Oklahoma	5	September 1	5	18
Oregon	7	September 1	5	18
Pennsylvania	8	Local decision	Local decision	17 or waiver
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>				
Rhode Island	6	September 1	5	16
South Carolina	5	September 1	5	16
South Dakota	6	September 1	5	16
Tennessee	6	September 30	5	18
Texas	6	September 1	5	18
Utah	6	September 1	5	18
Vermont	6	Local decision	5	16
Virginia	5	September 30	5	18
Washington	8	August 31	5	16 w/ guardian consent
West Virginia	6	September 1	5	16
Wisconsin	6	September 1	5	18
Wyoming	7	September 15	5	16 or completed 10th grade
<b>Total</b>	<b>Age 7: 17 states; Age 6: 23; Age 5: 7</b>		<b>Age 5: 45 states</b>	

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; “—” indicates no longer has a policy; \*Ohio -- Districts option

Table 7

## State Pre-School Policies, Appropriated Funding, and Targeting Strategies — 2006

State	Policy or Funding	Policy/Funding Details	Targeting - Group (ages)
Alabama	Neither		
Alaska	Policy	For students with disabilities age 3 and above	SWD (3 and up)
Arizona	Funding	Provide preschool for low-income children	AR (0-5)
Arkansas	Policy		SWD; SPED; LEP; ED; AR (all 3-4)
California	Neither	Funded at \$325,377,000 annually	SPED (5); ED (3-4)
Colorado	Both	Services for students without disabilities are optional	SWD (3); AR (3-4)
Connecticut	Funding	Support for children in priority districts	SPED (3-5); Other
DC^			
Delaware	Funding	SWD and enrolled in the ECAP	SWD (0-3); SPED (3-4); ED (4); AR (4)
Florida	Funding	\$368-million in state funds allocated for the Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Education Program	SWD, Other
Georgia	Funding	Voluntary program funded with Lottery proceeds	
Hawaii	Both	IDEA preschools funded through state and federal funds	SWD (3-5); SPED (3-5)
Idaho	Neither		SWD (3-5)
Illinois	Both	State funded voluntary programs for 3- and 4-year olds	AR (3,4)
Indiana	Funding	\$27,173,300 available for special needs preschool programs	SWD, SPED
Iowa	Neither		
Kansas	Neither		SWD (305); AR (4)
Kentucky	Both	Districts required to assure services to all 4 year old children whose families meet income guideline	SWD (3-4), ED (4)
Louisiana	Neither	Allocated \$55 million to provide pre-k programs for at-risk students	AR (4)
Maine	Funding	State subsidy provided under the School Finance Act	
Maryland	Policy		ED, AR
Massachusetts	Both	36% of actual costs	SWD (3-5)
Michigan	Neither		AR (4)
Minnesota	Both	School districts receive funding allocation	ED and district priority
Mississippi	Both		
Missouri	Neither	12% of eligible population served (contracts funded)	
Montana	Neither		
Nebraska	Both	Programs by school districts or education service units	SWD, LEP, ED, Other
Nevada	Neither		
New Hampshire	Neither		
New Jersey	Funding	Funding to school districts who are either Abbott or low-income concentration of 20% - (ECPA)	SWD (3-4); SPED (3-4), ED (4)
New Mexico	Both	Funds are appropriated annually by the NM State Legislature for ED and AR; Federal IDEA for SPED	ED (4); AR (4); SPED (2-5)
New York	Neither		
North Carolina	Both	Funding sources include Title I, Exceptional Children, More at Four and Smart Start	SWD (3-4), SPED (3-4), ED (4), AR (4)
North Dakota	Neither		
Ohio	Funding	Funding made available through a competitive grant process in 1989	
Oklahoma	Funding	State funded voluntary programs	Other (4)
Oregon	Neither		SWD (0-5); ED (3-5)
Pennsylvania	Both	District receives Accountability Block Grant which could fund pre-K, the state provides a Head Start Supplemental and the Basic Education Subsidy provides funds for preschool pupils	
Puerto Rico			
Rhode Island	Neither		
South Carolina	Both	Funds for half-day, 4yrs-K programs for at-risk children	AR (4)
South Dakota	Neither		
Tennessee	Funding	Program funds 446 preschool classrooms across the state	
Texas	Both	Program requires 15 or more eligible students	LEP; ED, Other (3-4)
Utah	Neither		

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**State Pre-School Policies, Appropriated Funding, and Targeting Strategies — 2006**

<b>State</b>	<b>Policy or Funding</b>	<b>Policy/Funding Details</b>	<b>Targeting - Group (ages)</b>
<b>Vermont</b>	Both		SWD (3-4); SPED (0-5); LEP (3-4); ED (3-4); AR
<b>Virginia</b>	Funding	Virginia's At-Risk Four-Year-Old program provides funding for programs for unserved, at-risk four-year-old children, which include quality preschool education, health services, social services, parental involvement, and transportation	AR (4); Other (5)
<b>Washington</b>	Both	Optional for 0-3 SPED; mandatory for SPED 3-5 and ECAP	SWD (0-5); SPED (3-5); ED (3-4)
<b>West Virginia</b>	Policy	Mandatory for age 4 children by 2012-2013. State aid	SWD (3); SPED (3); Other (4)
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Funding	Equalization aid for school districts for 4-year olds	SWD (0-5); SPED (3-5); ED (3-5); Other (4)
<b>Wyoming</b>	Neither		
<b>Total</b>	<b>32 states (with both or either)</b>		

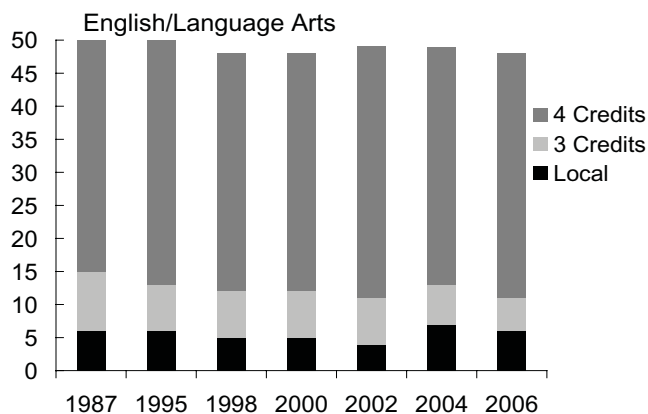
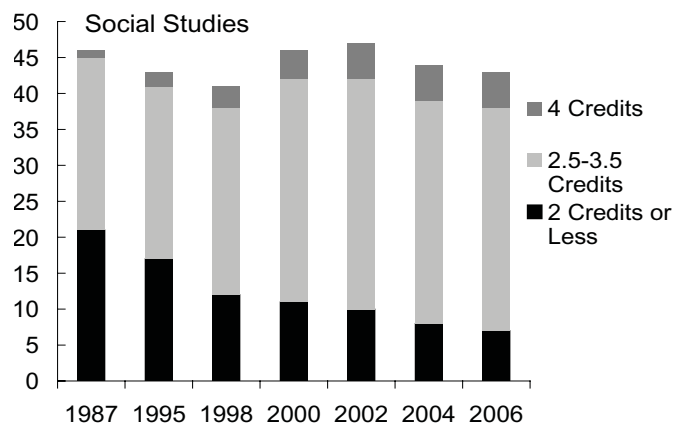
Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; Under federal law, all states must provide preschool programs for students with disabilities (SWD); SPED= special education; LEP= limited English proficient; ED= economically disadvantaged; AR= at risk; ECAP= Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program; ECPA= Early Childhood Program Aid; IDEA= Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; K= Kindergarten

# Graduation Requirements

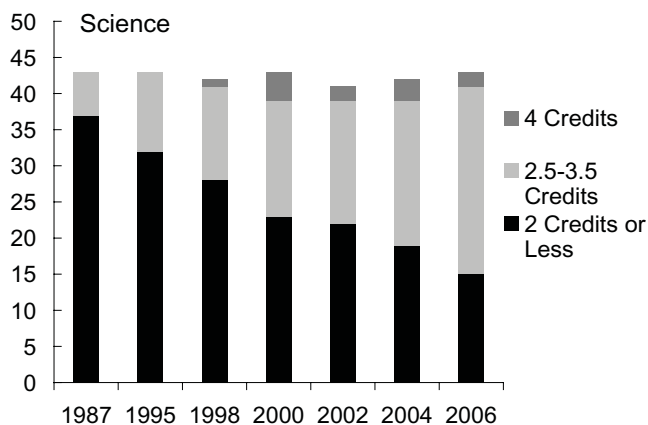
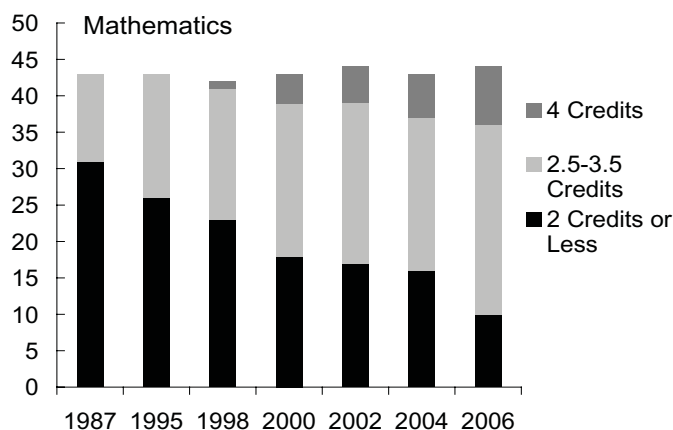
## High School Course Credit Requirements

Table 8

Of 52 states and extra-state jurisdictions, 45 have a state policy on the minimum Carnegie credits required for high school graduation (a single Carnegie credit is assigned to an academic course consisting of two semesters). There is great variation among these state policies, however. The total number of Carnegie credits required for graduation range from 1.5 Carnegie units in one state to 24 in another.



Most states delineate the number of credits required within each subject area. It is apparent that all states place a heavy emphasis on English. Of the five subject areas tracked—English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and the Arts—English was the only subject with the number of states reporting 4 or more required credits reaching the double digits (38 states require 4 or more English credits). As for the other subjects, states generally required 2 to 3 credits each for graduation, however 8 states require 4 or more Mathematics credits, 7 states require 4 or more credits in Social Studies, and 3 states require 4 or more credits in Science.



By comparing the change in credit requirements within subject areas across eight time points (1987, 1995, 1998, 2002, 2004 and 2006) the nationwide trends become apparent. Since 1987, Mathematics and Science requirements have notably increased. Over the past eight years, 29 states have adopted policies requiring 3 or more credits in Science, and 33 states have required 3 or more credits in Mathematics. States also increased emphasis on Social Studies from 1987 until the year 2000 when there was a general leveling off. English requirements have remained constant.

### Arts Requirements

In 2006, 29 states reported requirements in Arts, while 26 reported an Arts requirement in 2004. The reported credit requirements by these states vary from 0.5 to 2.0 credits per state.

Specific Courses in Mathematics and Science

Table 9

As table 9 shows, 21 states reported requiring specific Math courses, and 25 states reported requiring specific Science courses. The most reported specific Math course was Algebra (21 states), and the most reported specific Science course was Biology (16 states).

Mathematics		Science	
Algebra	21	Biology	16
Geometry	9	Physical Science	13
Above Algebra I	10	Lab. Requirement	7

Additional Specific Course Requirements

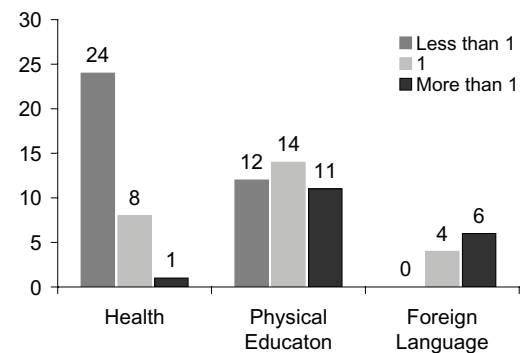
Table 10

States reported additional course requirements for high school graduation in three main subject areas: Social Studies; Language Arts/Communication; and Technology/Life Skills. Course requirements in History (World, U.S., and state-specific) appeared in 28 states. A similar number (26) of states require a course on Government. The number of credits varies from 0.5 to 4 credits, with most states choosing either 0.5 or 1. Communication, Composition and Speech courses are required in 12 states. Courses that offer training in Computer Operation, Applications and Technology were equally as common.

Health, Physical Education, and Foreign Language

Table 11

Forty states have a requirement in Health, Physical Education or Foreign Language. High school course credit requirements for Health were reported in 34 states, for Physical Education in 37 states, and in Foreign Language in 10 states. Health credits vary from 0.5 to 2 credits. Of the ten states reporting Foreign Language requirements, most require two credits. The majority of states reporting Health requirements require 0.5 credits.



