

**Table 1 Length of School Year, State Policies in Number of Days or Total Hours - 2008**

| State          | Days                        | Hours                                     | Minimum Days After Exception | Minimum Hours After Exception |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alabama        | 180                         | —   |                              | —                             |
| Alaska         | 180                         | —   | No Minimum                   | 740 (K-3); 900 (4-12)         |
| Arizona        | 180                         | —   |                              | —                             |
| Arkansas       | 178                         | 6   | Varies                       | No Minimum                    |
| California     | 180                         | —   | 163                          |                               |
| Colorado       | —                           | 968 (E); 1056 (S)                         | 142                          |                               |
| Connecticut    | 180                         | 900                                       |                              | —                             |
| DC             | 180                         |   |                              |                               |
| Delaware       | —                           | 1060 (K-11); 1032 (12)                    |                              | 440 (K)                       |
| Florida        | 180                         | —   | 177                          | Varies                        |
| Georgia        | 180                         | 810 (K-3); 900 (4-5); 990 (6-12)          | Varies                       | Varies                        |
| Hawaii         | 180                         | —   |                              | —                             |
| Idaho          | 170                         | 450 (K); 810 (1-3); 900 (4-8); 990 (9-12) | No Minimum                   | Varies                        |
| Illinois       | 185                         | 880                                       |                              |                               |
| Indiana        | 180                         | 900 (K-6); 1080 (7-12)                    | Varies                       | Varies                        |
| Iowa           | 180                         | 990 (1-11); 962 (12)                      | No Minimum                   | Varies                        |
| Kansas         | 186 (K-11); 181 