Advanced Diploma

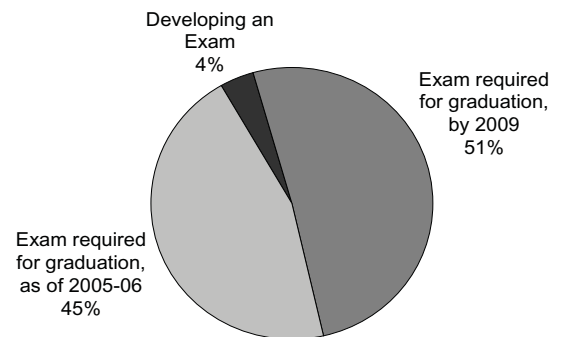
Table 12

An “advanced diploma” requires students to complete additional credits of specific advanced courses. Twelve states report a policy on the minimum required credits in core curriculum for an advanced diploma. The total has decreased by two states from the 2004 report. The total number of credits required ranges from 20 to 24 (core subjects plus electives).

High School Exit Examinations

Table 13

Twenty-four states reported policies requiring students to take and pass an achievement test in order to qualify for high school graduation, while two states reported current work on developing the exam. Table 13 identifies the states with a required graduating exam, the name of the exam, exam type, and effective date.



**Table 8**

**State Credit Requirements for High School Graduation, Core Academic Subjects — 2006**

State	Math	English	Arts	Social Studies	Science	Total
Alabama	4	4	0.5	4	4	24
Alaska	2	4		3	2	21
Arizona	2	4	1	2.5	2	20
Arkansas	4	4	0.5	3	3	22
California	2	3	1	3	2	13
Colorado	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD
Connecticut	3	4	1*	3	2	20
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>						
Delaware	3	4		3	3	22
Florida	3	4	2	3	3	24 or 18*
Georgia	3	4		3	3	22
Hawaii	3	4		4	3	22
Idaho	4	9*	2	5	4	42*
Illinois	3	3		2	1	18
Indiana	4	8*		6*	6*	40*
Iowa	LD	LD	LD	1.5	LD	1.5 & LD
Kansas	3	4	1	3	3	21
Kentucky	3	4	1	3	3	22
Louisiana	3	4		3	3	23
Maine	2	4	1	2	2	16
Maryland	3	4	1	3	3	21
Massachusetts	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	
Michigan	4	4	1	3	3	LD
Minnesota	3	4	1/LD	3.5	3	21.5
Mississippi	3	4	1	3	3	20
Missouri	2	4	1	2	2	22
Montana	2	4	1	2	2	20
Nebraska	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD
Nevada	3	4	1	2	2	22.5
New Hampshire	3	4	0.5	2.5	2	20
New Jersey	3	4	1	3	3	22
New Mexico	3	4		3.5	3	23
New York	3	4	1	4	3	22
North Carolina	4	4	LD	3	3	20
North Dakota	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	
Ohio	3	4	LD	3	3	20
Oklahoma	3	4	2	3	3	23
Oregon	2	3	1	3	2	22
Pennsylvania	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD	LD
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>						
Rhode Island	3	4	0.5	2	2	20
South Carolina	4	4		3	3	24
South Dakota	3	4	1	3	3	22
Tennessee	3	4		3	3	20
Texas	3	4	1	5	3	24
Utah	2	3	4.5	2.5	2	24
Vermont	3	4	1	3	3	20
Virginia	3	4	1	3	3	22
Washington	2	3	1	2.5	2	19
West Virginia	4	4		4	3	24
Wisconsin	2	4		3	2	21.5, local elect.
Wyoming	3	4	LD	3	3	13 plus LD
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3-4: 34 states</b>	<b>3-4: 42 states</b>	<b>1-2: 24 states</b>	<b>3-4: 31 states</b>	<b>3-4: 28 states</b>	<b>20-24: 36 states</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; LD= Local Decision; \*Connecticut -- offers 1 in either Arts or Career/Tech Ed; \*Florida -- offers 3 programs (4-yr - 24-credit, 3-yr - 18-credit college prep, or 3-yr - 18-credit career prep); \*Idaho -- Semester credits; \*Indiana -- Semester credits

Table 9

## Specific Courses Required for Graduation in Mathematics and Science — 2006

State	Math Courses (credits)	Science Courses (credits)
Alabama	Algebra 1; Geometry (1 each); Other (2)	Biology (1); Physical Science (1); Other (2)
Alaska		
Arizona		
Arkansas	Algebra 1; Geometry; Algebra II	Biology; Physical Science
California	Algebra 1	Biology; Physical Science (2 each)
Colorado		
Connecticut		
DC <sup>^</sup>		
Delaware		
Florida	Algebra (1)	Laboratory requirement (2-3)
Georgia	Algebra; Euclidean, Algebra II; Other (1 each)	Physical Science; Life Science; Other (1 each)
Hawaii		
Idaho		Laboratory requirement (2)
Illinois	No content specified	No content specified
Indiana	Algebra (2); Algebra II, Geometry or Integ. Math I (4)	Biology (2); Chemistry, Physics or Earth/Space Science (4)
Iowa		
Kansas		Laboratory Requirement (1)
Kentucky	Algebra; Geometry; Algebra II (1 each)	
Louisiana	Algebra I or equivalent	Biology (1)
Maine		Laboratory requirement (1)
Maryland	Algebra/Data Analysis; Geometry; Other (1 each)	Earth, Life, or Physical Science (2); Biology
Massachusetts		
Michigan	Algebra; Geometry; Algebra II; Other (1 each)	Biology (1); Physics or Chemistry (1)
Minnesota		
Mississippi	Algebra (1)	Biology (1)
Missouri		
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada		
New Hampshire	Algebra I or equivalent	Physical Science; Biological Science
New Jersey		
New Mexico	Algebra (1); other (2)	Content Standards (2) one lab component
New York		
North Carolina	Algebra (1)	Biology; Phys. Science; Earth/Environmental Course (1 each)
North Dakota		
Ohio		Biology; Physical Science (1 each)
Oklahoma	Algebra 1 and two higher level courses (3)	Biology and two higher level courses (3)
Oregon		
Pennsylvania		
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>		
Rhode Island		Laboratory requirement (2)
South Carolina		Physical Science (1)
South Dakota	Algebra (1)	
Tennessee	Algebra; Geometry or Algebra II	Biology and one lab requirement above biology
Texas	Algebra; Algebra II, Geometry (1 each)	Biology, Chemistry, Physics; Integrated Physics (1 each)
Utah	Algebra/Applied Math 1; Geometry/Applied Math II	Earth Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physics (2 out of 4)
Vermont		
Virginia	Algebra or higher level courses (3)	Earth Science; Biology; Chemistry
Washington		
West Virginia	Algebra and higher level course	Coordinated and Thematic Science
Wisconsin		
Wyoming		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>Specific Courses: 21 states</b>	<b>Specific Courses: 25 states</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey

**Table 10**

**Specific Courses Required for Graduation in Social Studies and Other Subjects — 2006**

State	Social Studies	English/Language Arts/Communications	Technology/Life Skills
Alabama	Courses comply with COS (4)	Comply with COS (4)	Computer Application (.5)
Arizona	World His./Geog.		
Arkansas	World His.; US His.; Civics/Gov.		
California	Econ.; American Gov.		
Connecticut	Civics and American Govt. (.5)		
Delaware			Computer Literacy (1); Computer Pathway (3)
Florida	World His. (1); American His. (1); American Gov. (.5); Econ. (.5)	Composition and Literature (4)	
Georgia	US His. (1); World His. (1); Gov. (.5); Econ. (.5)	American Lit./Composition (1)	
Idaho		Speech or Debate (1)	
Illinois		Consumer Education	
Indiana	US His. (2); US Gov. (1); Global or Consumer Econ. (1)		
Iowa	US Gov. (.5); US His. (1)		Physical Education
Kansas	World His. (1); US His. (1); KS His. and Gov. (.5); US Gov. (.5)		
Kentucky	US His., Econ., Gov., World Geog. and World Civilization	English 1 - IV (1 each)	Individual Learning Plan (4)
Louisiana	American His. (1); Civics (.5); Free Enterprise (1)	English 1 - IV (1 each)	
Maryland	US His., World His.; Gov. (1 each)		
Massachusetts	US History		
Michigan	Civics (.5); Econ. (.5); US His. and Geog. (1); World His. and Geog. (1)		
Minnesota	World His.; US His.; Gov.; Econ.; Geog. (3.5)		
Mississippi	US His.; World His.; US Gov. (1 each)		MS Studies (1); Comprehensive Health (.5); Keyboarding; Computer App
Missouri	American Gov. (.5)		
New Hampshire	US and NH His. (1); US and NH Gov./Civics (1); World His./Geog. (.5); Econ. (.5)		Information/Communication Tech. (.5)
New Jersey	US His. (2)		
New Mexico	US His.; Geog.; World His.; Gov.; Econ.; New Mexico His.	Communications Skills	
New York	US His.; Gov. (.5); Econ. (.5)		
North Carolina	US His., World His., Civics & Econ. (1 each)		
Ohio	American Gov. (.5); American His. (.5)		Electives (6)
Oklahoma	US His. (1); US Gov. (.5-1); OK His. (.5); World His. (.5-1); Geog. (.5-1); Econ.; Anthropology		
South Carolina	US Gov. (.5); Econ. (.5); US His. & Constitution (1)		
South Dakota	US His. (1); US Gov. (.5); Geometry (.5); World His. (.5); Econ. (.5)	Writing (1.5); American Lit. (.5); Speech (.5);	
Tennessee	US His. (1); Gov. (.5); Economic (.5)		Lifetime Wellness (1)
Texas	World His. Studies (1); World Geog. Studies (1); US His. Studies (1); US Gov. (.5); Econ. (.5);		Communications Applications (1)
Utah	Geog. (.5); World Civilization (.5); US His. (1); US Gov. and Citizenship (.5)	Language Arts 9 - 11 (1 each);	General Financial Literacy (.5)
Vermont	US His. and Gov. (1);		
Virginia	US and Virginia His. (1); US and Virginia Gov. (1); World His./Geog. (1)	English (4)	
Washington	US His./Gov./Current affairs (2); Washington State His. (.5)		
West Virginia	US Studies to 1900, World Studies to 1900, 20th	English Language Arts (4)	Work-based learning; Career Courses (4)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34 states with requirements</b>	<b>12 states</b>	<b>11 states</b>

Note: Credit requirements are in parentheses when available; COS= Course of Study

**Table 11**

**Credit Requirements for Graduation: Health, Physical Education, Foreign Language — 2006**

Graduation Requirements

State	Health	Physical Education	Foreign Language
Alabama	.5	1	—
Alaska	1 total of Health and Physical Education		—
Arizona	—	—	—
Arkansas	.5	.5	—
California	—	2	1
Colorado	—	—	—
Connecticut	—	1	—
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—
Delaware	.5	1	—
Florida	.5 (Life Management)	1	2
Georgia	1	1	2
Hawaii	.5	1	—
Idaho	.5	Local Decision	Local Decision
Illinois	One semester	Daily PE required	Must be offered
Indiana	1	2	—
Iowa	Local Decision	Local Decision	Local Decision
Kansas	1 total of Health and Physical Education		—
Kentucky	.5	.5	Local Decision
Louisiana	.5	1.5	—
Maine	.5	1	Local Decision
Maryland	.5	.5	2
Massachusetts	—	Local Decision	—
Michigan	1 total of Health and Physical Education		—
Minnesota	—	—	—
Mississippi	.5	—	—
Missouri	—	1	—
Montana	1	PE included in Health	
Nebraska	—	—	—
Nevada	.5	2	—
New Hampshire	0.5	1	—
New Jersey	3.75 total of Health and Physical Education		1
New Mexico	Standards must be addressed		1
New York	.5	2	1
North Carolina	1 total of Health and Physical Education		—
North Dakota	—	—	—
Ohio	.5	.5	Local Decision
Oklahoma	—	—	—
Oregon	1	1	—
Pennsylvania	—	—	—
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>	—	—	—
Rhode Island	100 min/wk total of Health and Physical Education		—
South Carolina	Health included in PE	1	1
South Dakota	.5 total of Health or Physical Education		2
Tennessee	1 total of Health and Physical Education		2
Texas	1	1.5	2 (in same language)
Utah	.5	1.5	Local Decision
Vermont	Local Decision	1.5	Local Decision
Virginia	2 total of Health and Physical Education		—
Washington	—	2	—
West Virginia	1	1	—
Wisconsin	.5	1.5	—
Wyoming	Local Decision	Local Decision	Local Decision
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34 states</b>	<b>37 states</b>	<b>10 states</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup>State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; “—” indicates state does not have a requirement in this category; PE= Physical Education

**Table 12**

**Advanced Diploma: Credit Requirements for High School Graduation — 2006**

State	Math	English	Arts	Social Studies	Science	Foreign Language	Total
Alabama	4	4	.5	4	4	2*	24
Georgia*	4	4		3	3	2	24
Hawaii	3	4	2	4	3	2	24
Indiana*	8	8	2	6	6	6	47
Missouri	3	4	1	3	2		24
Nevada*	3	4	1	3	3		24
Ohio*	3	4	1	3	3	3	20
Oklahoma	4	4	2	4	4	2	24
South Dakota	4	4	1	3	4	2	22
Tennessee	3	4	1	2.5	3	2	20
Texas	3	4	1	4.5	3	3	24
Virginia	4	4	1	4	4	3	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 states</b>	<b>12 states</b>	<b>11 states</b>	<b>12 states</b>	<b>12 states</b>	<b>10 states</b>	<b>12 states</b>

Note: \*Additional requirements (see below for specifics):

Alabama -- 2 credits in the same foreign language required for an advanced academic endorsement; .5 credit in Computer Applications; .5 credit in Health; 1 credit Physical Education; and 3.5 credits in Elective Credits;

Georgia -- The requirements result in a College Prep Diploma and students have the option of earning a Dual (Technical and College Prep) Diploma;

Indiana -- 47 total semester credits; Academic Honors for Foreign Language; 6 credits for the advanced Academic Honors diploma;

Nevada -- 0.5 credit for Health Ed.; 0.5 credit for Use of Computers; and 2.0 of Physical Ed.;

Ohio -- 1 in business/technology; 2 additional credits in core areas; overall 3.5 on a 4.0 scale; ACT composite score  $\geq$  27 or an equivalent score of 1,210 on the SAT

**Table 13**  
**High School Exit Exam Requirements — 2006**

Graduation Requirements

State	Required	Name of Assessment	Test Type
Alabama	Yes	Alabama High School Graduation Exam, 3rd ed.	CRT
Alaska	Yes	Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Examination	CRT
Arizona	No		
Arkansas	No		
California	Yes	California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)	CRT
Colorado	No		
Connecticut	No		
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>			
Delaware	No		
Florida	Yes	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test	CRT
Georgia	Yes	Georgia High School Graduation Test	CRT
Hawaii	No		
Idaho	Yes	Idaho State Achievement Test (ISAT)	CRT
Illinois	No		
Indiana	Yes	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+)	CRT
Iowa	No		
Kansas	No		
Kentucky	No		
Louisiana	Yes	Graduation Exit Exam	CRT
Maine	No		
Maryland	Yes	High School Assessment	CRT
Massachusetts	Yes	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	CRT
Michigan	No		
Minnesota			
Mississippi	Yes	Functional Literacy Examination	
Missouri	No		
Montana	No		
Nebraska	No		
Nevada	Yes	High School Proficiency Examination	CRT
New Hampshire	No		
New Jersey	Yes	High School Proficiency Assessment	CRT
New Mexico	Yes	NM High School Competency Exam	CRT
New York	Yes	Regents Comprehensive Examinations	CRT
North Carolina	Yes	North Carolina Competency Test	CRT
North Dakota	Yes	Terra Nova (CTB/5) and Test of Cognitive Skills	CRT
Ohio	Yes	Ohio Graduation Tests	CRT
Oklahoma	Developing		CRT
Oregon	No		
Pennsylvania	Yes	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment or Local Assessment	CRT
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>			
Rhode Island	No		
South Carolina	Yes	High School Assessment Program	CRT
South Dakota	No		
Tennessee	Yes	Gateway Examinations	CRT
Texas	Yes	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills	CRT
Utah	Yes	Utah Basic Skills Competency Test	CRT
Vermont	No		
Virginia	Yes	Virginia Assessment Program	CRT
Washington	Developing	Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)	CRT
West Virginia	No		
Wisconsin	No		
Wyoming	No		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24 states</b>		

Note: <sup>^</sup>State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; CRT= Criterion-Referenced Test

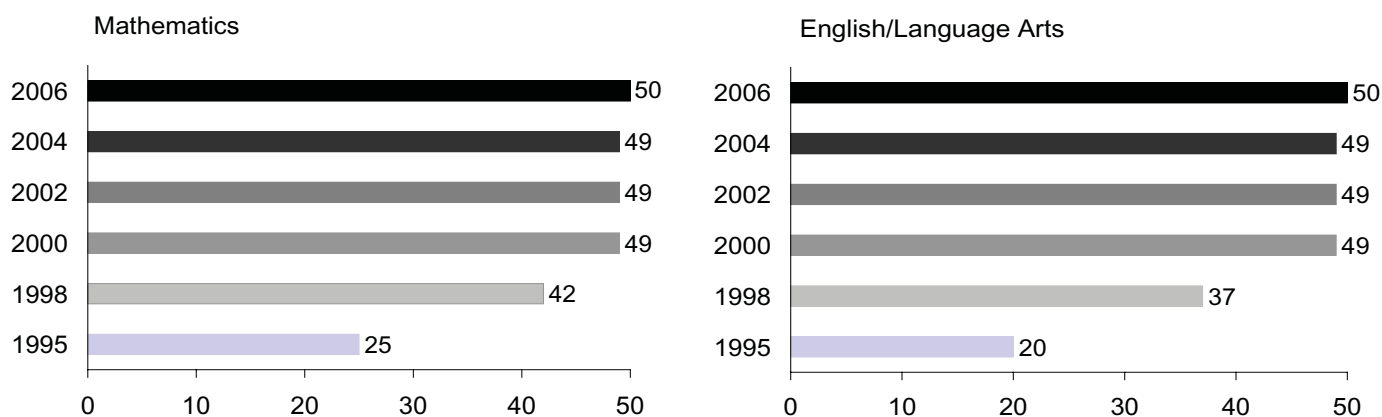
# State Content Standards

In the 1990s, almost all states established statewide content standard documents that set out the statewide goals for what students should know and be able to do in core academic subjects in K-12 education. The standards are typically intended to provide the basis for state and local decisions on curriculum, texts, instructional materials, student assessments, teacher preparation and professional development, and other components of instruction.

As of 2006, 47 states have content standards in four course academic subjects: English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies/History. The number of states with completed content standards have increased significantly since 1995, when only 18 states had standards in all four subjects.

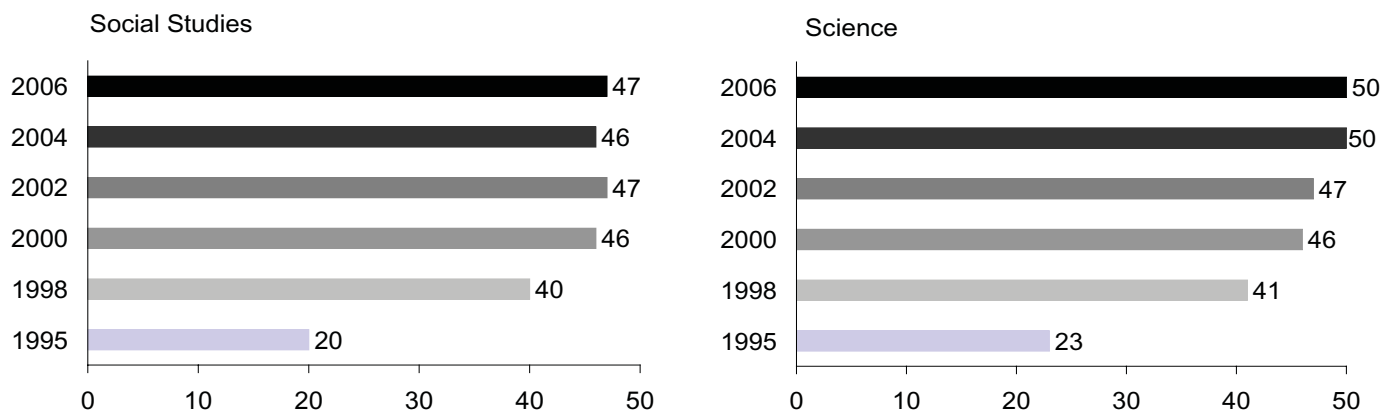
## Mathematics and English/Language Arts

Both English/Language Arts and Mathematics followed a similar trend over the eleven-year period. By 1998, over two-thirds of the states had content standards in these subjects, a significant increase from the proceeding years. Currently, all 50 states have content standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, and currently several states are revising their standards in those subjects.



## Social Studies and Science

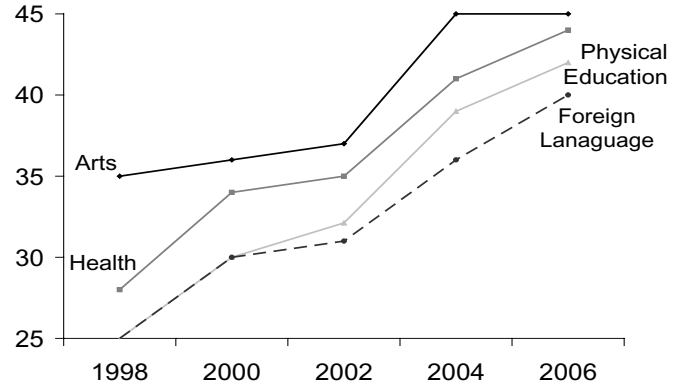
There has been a general increase in the number of states with content standards in Social Studies and Science over the past eleven years, with the most significant increase between 1995 and 1998. Currently, 49 states have content standards in Social Studies and 50 states have content standards in Science.



*Arts, Foreign Language, and Others*

The number of states with content standards in subjects other than core is on the rise. Questions concerning standards in the four areas of arts, foreign language, health and physical education were added to the Key State Policies survey in 1998. The responses show that as of 2006, most states have standards in place for these subjects, and that increases in states with standards continue to occur in these subjects.

In 2006, 45 states have content standards in the arts, 40 in foreign language, 44 in health, 42 in physical education, and over 25 in both vocational and technical education.



In 1998, no states reported content standards in either Foreign Language or Physical Education. These two subjects are the fastest growing areas for adoption of state content standards.

A total of 22 states reported policies regarding textbooks and curriculum materials for classrooms, as of fall 2006. Of these, 9 have a state policy defining state selection of textbooks and materials to be used, 7 recommended textbooks and materials to the local districts, and 5 states either select or recommend textbooks and materials. Policies across the states have changed very little in the past decade. In 1992, 13 states had a selection policy, and 9 states had a policy on recommendation. All of the states with policies use state content standards for making decisions on texts and materials.

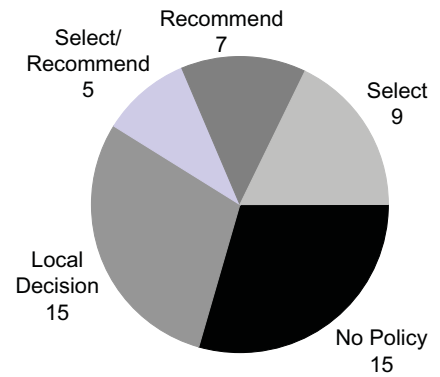


Table 14

## Status of Content Standards in Academic Subjects — 2006

State	Content Standards Complete	Content Standards Under Revision	Content Standards Under Development
Alabama	ELA, S, M, SS, HE, PE, VE, TE	AR, FL	
Alaska	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, TE		
Arizona	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Arkansas	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		
California	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, PE, TE		HE
Colorado	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, PE		
Connecticut	ELA, S, M, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE	SS,AR	
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>			
Delaware	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Florida	S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE	ELA	
Georgia	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Hawaii	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Idaho	ELA, S, M, SS, HE, VE, TE		
Illinois	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, TE		
Indiana	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		TE
Iowa	ELA, S, M		
Kansas	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Kentucky	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, HE, PE, VE		
Louisiana	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Maine	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		
Maryland	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, TE		VE
Massachusetts	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, VE, TE		
Michigan	ELA, S, M, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE	SS, AR	
Minnesota	ELA, S, SS, AR	M	FL, HE, PE, VE, TE
Mississippi	ELA, S, M, AR	SS, FL, HE, PE	
Missouri	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		
Montana	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Nebraska	ELA, S, M, SS		
Nevada	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
New Hampshire	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE		
New Jersey	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
New Mexico	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		
New York	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
North Carolina	S, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE	ELA, M	
North Dakota	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		
Ohio	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, VE, TE		
Oklahoma	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, TE		
Oregon	ELA, S, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE	M	
Pennsylvania	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>			
Rhode Island	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, HE		
South Carolina	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		
South Dakota	S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE	ELA, VE	TE
Tennessee	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Texas	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Utah	S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, VE, TE	ELA, PE	
Vermont	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE		
Virginia	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Washington	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, HE, PE, VE		
West Virginia	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Wisconsin	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
Wyoming	ELA, S, M, SS, AR, FL, HE, PE, VE, TE		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>M: 50 states, 3 under revision</b>		
	<b>ELA: 50 states, 4 under revision</b>		
	<b>S: 50 states</b>		

Note: <sup>^</sup>State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; ELA= English/Language Arts; S= Science; M= Mathematics; SS= Social Studies; AR= Arts; FL= Foreign Language; HE= Health; PE= Physical Education; VE= Vocational Education; TE= Technology Education

**Table 15**  
**State Policies on Textbooks and Standards — 2006**

State	State Policy	Use State Content Standards	Eng./Lang. Arts; Math; Sci., Soc. Stud.; Arts; For. Lang.; Health; Phys. Ed.	Grades
Alabama	Selects/Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-12
Alaska	Local Decision			
Arizona				
Arkansas	Selects	Yes	Yes	K-12
California	Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-8
Colorado	Local Decision			
Connecticut	Local Decision			
District of Columbia^				
Delaware				
Florida	Selects	Yes	Yes	PreK-12
Georgia	Recommends	Yes	Yes	All Grades
Hawaii	Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-12
Idaho	Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-12
Illinois	Local Decision			
Indiana	Recommends	Yes	Yes (not Phys. Ed.)	1-6, 7-12
Iowa	Local Decision			
Kansas				
Kentucky	Recommends	Yes	Yes	PreK-12
Louisiana	Selects/Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-12
Maine	Local Decision			
Maryland				
Massachusetts	Local Decision			
Michigan	Local Decision			
Minnesota	Local Decision			
Mississippi	Selects	Yes	Yes	
Missouri				
Montana				
Nebraska	Local Decision			
Nevada				
New Hampshire	Local Decision			
New Jersey*	Local Decision	Yes	Yes	
New Mexico	Selects/Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-12
New York				
North Carolina	Selects	Yes	Yes	K-12
North Dakota	Local Decision			
Ohio				
Oklahoma	Selects	Yes	Yes	K-12, 1-12
Oregon	Selects	Yes	Yes	Varies
Pennsylvania				
Puerto Rico^				
Rhode Island				
South Carolina	Selects	Yes	Yes	K-12
South Dakota				
Tennessee	Selects	Yes	Yes	K-12
Texas	Selects	Yes	Yes	K-12
Utah	Selects/Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-12
Vermont				
Virginia	Recommends	Yes	Yes (not Arts, Health, Phys. Ed.)	K-12
Washington	Local Decision			
West Virginia	Selects/Recommends	Yes	Yes	K-12
Wisconsin	Local Decision			
Wyoming				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Select: 14</b> <b>Recommend: 12</b> <b>Local Decision: 15</b>	<b>22 states</b>	<b>20 states in all subject areas above</b>	

Note: ^State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; \*New Jersey -- have state standards but no policy on textbooks; K= Kindergarten

# Teacher Preparation and Licensure

State Standards for Teacher Licensure

Table 16

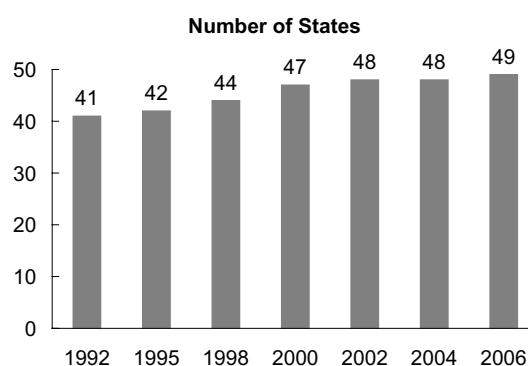
As of 2006, 49 states reported that they license or certify their teachers based on state-approved teacher standards. The state increase over the past eight years at the state policy level reveals increasing state efforts to ensure quality education through approving standards that help define content knowledge and skills needed by teachers.

Trends	Number of States				
	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006
Teacher standards in place	34	42	47	50	49
Developing standards/proposed	5	4	1	1	1

Professional Development Requirements for Teacher License Renewal

Table 17

In 2006, 49 states had a policy specifying requirements for professional development to renew teacher licenses. As the graph shows, a growing number of states have adopted professional development requirements, ranging from 41 states in 1992 to 49 states in 2006. The majority of these states require six semester credit hours of professional development, approximately every five years.



## *State Policies on Teacher Assessment, Subject Area Preparation, and Teacher Induction*

Prior editions of the Key State Policies series of reports from CCSSO have included 50-state information in three areas that are not included in the 2006 report: (a) state policies regarding Teacher Assessment for new license, (b) state requirements for college Course Preparation in Subject Areas for elementary, middle and secondary teacher licensure, and (c) policies on Induction programs for new teachers.

For state policy information on these areas, please refer to the 2004 edition of the CCSSO report: <http://www.ccsso.org/publications/details.cfm?PublicationID=271>, or consult the database of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) [www.nasdtec.org](http://www.nasdtec.org).

Information on state policies for teacher assessment are available through the U.S. Department of Education, State Title II Higher Education reports, [www.title2.org](http://www.title2.org).

**Table 16**

**State Standards for Teacher Licensure — 2006**

State	Specific Fields, by Grade Level			
	All Levels	K-3	Mid/HS	HS Only
Alabama	AR, ESL, FL, SPED,	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS	HE, VE
Alaska	Developing			
Arizona	All Fields			
Arkansas	AR, ESL, ELA, FL, M, S, SS, SPED	ESE	VE	
California	AR, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE, VE			
Colorado	All Fields			
Connecticut	Music, AR, ESL, HE, SPED, TE	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS	FL, VE
District of Columbia^				
Delaware	All Fields			
Florida	AR, HE, FL, SPED	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS, VE	
Georgia	AR, ESL,, FL, SPED, TE	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS, VE	HE
Hawaii	AR, ESL, HE, SPED, TE	ECE		ELA, FL, M, S, SS, VE
Idaho	AR, ESL, FL, SPED	ECE		ELA, HE, M, S, SS, VE
Illinois	AR, ESL, ECE, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE, VE	ECE		
Indiana	AR, ESL, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE	ECE	VE	
Iowa	All Fields			
Kansas	AR, ESL, HE, FL, SPED	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS	VE, TE
Kentucky	AR, HE, FL, SPED		ELA, M, S, SS, TE, VE	
Louisiana	AR, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED	ECE		TE
Maine	AR, ESL, HE, FL, SPED, TE	ECE	M, S, SS	VE
Maryland	AR, ESL, HE, SPED	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS	FL, VE, TE
Massachusetts	AR, ESL, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE	ECE		
Michigan	AR, ESL, ECE, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED			
Minnesota	AR, ESL, ECE, ELA, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE		HE (and 4-6), VE	
Mississippi	AR, ESL, ELA, SS, SPED	ECE	M, S	FL, TE, VE
Missouri	AR, ESL, SPED, HE	ECE	ELA, FL, M, S, SS, VE	
Montana	AR, ESL, ELA, FL, M, S, SS, SPED		VE	
Nebraska	AR, ESL, FL, SPED	ECE	ELA	HE, M, S, SS, VE
Nevada	AR, ESL, SPED	ECE	ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, TE, VE	
New Hampshire	AR, ESL, HE, FL, SPED, TE	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS	VE
New Jersey	ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE, AR, VE	ECE		
New Mexico	AR, ESL, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE, VE	ECE		
New York	AR, ESL, HE, SPED, TE	ECE	ELA, FL, M, S, SS	VE
North Carolina	AR, ESL, HE, FL, SPED, TE		ELA, M, S, SS, VE	
North Dakota	AR, ESL, FL, SPED, TE	ECE	ELA, HE, M, S, SS	VE
Ohio	AR, ESL, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE	ECE		VE
Oklahoma	AR, ESL, HE, FL, SPED	ECE, ELA	ELA, M, S, SS, VE	ELA
Oregon	ESL, M, SPED	ECE	HE	
Pennsylvania	AR, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED	ECE, ELM	VE	
Puerto Rico^				
Rhode Island	All Fields			
South Carolina	AR, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SPED	ECE	VE	
South Dakota	All Fields			
Tennessee	All Fields			
Texas	AR, ELA, HE, M, S, SS, SPED, TE	ESL,	ESL, FL (and 4-6), VE	
Utah	All Fields			
Vermont	AR, ESL, HE, FL, SPED	ECE	ELA, M, S, SS, VE	
Virginia	AR, ESL, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, TE	ECE	VE	
Washington	All Fields			
West Virginia	All Fields			
Wisconsin	AR, ESL, ELA, HE, FL, M, S, SS, SPED, VE	ECE		
Wyoming	All Fields			

Note: ^Did not participate in the 2006 online survey; AR= Arts, ECE= Early Childhood Education, ELA= English/Language Arts, ELM=Elementary, ESL= English as a Second Language, FL= Foreign Language, HE= Health, M=Math, S= Science, SS= Social Studies, SPED= Special Education, TE= Technology Education, VE= Vocational Education, Mid= Middle School, HS= High School

**Table 17**

**Professional Development Requirements for Teacher Licensure  
Renewal/Recertification — 2006**

State	How Often	Criteria
Alabama	Every 5 years	3 yrs educational experience and 5 CEU of PD; or 3 semester hours; or 5 CEUs and 3 semester hours; or 6 semester hours
Alaska	Every 5 years	6 semester credits, 3 in upper/graduate levels
Arizona	Every 6 years	180 hrs of PD or 12 semester hrs
Arkansas	Every 5 years	60 hrs of PD
California	Every 5 years	150 hrs
Colorado	Every 5 years	6 semester hrs or 90 PD hrs
Connecticut	Every 5 years	9 CEUs or 6 graduate credits
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>		
Delaware*	Every 5 years	90 hrs
Florida	Every 5 years	6 semester hours or 120 PD units
Georgia	Every 5 years	6 semester hrs; 10 hrs approved professional learning units (PLU); successful background checks; no more than 1 unsatisfactory performance appraisal in 3-yrs
Hawaii	Every 5 years	
Idaho	Every 5 years	6 semester hrs or 3 semester hrs and 3 inservice credits
Illinois*	Every 5 years	8 semester hrs, 24 continuing ed units; 120 PD units
Indiana*	Every 5 years	Varies by license
Iowa	Every 5 years	Six credits
Kansas	Every 5 years	160 PD points including at least 80 semester hrs a BA level; 120 PD points at M.A. level
Kentucky*	Every 5 years	Varies by license
Louisiana	Every 5 years	150 Continuing Learning Units
Maine*	Every 2 to 5 years**	Varies by license
Maryland*	Every 5 years	Varies by license
Massachusetts	Every 5 years	Focus on academic studies/content knowledge. See <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr44.html">http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr44.html</a>
Michigan*	Every 5 years	6 semester hrs or 18 SB CEU
Minnesota	Every 5 years	125 PD hrs
Mississippi	Every 5 years	10 CEUs or 5 CEUs and 3 semester hrs or 6 semester hrs
Missouri	After the first 4 years	30 hrs, 2 yrs mentoring
Montana	Every 5 years	60 units every 5 years
Nebraska	Every 5, 7, or 10 years**	PD is required for continuing employment, but is not required to renew certificate
Nevada	Every 5 to 6 years	6 semester hours for renewal period (5-6 years)
New Hampshire	Every 3 years	45 hrs plus 30 hrs per certification content area
New Jersey	None	
New Mexico	After 5 or 9 years**	Employer's recommendation for renewal; If for licensure advancement, submit a PD Dossier for review
New York	Every 5 years	175 hrs. for all professional certificate holders, approved by employing public school; reduced requirement for those not employed by public school
North Carolina	Every 5 years	15 credits every 5 years. K-8 teachers must have 3 credits in reading methods
North Dakota	Every 5 years	4 semester hours every 5 years
Ohio*	Every 5 years	Varies by year of employment
Oklahoma	Every 5 years	PD is required annually to maintain employment
Oregon	Every 3 or 5 years	125 PD units
Pennsylvania	Every 5 years	On-going PD, 180 hours
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>		
Rhode Island	Every 5 years	Completion of individual PD plan
South Carolina	Every 5 years	6 credit hrs
South Dakota	Every 1, 5 or 10 years	6 semester credits
Tennessee	Every 10 years.	see <a href="http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic/rprf.shtml">http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic/rprf.shtml</a>
Texas	Every 5 years	150-200 hrs
Utah*	Every 3 to 7 years**	Varies by license

Table 17 con't

**Professional Development Requirements for Teacher Licensure  
Renewal/Recertification — 2006**

*Teacher Preparation and Licensure*

State	How Often	Criteria
Vermont	Every 7 years	
Virginia	Every 5 years	180 PD points
Washington	Every 5 years	150 clock hours
West Virginia	Every 3 to 5 years	6 semester hrs
Wisconsin	Every 5 years	6 semester credits PD plan
Wyoming	Every 5 years	Meet 3 or 8 standards

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; \*Variations in criteria; \*\* Varies by type of license; PD= Professional Development  
 Indiana -- Standard: 6 semester hrs. major, minor or professional education. Master or Professional: 90 hours Continuing Renewal Credits (CRUs) or 6 semester hours major, minor or professional education  
 Kentucky -- 1st 5-yr renewal: 15 grad hrs; 2nd 5-yr renewal: Approved Master's program or approved Fifth year program (32 graduate hrs); Subseq. 5-yr renewals: 3 yrs of classroom teaching during last 5-yrs or 6 sem. hours of additional graduate credit  
 Maine -- Provisional: Approved Teacher Action Plan; Professional: 6 semester hours of approved study  
 Maryland -- 6 credits during the first five years to move from Standard Professional Certificate (SPC) I to SPC II; Master's degree or equivalent (36) credits to move to Advanced Professional Certificate (APC); 6 additional credits for renewal of APC; 6 credits for reinstatement  
 Michigan -- Prov: 10 hrs for 1st, 18 for 2nd; Prof: 6 hrs or 18 SB-CEUs  
 Ohio -- 6 semester hours or 180 contact hours CEUs or equivalent activities approved by local professional development committees. Second 5 yr. renewal requires masters degree or equivalent in graduate hrs  
 Utah -- Level 1: professional development directed by the local school district. Level 2: three years experience and 100 professional development points over 5 years; Level 3: 3 years experience and 100 professional development points over 7 years

# School Leader/Administrator Licensure

## State Standards for School Leader/Administrator Licensure

Table 18

The data indicate steady increases in use of policies to certify leaders/administrators and use standards to improve their preparation, professional development, accountability, and performance. CCSSO originally gathered data on state administrator licensure policies in 1998, when 39 states reported having licensure policies and standards in place or under development. In 2004, 48 states reported having policies for licensing administrators, and 2 states were revising their standards.

In 2006, 49 states reported having policies for certifying or licensing school leaders/administrators, and 48 states reported having adopted administrator certification standards. In addition, 39 states have updated their administrator standards since 2000, a reflection of increased expectations and accountability of administrators for education reforms.

States increasingly use the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards for School Leaders (CCSSO, 1996) as a national model for state standards. In 2004, 39 states reported using the ISLLC Standards in state standards. In 2006, 43 reported using the ISLLC Standards in different ways:

- Five states reported that their standards are the same as the ISLLC Standards;
- Twenty-one states reported that their standards are modified or adapted ISLLC Standards; and
- Seventeen states have determined that their standards are aligned with the ISLLC Standards.

Three states reported using National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or Education Leaders Constituent Council (ELCC) Standards and, therefore, are included here as using modified ISLLC Standards. NCATE, the National Council on Accreditation of Teacher Education, accredits administrator preparation programs using administrator preparation program standards that were developed from the ISLLC Standards by the ELCC. Some states adopted the NCATE/ELCC program standards as a policy strategy to focus on improving preparation of administrators.

Note: Web site addresses are provided on request of state agencies to locate and share specific information and resources.

## Differentiated Certification Standards by Administrative Role

Table 19

State policy makers frequently ask about other aspects of certification, such as standards for different administrative roles, assessments, and other state strategies to improve administrator quality. Table 19 indicates that 31 states differentiate certification policies and standards by administrative role. Many described standards for traditionally specialized roles such as counseling, business administrators, and curriculum supervisors.

Research increasingly emphasizes the importance of effective local leadership for school and district success, particularly to meet state and federal accountability requirements. Twenty-six states reported that they have specific standards for principals or school leaders, and twenty-five reported standards specifically for district superintendents. Seven reported standards for teacher leaders, who can increase capacity in schools and districts to lead improvement in teaching and learning.

## Administrator Assessments Required for Initial Certification

Table 20

In 2002, 31 states reported that they required state assessments for initial certification. In 2006, that number had increased to 33 states, with 19 states reporting that they modified or updated their assessments since 2001, which is similar to recent state activity to update state administrator standards. Seven states reported that they required a state-specific administrator test, and four reported requiring a combination of tests, including their own administrator test, basic skills tests, and/or content area tests. Wisconsin reported requiring a new portfolio-based performance assessment. The most commonly used tests, required in twenty-five states, are the Educational Testing Service Praxis I, II, and/or School Leader Licensure Assessment (SLLA), alone or in combination with other tests. Fourteen states reported requiring the SLLA, with cut scores that ranged from 148 to 165.

# School Leader/Administrator Licensure

## State Use of Assessment Results to Improve Administrator Performance

Table 21

As accountability pressures increase for administrators to improve school quality and student achievement, states are using administrator assessments as an important policy lever to measure and improve quality and guide individual improvement plans. Seventeen states reported using assessment results to monitor and improve the quality of preparation programs for certification. Ten states reported using assessment results to guide individual professional development or induction programs. To monitor the effects of policies on administrator performance, four states reported that they can link certification test results with measures of school and student outcomes.

## State Requirements for Initial Certification of Administrators

Table 22

Preparation program completion was reported as a requirement for certification in 31 states, with varying numbers of courses and credit hours required across states. Forty-five states reported requiring a Masters Degree, which often includes certification courses. Thirty states require a teaching certificate for leader/administrator certification, and 39 require teaching experience, ranging from 2 to 7 years.

Student internships provide real-world experience and contextualize program content in preparation programs. Twenty-seven states reported that they require a supervised internship in a school or district setting as part of preparation programs, but definitions of internships and number of hours vary considerably, ranging from 100 to 800 hours. Since preparation programs provide entry-level knowledge and skills, 12 states reported that they also require mentors or coaches for the first one or two years to assist new administrators on the job.

**Table 18**  
**State Certification and Standards for Administrator Licensure — 2006**

States	State Certifies Administrators	State has Adopted Certification Standards	Year Administrator Standards Most Recently Updated	Relation to ISLLC Standards (same as, modified, or aligned)	Other
<b>Alabama</b> <a href="http://www.alsde.edu">www.alsde.edu</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Aligned	
<b>Alaska</b> <a href="http://www.eed.state.ak.us">www.eed.state.ak.us</a>	Yes	Yes	2005		
<b>Arizona</b> <a href="http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_07/7-02.htm#Article_6">http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_07/7-02.htm#Article_6</a>	Yes	Yes	1998	Modified	
<b>Arkansas</b> <a href="http://arkansased.org/rules/pdf/current/ade_161_administrator_license.pdf">http://arkansased.org/rules/pdf/current/ade_161_administrator_license.pdf</a>	Yes	Yes	2003	Modified	
<b>California</b> <a href="http://www.ctc.ca.gov">www.ctc.ca.gov</a>	Yes	Yes	2003	Modified	
<b>Colorado</b> <a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard/download/bdregs_301-37.pdf">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeboard/download/bdregs_301-37.pdf</a>	Yes	Yes	2003	Aligned	Administrator standards incorporate ISLLC Standards.
<b>Connecticut</b>	Yes	Yes		Modified	
<b>District of Columbia^</b>					
<b>Delaware</b> <a href="http://www.doe.k12.de.us">www.doe.k12.de.us</a>	Yes	Yes	2002	Modified	
<b>Florida</b> <a href="https://www.flrules.org/default.asp">https://www.flrules.org/default.asp</a>	Yes	Yes	2005	Aligned	Include all areas of ISLLC standards, but go beyond the standards in several areas.
<b>Georgia</b> <a href="http://www.gapsc.com">http://www.gapsc.com</a>	Yes	Yes	2006	Same	
<b>Hawaii</b>	No	Yes	2004	Aligned	Profile of An Effective School Leader (ISLLC-aligned)
<b>Idaho</b> <a href="http://www.sde.state.id.us/certification">www.sde.state.id.us/certification</a>	Yes	Yes	2001	Modified	
<b>Illinois</b> <a href="http://www.isbe.net/profprep/PDFS/learnstand.htm">www.isbe.net/profprep/PDFS/learnstand.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.isbe.net/certification/requirements/administrative.htm">http://www.isbe.net/certification/requirements/administrative.htm</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Modified	
<b>Indiana</b> <a href="http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/standards/adminindex.html">http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/standards/adminindex.html</a>	Yes	Yes	1998	Modified	
<b>Iowa</b>	Yes	No			Local determination.
<b>Kansas</b> <a href="http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?link=Licensure%20Documents/CertHandbook%208-2006.doc&amp;tabid=295">http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?link=Licensure%20Documents/CertHandbook%208-2006.doc&amp;tabid=295</a>	Yes	Yes	2003	Modified	
<b>Kentucky</b> <a href="http://kyepsb.net/certification/admcert.asp">http://kyepsb.net/certification/admcert.asp</a>	Yes	Yes	1998	Same	
<b>Louisiana</b> <a href="http://www.louisianaschools.net/ldc/tsac/home.html">http://www.louisianaschools.net/ldc/tsac/home.html</a>	Yes	Yes	2006	Modified	
<b>Maine</b> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/education/cert/index.html">http://www.maine.gov/education/cert/index.html</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Modified	
<b>Maryland</b> <a href="http://www.marylandpublicschools.org">http://www.marylandpublicschools.org</a>	Yes	Yes	2005	Aligned	
<b>Massachusetts</b> <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr7.html?section=10">http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr7.html?section=10</a>	Yes	Yes	2003		
<b>Michigan</b> <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ITEMC_83909_7.pdf">http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ITEMC_83909_7.pdf</a>	No		2004	Modified	
<b>Minnesota</b> <a href="http://www.msbsa.org">www.msbsa.org</a>	Yes	Yes	1997		State-based standards; standards were not generated from ISLLC standards, but competencies are similar to ISLLC. The standards are currently going through their first full review.
<b>Mississippi</b>	Yes	Yes		Same	
<b>Missouri</b> <a href="http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/teachcert/administration.html">dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/teachcert/administration.html</a>	Yes	Yes	2005	Aligned	

Table 18 con't

State Certification and Standards for Administrator Licensure — 2006

States	State Certifies Administrators	State has Adopted Certification Standards	Year Administrator Standards Most Recently Updated	Relation to ISLLC Standards (same as, modified, or aligned)	Other
Montana <a href="http://www.opi.mt.gov">www.opi.mt.gov</a>	Yes	Yes	2002	Aligned	
Nebraska	Yes	Yes	2004	Modified	
Nevada <a href="http://www.doe.nv.gov/index.html">www.doe.nv.gov/index.html</a>	Yes	Yes	2002		Masters or better, 36 graduate semesters in school administration
New Hampshire <a href="http://www.state.nh.us/gencourt/rules/ed500.html">www.state.nh.us/gencourt/rules/ed500.html</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Modified	
New Jersey <a href="http://www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/pd/leader/faq/shtml">www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/pd/leader/faq/shtml</a> and <a href="http://www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/prostand">www.nj.gov/njded/profdev/prostand</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Same	
New Mexico <a href="http://www.nmcp.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title06/06.062.0002.htm">http://www.nmcp.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title06/06.062.0002.htm</a>	Yes	Yes	2003	Modified	
New York <a href="http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert">www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert</a>	Yes	Yes	2006	Aligned	
North Carolina <a href="http://www.ncpublicschools.org/humanrsrcs/downloads/2ncspecialtyas.pdf">http://www.ncpublicschools.org/humanrsrcs/downloads/2ncspecialtyas.pdf</a>	Yes	Yes	2002	Aligned	
North Dakota <a href="http://www.dpi.state.nd.us">http://www.dpi.state.nd.us</a>	Yes	Yes	2002		Revising based on ISLLC Standards - 2007
Ohio <a href="http://esb.ode.state.oh.us">http://esb.ode.state.oh.us</a>	Yes	Yes	2005	Aligned	
Oklahoma <a href="http://www.sde.state.ok.us">www.sde.state.ok.us</a>	Yes	Yes	1997	Aligned	
Oregon <a href="http://www.tspc.state.or.us">www.tspc.state.or.us</a>	Yes	Yes	2005	Modified	Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC)
Pennsylvania <a href="http://www.teaching.state.pa.us/teaching/site/default.asp">http://www.teaching.state.pa.us/teaching/site/default.asp</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Aligned	
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>					
Rhode Island	Yes				Has not adopted ISLLC Standards but administrator prep programs and courses use ISLLC standards.
South Carolina <a href="http://www.scteachers.org">www.scteachers.org</a>	Yes	Yes	2003	Modified	Program for Evaluating, Developing, and Assessing Principal Performance
South Dakota <a href="http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=24:16:09">http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=24:16:09</a>	Yes	Yes		Aligned	
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	2006	Aligned	
Texas <a href="http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&amp;ti=19&amp;pt=7">http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&amp;ti=19&amp;pt=7</a>	Yes	Yes	1999	Modified	Based on National Policy Board for Educational Administrators.
Utah <a href="http://www.schools.utah.gov">www.schools.utah.gov</a>	Yes	Yes		Modified	
Vermont <a href="http://www.state.vt.us/educ">www.state.vt.us/educ</a>	Yes	Yes	2003	Aligned	
Virginia <a href="http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+reg+8VAC20-21-580">http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+reg+8VAC20-21-580</a>	Yes	Yes	2005	Modified	
Washington <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=181-78A">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=181-78A</a> and <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=181-79A">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=181-79A</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Aligned	
West Virginia <a href="http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p5100.pdf">http://wvde.state.wv.us/policies/p5100.pdf</a>	Yes	Yes	2000	Same	
Wisconsin <a href="http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/standards.html">http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/standards.html</a>	Yes	Yes	2004	Modified	
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	2001	Aligned	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49 states</b>	<b>48 states</b>		<b>Same: 5 states, Modified: 21 states, Aligned: 17 states Total = 43 states</b>	

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; ISLLC= Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium; websites for agency and state administrator certification information

Table 19

## Differentiated Certification Standards by Administrative Role — 2006

States	Certification Standards Differentiated by Role	Separate Standards for Principals or School Leaders	Separate Standards for Teacher Leaders	Separate Standards for Superintendents	Standards for other school or district roles
Alabama	Same				
Alaska	Same				
Arizona	Same				
Arkansas	Different	Yes		Yes	Curriculum/Program Administrator Counseling; School Psychologists
California	Different				
Colorado	Same				
Connecticut	Same			Yes	Counseling; School Psychologist, Speech and Language Pathologist; School Business Administrator
<b>District of Columbia<sup>^</sup></b>					
Delaware	Same				
Florida	Same				
Georgia	Same				
Hawaii	Different	Yes		Yes	
Idaho	Different	Yes		Yes	Special Education Director
Illinois	Different	Yes	Yes	Yes	General Administrative; Chief School Business Official
Indiana	Different	Yes		Yes	Director of Special Education
Iowa					
Kansas	Different	Yes		Yes	Program Leadership
Kentucky	Same				
Louisiana	Different	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Maine	Different	Yes			Curriculum Coordinators, Special Education Administrators, and Adult Education Administrators
Maryland	Different				Supervisors of Instruction, Assistant Principals, other supervisors
Massachusetts	Different				Supervisor/Director, Special Education Administrator, School Business Administrator
Michigan	Different	Yes			
Minnesota	Different	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mississippi	Different				
Missouri	Different				
Montana	Different	Yes		Yes	Supervisors of special programs
Nebraska	Different	Yes		Yes	Curriculum Supervisor
Nevada	Same				
New Hampshire	Different	Yes		Yes	Business Administrator; Special Education Administrator; District Administrator; and Career Technical Directors
New Jersey	Same	Yes		Yes	Business Administrator; Director of Counseling Services; Supervisors School Business Officials
New Mexico	Same				
New York	Different	Yes		Yes	School district business leader
North Carolina	Different	Yes		Yes	Curriculum - Instructional Specialist, EC Program Administrator and CTE Program Administrator
North Dakota	Different	Yes		Yes	Counselor and Librarian
Ohio	Different	Yes		Yes	Administrative Specialist
Oklahoma	Different	Yes		Yes	
Oregon	Different	Yes		Yes	
Pennsylvania	Different	Yes		Yes	
<b>Puerto Rico<sup>^</sup></b>					
Rhode Island	Same				
South Carolina	Different	Yes		Yes	Directors of vocational centers

Table 19 con't

Differentiated Certification Standards by Administrative Role — 2006

States	Certification Standards Differentiated by Role	Separate Standards for Principals or School Leaders	Separate Standards for Teacher Leaders	Separate Standards for Superintendents	Standards for other school or district roles
South Dakota	Same	Yes		Yes	
Tennessee	Different	Yes		Yes	
Texas	Different	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Utah	Same				
Vermont	Different	Yes		Yes	Adult Services Coordinator, Career and Technical Center Director, Director of Special Education, Supervisor
Virginia	Same			Yes	
Washington	Different	Yes	Yes	Yes	Program administrator (supervisor)
West Virginia	Same				
Wisconsin	Same				
Wyoming	Different	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>26 states</b>	<b>7 states</b>	<b>25 states</b>	

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; CTE= Career and Technical Education; EC= Exceptional Children

**Table 20, Part A**

**Administrator Assessments Required for Initial Certification — 2006**

States	Modified or Updated	Web Address for administrator test information
Alabama	2005	<a href="http://www.alsde.edu/html/apttp.asp">http://www.alsde.edu/html/apttp.asp</a>
Alaska		
Arizona	1998	<a href="http://www.aepa.nesinc.com">www.aepa.nesinc.com</a>
Arkansas	2002	<a href="http://www.ETS.org">www.ETS.org</a>
California		
Colorado	1994	<a href="http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/Licensure_PLACE_info.htm">http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/Licensure_PLACE_info.htm</a>
Connecticut		<a href="http://www.eastconn.org/CAT.htm">www.eastconn.org/CAT.htm</a>
District of Columbia^		
Delaware		
Florida	2006	<a href="http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/sasshome.htm">http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/sasshome.htm</a>
Georgia	1997	<a href="http://www.gapsc.com">http://www.gapsc.com</a>
Hawaii	2006	<a href="http://fms-web2.k12.hi.us/pderi/ptl">http://fms-web2.k12.hi.us/pderi/ptl</a>
Idaho		<a href="http://www.sde.idaho.gov/certificaton">www.sde.idaho.gov/certificaton</a>
Illinois	2004	<a href="http://www.icts.nesinc.com">www.icts.nesinc.com</a>
Indiana	2005	<a href="http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/welcome.html">http://www.doe.state.in.us/dps/welcome.html</a>
Iowa		
Kansas	2005	<a href="http://www.ksde.org/cert/testing.htm">http://www.ksde.org/cert/testing.htm</a>
Kentucky	2006	<a href="http://kyepsb.net/assessment/principaltests.asp">http://kyepsb.net/assessment/principaltests.asp</a>
Louisiana	2006	<a href="http://www.louisianaschools.net/lde/tsac/home.html">http://www.louisianaschools.net/lde/tsac/home.html</a>
Maine		
Maryland	1998	<a href="http://www.marylandpublicschools.org">http://www.marylandpublicschools.org</a>
Massachusetts	2005	<a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr7.html">http://www.doe.mass.edu/lawsregs/603cmr7.html</a>
Michigan		
Minnesota		
Mississippi		
Missouri	2006	<a href="http://dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/isllc/index.html">dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/leadership/isllc/index.html</a>
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada	1995	<a href="http://www.doe.nv.gov/index.html">www.doe.nv.gov/index.html</a>
New Hampshire	2004	
New Jersey	2004	<a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a>
New Mexico*		
New York		
North Carolina	1998	<a href="http://www.ncpublicschools.org">www.ncpublicschools.org</a>
North Dakota		
Ohio	1999	<a href="http://www.ode.state.oh.us">www.ode.state.oh.us</a>
Oklahoma		
Oregon	1995	<a href="http://www.tspc.state.or.us">www.tspc.state.or.us</a>
Pennsylvania	2005	<a href="http://www.teaching.state.pa.us/teaching/site/default.asp">http://www.teaching.state.pa.us/teaching/site/default.asp</a>
Puerto Rico^		
Rhode Island		
South Carolina	1998	<a href="http://www.scteachers.org">www.scteachers.org</a> and <a href="http://www.ETS.org">www.ETS.org</a>
South Dakota		
Tennessee	2004	<a href="http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic">http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic</a>
Texas	1999	<a href="http://www.sbec.state.tx.us">www.sbec.state.tx.us</a>
Utah		<a href="http://www.schools.utah.gov">www.schools.utah.gov</a>
Vermont	2001	<a href="http://www.state.vt.us/educ">www.state.vt.us/educ</a>
Virginia	2004	<a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/newvdoe/praxis.pdf">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/newvdoe/praxis.pdf</a>
Washington		
West Virginia	1998	<a href="http://www.ets.org/praxis">http://www.ets.org/praxis</a>
Wisconsin		
Wyoming	2004	

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2006 online survey

Table 20, Part B

Administrator Assessments Required for Initial Certification — 2006

School Leader/Administrator Licensure

States	Administrator Tests Required	Cut Score
Alabama	Praxis II	
Alaska		
Arizona	Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment	240
Arkansas	Praxis - SLLA/SSA	158/152
California		
Colorado	PLACE Principal Examination	220
Connecticut	SLLA / Administrator Test / Praxis I	
District of Columbia^		
Delaware		
Florida	Florida Educational Leadership Exam	431/436/445*
Georgia	Praxis II	620
Hawaii	Multiple assessments	
Idaho	Praxis II	
Illinois	Applicable Content Area Tests	
Indiana	SLLA	165
Iowa	SLLA	165
Kansas	SLLA	165
Kentucky	SLLA / KY Specialty Test of Instruction & Admin Practices/Principal Internship	165/85/ Meets Stds
Louisiana	SLLA	168
Maine		
Maryland	SLLA	157
Massachusetts	MTEL Communication & Literacy Test / Perf Assessment for Initial Licensure	70/Meets Stds
Michigan		
Minnesota		
Mississippi	SLLA	154
Missouri	SLLA / SSA	164/154
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada	ETS Praxis II	592
New Hampshire	No test required	
New Jersey	SLLA / SSA	148/151
New Mexico*		
New York		
North Carolina	SLLA	155
North Dakota		
Ohio	Praxis - Educational Leadership Administrator and Supervision	610
Oklahoma		
Oregon	Praxis - Educational Leadership Administrator and Supervision	600
Pennsylvania	Praxis - Educational Leadership Administrator and Supervision	580
Puerto Rico^		
Rhode Island		
South Carolina	Praxis - Educational Leadership Administrator and Supervision	590
South Dakota		
Tennessee	Praxis	156
Texas	Principal Certification Exam / Superintendent Certification Exam	240 scaled
Utah		
Vermont	Praxis I	
Virginia	SLLA	165
Washington		
West Virginia	Praxis - Educational Leadership Administrator and Supervision	570
Wisconsin	Performance-based portfolio assessment	n/a
Wyoming	PLT0011	160

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; \*Florida -- Cut score = 431 for Subtest 1, 436 for Subtest 2, and 445 for Subtest 3; \*New Mexico -- testing begins Sept 2007; SLLA= School Leaders Licensure Assessment; SSA= School Superintendent Assessment; ETS= Educational Testing Service; MTEL= Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure; PLT= Principles of Learning and Testing

Table 21

State Use of Assessment Results to Improve Administrator Performance — 2006

States	Assessment results are used to monitor program quality	Results guide individual professional development or induction plans	Results can be linked to measures of school and student outcomes	Other uses
Alabama	Yes	Yes		AL: Once cut scores are set, all of the above, plus holding Universities accountable for the success of their graduates.
Alaska				
Arizona				GA: Assess initial knowledge base. HI: Used to focus mentoring and training activities; field experiences/internship (year long).
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	Yes	
California				
Colorado		Yes		
Connecticut	Yes			
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>				
Delaware				
Florida		Yes		
Georgia				
Hawaii	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Idaho				PA: Evaluation of initial qualifications.
Illinois	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Indiana	Yes			
Iowa				
Kansas	Yes			
Kentucky	Yes			
Louisiana				
Maine				
Maryland	Yes			
Massachusetts				
Michigan				SC: The assessments are for initial certification as an administrator. Subsequent assessments are used as the foundation for principals' Individual Growth Plans. SD: Required for non-certified administrators working on a plan of assistance to become fully certified. TX: Individual accountability.
Minnesota				
Mississippi				
Missouri	Yes			
Montana				
Nebraska				
Nevada		Yes		
New Hampshire				
New Jersey				
New Mexico				
New York				
North Carolina	Yes			WV: Will be used in 2006-07 to monitor program quality.
North Dakota				
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Oklahoma				
Oregon	Yes			
Pennsylvania				
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>				
Rhode Island				
South Carolina				
South Dakota				
Tennessee				
Texas	Yes			
Utah				
Vermont				
Virginia	Yes	Yes		
Washington				
West Virginia				
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes		
Wyoming				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17 states</b>	<b>10 states</b>	<b>4 states</b>	

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey

Table 22, Part A

State Requirements for Initial Certification of Administrators — 2006

School Leader/Administrator Licensure

States	Preparation Program (# credit hours)	Masters Degree	Teaching Certificate	Teaching Experience (# years)	Supervised Internship (# hours)
Alabama	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 yrs	300 hrs
Alaska	Yes	Yes		3 yrs	Yes
Arizona	Yes/30 hrs	Yes		3 yrs	Not specified
Arkansas	Varies	Yes	Yes	4 yrs	≥ 160 hrs
California			Yes	3 yrs	
Colorado	Varies			3 yrs	800 hrs
Connecticut	Yes/18 hrs	Yes	Yes	5 yrs	
District of Columbia <sup>^</sup>					
Delaware		Yes	Yes	3 yrs	
Florida		Yes	Yes	3 yrs	
Georgia		Yes	Yes		
Hawaii	Yes/21 hrs		Yes	5 yrs	1 yr
Idaho		Yes		4 yrs	100 hrs
Illinois	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 yrs	
Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 yrs	Yes
Iowa		Yes	Yes	3 yrs	
Kansas		Yes	Yes	3 yrs	
Kentucky		Yes	Yes	3 yrs	27 hrs
Louisiana		Yes		5 yrs	Yes
Maine	Yes	Yes		3 yrs	320 hrs
Maryland	Yes	Yes		3 yrs	Yes
Massachusetts					300 hrs
Michigan					
Minnesota		Yes			
Mississippi		Yes	Yes		
Missouri	Yes/24 hrs	Yes	Yes	2 yrs	
Montana	Yes/Varies ≥ 24 hrs	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	
Nebraska		Yes	Yes	2 yrs	250 hrs
Nevada	Yes/36 hrs	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	300 hrs
New Hampshire		Yes		3 yrs	Yes
New Jersey	Yes 30 hrs plus M.A.	Yes			
New Mexico	Yes/18 hrs	Yes	Yes	7 yrs	180 hrs
New York	Yes	Yes		3 yrs	15 hrs
North Carolina	Yes/Varies	Yes			1 yr
North Dakota		Yes		3 yrs	
Ohio	Yes/Varies	Yes	Yes	2 yrs	Varies
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 yrs	
Oregon	Yes/27 hrs	Yes		2 yrs	360 hrs
Pennsylvania	Yes/30 hrs				180 hrs
Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>					
Rhode Island	Yes/24 hrs	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	
South Carolina	Yes/Varies	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	Varies
South Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	3-6 hrs
Tennessee		Yes	Yes		3 hrs
Texas	Yes	Yes		2 yrs	
Utah	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 yrs	450 hrs
Vermont		Yes		3-5 yrs	
Virginia	Yes/Varies	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	Varies
Washington	Yes/Varies	Yes	Yes	none specified	720 hrs
West Virginia		Yes			
Wisconsin	Yes/Varies	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	Yes
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 yrs	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31 states</b>	<b>44 states</b>	<b>30 states</b>	<b>39 states</b>	<b>28 states</b>

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2006 online survey

Table 22, Part B

State Requirements for Initial Certification of Administrators — 2006

States	Supervised Induction Program (# years)	Mentor or coach (# years)	Other requirements (not including tests)
Alabama			
Alaska			
Arizona			
Arkansas	1 years	1 years	
California			
Colorado	1-3 years*		
Connecticut			
District of Columbia^			
Delaware			
Florida			
Georgia			
Hawaii	2 years	2 years	HI: Shadowing of state superintendent; summer leadership institute; monthly workshops and seminars for two yrs; monthly support group meetings; leadership portfolio for certification.
Idaho			
Illinois	Yes	Yes	
Indiana	1 year	1 year	IN: Preparation is standards based, therefore number of credit hours will vary by institution. Number of hours for supervised internship will vary by institution.
Iowa	1 year	1 year	
Kansas			KS: 3.25 cumulative GPA in graduate coursework.
Kentucky	1 year	1 year	
Louisiana			
Maine			
Maryland			
Massachusetts	1 year	1 year	
Michigan			
Minnesota			MN: 30 additional semester credits in school administration.
Mississippi			
Missouri		2 years	
Montana			
Nebraska			
Nevada			
New Hampshire			
New Jersey			
New Mexico			
New York		Yes	
North Carolina			
North Dakota			
Ohio	2 years	2 years	
Oklahoma			
Oregon			OR: At least two years experience on a license appropriate for the assignment.
Pennsylvania			PA: Five years of certificated experience.
Puerto Rico^			
Rhode Island			
South Carolina			SC: Complete the Principal Induction Program before “permanently” assigned as the principal.
South Dakota			
Tennessee			
Texas		1 year	
Utah			UT: Teaching, special education, school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker certificate.
Vermont			
Virginia			
Washington			
West Virginia		1 year	WV: Three years of management experience and completion of the Evaluation Leadership Institute.
Wisconsin	Yes		
Wyoming			WY: Determined by approved program, not hours.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10 states</b>	<b>13 states</b>	

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2006 online survey; \*Colorado -- supervised induction program includes the mentor/coach program for 1-3 years and varies by district

# Student Assessment

CCSSO annually collects information on statewide assessment programs. This report contains the latest data available on state assessment as of its printing. English/Language Arts and Mathematics assessments are reported for the 2005-06 academic year, and state assessment in science is reported for the 2005-06 academic year. These data reveal that all states have assessment programs in one or more subjects. In the 1980s and continuing in the 1990s, more states approved policies requiring statewide student testing, and the number of subjects and grades to be assessed increased. This trend continued in the 2000s as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act required more of states in this area. The years since the legislation's authorization have spurred new assessments, increases in grades tested, and changes in the types of tests.

## Assessments by Subject

In 2006, all states required statewide assessments in Mathematics and Language Arts, and 47 states have assessments in place in Science (with the remaining states preparing to test in science by the NCLB-mandated 2008 year).

Trends	Number of States					
	1984	1994	1999	2001	2004	2006
Language Arts	35	44	48	49	51	51
Mathematics	34	45	48	49	51	51
Science	13	30	33	36	43	47

## Type of Test

Statewide assessments are increasingly moving to standards-based assessment. Largely due to the NCLB act, criterion-referenced tests are much more prevalent than the norm-referenced test for English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

Trends	Number of Assessments		
	Language Arts*	Mathematics	Science
Criterion-Referenced	75	75	58
Norm-Referenced	11	12	8
Augmented Norm-Referenced	5	5	2
*Reading, Writing Assessment			

Most states administer standardized assessments once per year in selected subjects and specific grades to all students. States assessed student knowledge and learning at a variety of different grades. The state-by-state information in the following three tables show the grades assessed and a summary of the type of test.

For further information on Statewide Student Assessment Programs, go to [http://www.ccsso.org/projects/Accountability\\_Systems/State\\_Profiles](http://www.ccsso.org/projects/Accountability_Systems/State_Profiles).

Table 23

## Statewide Student Assessment: English Language Arts, 2005-06

State	Assessment	Grades	Test Types
Alabama	Stanford Achievement Test, 10th edition	3-8	NRT
	Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test	3-8	CRT
	Alabama High School Graduation Exam	11	CRT
Alaska	Standards Based Assessments	3-10	CRT
	High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE)	10	CRT
	TerraNova CAT/6	5,7	NRT
Arizona	Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS)	3-8, 10	CRT
Arkansas	Benchmark Exams	3-8	CRT
	Literacy Exam	11	CRT
California	California Standard Tests (CSTs)	2-11, EOC	CRT
	California Achievement Test CAT/6	3,7	NRT
	California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)	10	CRT
Colorado	Colorado Student Assessment Program	3-10	CRT
Connecticut	Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT)	3-8	CRT
	Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)	10	CRT
District of Columbia	Stanford Achievement Tests, Ninth Edition (SAT-9)	1-11	NRT
Delaware	Delaware Student Testing Program	3-10	NRT, CRT
Florida	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test	3-11	NRT
Georgia	Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)	1-8	CRT
	Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT)	11	CRT
	End of Course Test (EOCT)	EOC	CRT
Hawaii	Hawaii Content and Performance Standards II State Assessment	3-8, 10	Aug-NRT
Idaho	Idaho Standards Achievement Test	2-10	Aug-NRT
Illinois	Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)	3-10	CRT
	Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE)	11	CRT
Indiana	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+)	3-10	CRT
	Graduation Qualifying Exam	10	
Iowa	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)	K-12	NRT
Kansas	Kansas State Assessment	3-8, HS	CRT
Kentucky	Kentucky Core Content Test	4,7,10	CRT
	Terra Nova A with Inview - Augmented	3,5,6,8	Aug-NRT
	Terra Nova A with Inview	3,6,9	NRT
Louisiana	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP)	4-8	CRT
	Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (iLEAP)	3,5,6,7,9	NRT, CRT
	Graduation Exit Examination (GEE 21)	10,11	CRT
Maine	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA)	3-8	CRT
	Scholastic Assessment Test	HS	NRT
Maryland	Maryland School Assessments (MSA)	3-8	CRT
	Maryland High School Assessment	10, EOC	CRT
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)	3-8, 10	CRT
Michigan	Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)	3-8, 11	CRT
Minnesota	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments-Series II (MCA-II)	3-8, 10	CRT
Mississippi	Mississippi Curriculum Test	2-8	CRT
	TerraNova	6	NRT
	Subject Area Testing Program	EOC	CRT
Missouri	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)	3-8, 11	Aug-NRT
Montana	Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS)	3-8, 10	CRT
Nebraska	School-based Teacher-led Assessment and Reporting System (STARS)	3-8, 11	Other
Nevada	Criterion-Referenced Tests	3-8	CRT
	High School Proficiency Examination	10-12	CRT, Writing
New Hampshire	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)	3-8	CRT
	New Hampshire Educational Improvement Assessment Program (NHEIAP)	10	CRT
New Jersey	New Jersey Skills & Knowledge Assessment	3-7	CRT
	Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA)	8	CRT
	High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)	11	CRT

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Statewide Student Assessment: English Language Arts, 2005-06

Student Assessment

State	Assessment	Grades	Test Types
<b>New Mexico</b>	New Mexico Achievement Assessment Program	3-9	CRT
	New Mexico High School Competency Examination	10	CRT
<b>New York</b>	English Language Arts Test	3-8	CRT
	High School Regents Exam	EOC	CRT
<b>North Carolina</b>	End-of-Grade Reading Comprehension	3-8	CRT
	End of Course Test	EOC	CRT
	NC Competency Test	9	CRT
	High School Comprehensive Tests	10	CRT
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota State Assessment	3-8, 11	CRT
<b>Ohio</b>	Ohio Achievement Test	3-8	CRT
	Ohio Proficiency Test	9	CRT
	Ohio Graduation Test	10	CRT
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests	3-8, EOI	CRT
<b>Oregon</b>	TESA Knowledge and Skills	3-8, CIM	CRT
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)	3-8, 11	CRT
<b>Puerto Rico</b>			
<b>Rhode Island</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)	3-8	CRT
	New Standards Reference Exams	11	CRT
<b>South Carolina</b>	Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT)	3-8	CRT
	High School Assessment Program	10	CRT
	End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP)	EOC	CRT
<b>South Dakota</b>	Dakota Step	3-8, 11	Aug-NRT
	Dakota Assessment of Content Standards (DACS)	2-12	CRT
	Achievement Series Assessments	1-12	CRT
<b>Tennessee</b>	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests	3-8	CRT
	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Gateway Tests	EOC	CRT
<b>Texas</b>	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)	3-11	CRT
<b>Utah</b>	Criterion Reference Tests	3-11	CRT
	Utah Basic Skills Competency Tests	10	CRT
<b>Vermont</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)	3-8	CRT
	New Standards Reference Exams (NSRE)	10	CRT
	Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment (VT-DRA)	2	Performance
<b>Virginia</b>	Standards of Learning Assessments	3-8, EOC	CRT
<b>Washington</b>	Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examinations (WKCE)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>West Virginia</b>	West Virginia Educational Standards Tests (WESTEST)	3-8, 10	CRT
	Writing Assessment	4,7,10	CRT
<b>Wyoming</b>	Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS)	3-8, 11	CRT

Note: NRT= Norm-referenced test; CRT= Criterion-referenced test; Aug-NRT= Augmented Norm-referenced test; EOC= End of Course; EOI= End of Instruction; CIM= Certificate of Mastery

Table 24

## Statewide Student Assessment: Mathematics, 2005-06

State	Assessment	Grades	Test Types
<b>Alabama</b>	Stanford Achievement Test, 10th edition	3-8	NRT
	Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test	3-8	CRT
	Alabama High School Graduation Exam	11	CRT
<b>Alaska</b>	Standards Based Assessments	3-10	CRT
	High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE)	10	CRT
	TerraNova CAT/6	5,7	NRT
<b>Arizona</b>	Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS)	3-8,10	CRT
<b>Arkansas</b>	Benchmark Exams	3-8	CRT
	End of Course Exams	HS EOC	CRT
<b>California</b>	California Standard Tests (CSTs)	2-11	CRT
	California Achievement Test CAT/6	3,7	NRT
	California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)	10	CRT
<b>Colorado</b>	Colorado Student Assessment Program	3-10	CRT
<b>Connecticut</b>	Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT)	3-8	CRT
	Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)	10	CRT
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Stanford Achievement Test, 9th edition	1-11	NRT
<b>Delaware</b>	Delaware Student Testing Program	2-10	NRT, CRT
<b>Florida</b>	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test	3-11	NRT, CRT
<b>Georgia</b>	Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)	1-8	CRT
	Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHSGT)	11	CRT
	End of Course Test (EOCT)	EOC	CRT
<b>Hawaii</b>	Hawaii Content and Performance Standards (HCPS) II (SAT-9 based)	3-8, 10	Aug-NRT
<b>Idaho</b>	Idaho State Achievement Test (ISAT)	2-10	Aug-NRT
<b>Illinois</b>	Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)	3-8	CRT
	Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE)	11	CRT
<b>Indiana</b>	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+)	3-10	CRT
	Graduation Qualifying Exam	10	
<b>Iowa</b>	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)	K-12	NRT
<b>Kansas</b>	Kansas State Assessment	3-8, 11	CRT
<b>Kentucky</b>	Kentucky Core Content Test	5,8,11	CRT
	Terra Nova A with Inview - Augmented	3,4,6,7	Aug-NRT
	Terra Nova A with Inview	3,6,9	NRT
<b>Louisiana</b>	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program	4-8	CRT
	Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (iLEAP)	3,5,6,7,9	NRT, CRT
	Graduation Exit Examination (GEE 21)	10,11	CRT
<b>Maine</b>	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA)	3-8	CRT
	Scholastic Assessment Test	HS	NRT
<b>Maryland</b>	Maryland School Assessments (MSA)	3-8	CRT
	Maryland High School Assessment	10, EOC	CRT
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>Michigan</b>	Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)	3-8, 11	CRT
<b>Minnesota</b>	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments-Series II (MCA-II)	3-8, 11	CRT
<b>Missouri</b>	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)	3-8, 10	Aug-NRT
<b>Mississippi</b>	Mississippi Curriculum Test	2-8	CRT
	TerraNova CTBS/5	6	NRT
	Subject Area Testing Program (SATP)	HS EOC	CRT
<b>Montana</b>	Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>Nebraska</b>	School-Based Teacher-Led Assessment and Reporting System (STARS)	3-8, 11	Other
<b>Nevada</b>	Criterion-referenced tests	3-8	CRT
	High School Proficiency Examination	10-12	CRT
<b>New Hampshire</b>	New England Common Assessment Program	3-8	CRT
	New Hampshire Educational Improvement Assessment Program (NHEIAP)	10	CRT
<b>New Jersey</b>	New Jersey Skills & Knowledge Assessment (NJ ASK)	3-7	CRT
	Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA)	8	CRT
	High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)	11	CRT

Table 24 con't

Statewide Student Assessment: Mathematics, 2005-06

Student Assessment

State	Assessment	Grades	Test Types
<b>New Mexico</b>	New Mexico Achievement Assessment Program	3-9	CRT
	New Mexico High School Competency Examination	10	CRT
<b>New York</b>	Mathematics Assessment Tests	3-8	CRT
	High School regents Examination	EOC	CRT
<b>North Carolina</b>	End-of-Grade Mathematics	3-8	CRT
	End of Course	EOC	CRT
	North Carolina Competency Test	9	CRT
	North Carolina HS Comprehensive Test	10	CRT
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota State Assessment	3-8, 11	CRT
<b>Ohio</b>	Ohio Achievement Test	3-8	CRT
	Ohio Proficiency Test	9	CRT
	Ohio Graduation Test	10	CRT
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests	3-8, HS EOC	CRT
	Stanford 9 Achievement Test	3	NRT
<b>Oregon</b>	TESA Knowledge and Skills Tests	3-8, CIM	CRT
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)	3-8, 11	CRT
<b>Puerto Rico</b>			
<b>Rhode Island</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)	3-8	CRT
	New Standards Reference Exams	11	CRT
<b>South Carolina</b>	Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT)	3-8	CRT
	High School Assessment Program	10	CRT
	End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP)	EOC	CRT
<b>South Dakota</b>	Dakota STEP	3-8, 11	Aug-NRT
	Dakota Assessment of Content Standards (DACS)	2-12	CRT
	Achievement Series Assessments	2-12	CRT
<b>Tennessee</b>	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests	3-8	CRT
	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Gateway Tests	EOC	CRT
<b>Texas</b>	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)	3-11	CRT
<b>Utah</b>	Utah Core Curriculum	3-11	CRT
	Utah Basic Skills Competency Tests	10	CRT
<b>Vermont</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP)	3-8	CRT
	New Standards Reference Exams	10	CRT
<b>Virginia</b>	Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments	3-8, EOC	CRT
<b>Washington</b>	Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examinations (WKCE)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>West Virginia</b>	West Virginia Educational Standards Tests (WESTEST)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>Wyoming</b>	Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Schools (PAWS)	3-8, 11	CRT

Note: NRT= Norm-referenced test; CRT= Criterion-referenced test; Aug-NRT= Augmented Norm-referenced test; EOC= End of Course; CIM= Certificate of Mastery; HS= High School

Table 25

## Statewide Student Assessment: Science, 2005-06

State	Assessment	Grades	Test Types
<b>Alabama</b>	Alabama Science Assessment (under development)	5, 7 (2008)	CRT
	Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition	5,7	NRT
	Alabama High School Graduation Exam	11	CRT
<b>Alaska</b>	Science Assessment (pilot testing)	4,8,11	CRT
<b>Arizona</b>	Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS)	4,8,10 (2007-08)	CRT
<b>Arkansas</b>	Under development		
<b>California</b>	STAR California Standard Tests	5,9,11	CRT
<b>Colorado</b>	Colorado Student Assessment Program	5,8,10	CRT
<b>Connecticut</b>	Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT)	5,8 (2008)	CRT
	Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)	10	CRT
<b>Delaware</b>	Delaware Student Testing Program (DSTP)	4,6,8, 11	CRT
<b>District of Columbia</b>	Science Standards (proposed 03/06)		
<b>Florida</b>	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test	5,8,11	CRT
<b>Georgia</b>	Criterion Referenced Competency Test	3-8	CRT
	Georgia High School Graduation Tests	11	CRT
	End of Course Test	EOC	CRT
<b>Hawaii</b>	Hawaii Content and Performance Standards (HCPS) II	5,7,11 (2007-08)	CRT
<b>Idaho</b>	Science Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)	5,7,10	Aug-NRT
<b>Illinois</b>	Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)	3-8	CRT
	Prairie State Achievement Examination	11	CRT
<b>Indiana</b>	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+)	5, 7	CRT
<b>Iowa</b>	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)	5 (2008), 8,11	NRT
		4,7,10 (2007-08)	CRT
<b>Kansas</b>	Kansas State Assessment	4, 7,11	CRT
<b>Kentucky</b>	Kentucky Core Content Test	4, 8	CRT
<b>Louisiana</b>	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP)	3,5,6,7,9	NRT, CRT
	Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (iLEAP)	10,11	CRT
<b>Maine</b>	Maine Educational Assessment	4,8	CRT
<b>Maryland</b>	Maryland School Assessment (MSA)	3,5,8 (2008)	CRT
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)	5,8,9,10	CRT
<b>Michigan</b>	Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)	5,8,11	CRT
<b>Minnesota</b>	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments-Series II (MCA-II)	5,8,HS (2008)	CRT
		5,8	CRT
<b>Mississippi</b>	Elementary/Middle Grades Science Assessments	EOC	CRT
	Mississippi Area Subject Testing	3,7,10	CRT
<b>Missouri</b>	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)	4,8,11	NRT
<b>Montana</b>	Montana Comprehensive Assessment System (MontCAS)	4,8,10 (2008)	NRT
	Montana's Criterion Referenced Test		
<b>Nebraska</b>	School-Based Teacher-Led Assessment and Reporting System	5,8,11	NRT
<b>Nevada</b>	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills	4,7	NRT
	Iowa Tests of Educational Development	10	NRT
	Criterion Referenced Tests	5,8	CRT
<b>New Hampshire</b>	New Hampshire Educational Improvement Assessment Program	6,10	CRT
	Tri-State Assessment End of Grade	4,8,11 (2007-08)	
<b>New Jersey</b>	New Jersey Skills & Knowledge Assessment (NJ ASK)	4	CRT
	Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA)	8	CRT
	High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)	11	CRT
<b>New Mexico</b>	New Mexico Testing Program	3-9, 11 (2008)	CRT

Table 25 con't

Statewide Student Assessment: Science, 2005-06

Student Assessment

State	Assessment	Grades	Test Types
<b>New York</b>	Science Examination; Regents	4, 8,HS	CRT
	End of Course Test	HS	CRT
<b>North Dakota</b>	North Dakota State Assessment	4,8,11	CRT
<b>Ohio</b>	Ohio Achievement Test	5,8	CRT
	Ohio Graduation Test	10	CRT
<b>Oklahoma</b>	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test	5,8,EOI	CRT
<b>Oregon</b>	TESA Science Knowledge and Skills Test	5,8,CIM	CRT
<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
<b>Puerto Rico</b>			
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Tri-State Science Assessment (in development)	4,8,11 (2008)	CRT
<b>South Carolina</b>	End of Course Examination Program	EOC	CRT
	Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests	3-8	CRT
<b>South Dakota</b>	Dakota Step	3-8, 11	Aug-NRT
	Dakota Assessment of Content Standards (DACs)	2-10	CRT
	Achievement Series Assessments	1-12	CRT
<b>Tennessee</b>	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests	3-8	CRT
	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Gateway Tests	EOC	CRT
<b>Texas</b>	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)	5,10,11	CRT
<b>Utah</b>	Science Core Criterion Reference Tests	4-8, 11	CRT
<b>Vermont</b>	Vermont - PASS	5,9,11	CRT
<b>Virginia</b>	Standards of Learning Assessment	3,5,8,HS	CRT
<b>Washington</b>	Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)	5,8,10	CRT
<b>West Virginia</b>	West Virginia Educational Standards Tests (WESTEST)	3-8, 10	CRT
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examinations (WKCE)	4,8,10	CRT
<b>Wyoming</b>	Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS)	4,8,11	CRT

Note: NRT= Norm-referenced test; CRT= Criterion-referenced test; Aug-NRT= Augmented Norm-referenced test; EOC= End of Course; EOI= End of Instruction; CIM= Certificate of Mastery; HS= High School

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# 2006 Key State Education Policies Update Questions

## Table 1

Does your state have a policy on the minimum number of days in a school year?

If yes, please provide the minimum number of days in school year.

Please provide detail if the length of the school year in days varies by grade range or level.

Does your state have a policy on the minimum number of hours in a school year?

If yes, what is the minimum number of hours in school year?

Please provide detail if the length of the school year in hours varies by grade range or level.

Does your state have any exceptions to its policy on length of school year?

If yes, please indicate the minimum hours after exceptions have been approved.

Please indicate the minimum days after exceptions have been approved.

## Table 2

What is the date or range of dates on which the majority of the public schools in your state began the fall 2005 semester?

Does your state have a policy on the earliest allowable start date for school?

If yes, what is the policy on the earliest allowable start date?

Does your state have a policy on the latest allowable start date for school?

If yes, what is the policy on the latest allowable start date?

## Table 3

Does your state have a policy on the length of a school day?

If yes, please describe your state's policy on the length of a school day for each of the following sets of grades.

Pre-Kindergarten; Partial-day Kindergarten; Full-day Kindergarten; Grades 1-6; Grades 7-8; Grades 9-12.

## Table 4

Does your state have a policy on year-round schools?

If yes, what is your state's policy regarding year-round schools?

What is your state's definition of a year-round school?

Are there now districts in your state that run year-round schools?

If yes, how many districts have year-round schools?

## Table 5

What is the policy on the kindergarten cut-off date?

Are local districts required to offer kindergarten?

If yes, are they required to offer a full- or half-day program?

Are students required to attend or enroll in kindergarten?

## Table 6

What is your state's policy on the age by which children must enter school?

What is your state's policy on the age to which students remain in school?

Does your state have a policy on the age at which students may enter kindergarten?

If yes, please provide the entrance age.

Does your state have a policy on the date by which entry into kindergarten is cut-off?

## Table 7

Does your state have a policy requiring all districts to offer pre-school programs, and/or provide funding for pre-school programs?

If yes, what is your state policy for pre-schools?

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## Table 8

Does your state have a policy on the number of credits (Carnegie units) required for a standard diploma in math, English, arts, social studies or science, or a policy on the total number of credits required for a diploma?  
If yes, please indicate credit requirements.

## Table 9

Does your state have a policy on math or science courses required for graduation?  
If yes, does your state require completion of any specific math courses?  
If yes, what specific math courses are required?  
Does your state require completion of any specific science course?  
If yes, what specific science courses are required?

## Table 10

Are there any other specific courses required in the other subject areas?  
If yes, what is/are the subject area(s), course(s) and associated credit requirement(s)?

## Table 11

Does your state have credit (Carnegie unit) requirements in the areas of health, physical education, or foreign language for high school graduation?  
If yes, what are the requirements? (Health, Physical Education, Foreign Language)

## Table 12

Does your state have a policy on the number of credits required for an advanced diploma?  
If yes, indicate the graduation requirements (by subject and total credits) for advanced diploma.  
What is the maximum number of years a student may take to fulfill requirements for a standard diploma and be considered a graduate (i.e., counted in the graduation rate)?

## Table 13

Does your state have a required exit examination for receipt of a high school diploma?  
If yes, please provide the name of the assessment(s), and describe the test type(s) and the high school student accountability.  
Does your state have any other requirements for graduation? (e.g., voluntary service hours)?  
If, yes, please state the requirements.

## Table 14

As of the 2003-04 school year, what is the status of the K-12 content standards for student learning in your state?

## Table 15

Does your state have a policy by which the state selects or recommends textbooks and/or curriculum materials?  
If yes, does your state use state content standards to select or recommend textbooks and/or curriculum materials?

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## Table 16

Please indicate if your state has standards for teacher licensure.  
If yes, do your state standards apply to ALL fields?  
Does your state have standards for specific fields or grade levels?  
If yes, what fields by grade level?

## Table 17

Does your state have professional development requirements for teacher license renewal or recertification?  
How often do teachers need to apply for recertification and license renewal? (e.g., every 5 years)?  
What are the criteria for renewal/recertification?  
Within these required hours/credits, does your state have any specific content requirements (e.g., teachers must take a certain number of hours in their main assignment field; in mathematics or technology, etc.)?  
If yes, please describe the requirements.

## Table 18

Does the state certify or license school and district administrators?  
Does the state have statewide standards for administrator or school leader certification?  
If the state has school or district administrator standards, what is the relation to ISLLC standards?  
What year were the state's administrator standards most recently modified or updated?

## Table 19

Does the state have different standards for administrators and school leaders?  
If yes, what does the state has separate standards for?

## Table 20

What year were the state's administrator assessments and cut scores most recently modified or updated?  
What agency is responsible for state administrator assessments?  
Please indicate assessments and cut scores that the state requires for initial administrator certification.

## Table 21

How are state assessments used to improve administrator performance? (e.g., Monitor program quality, etc.)?

## Table 22

Which of the following are required for initial certification or licensure? (e.g., Preparation program: # credit hours; masters degree; teaching certificate, etc.)?







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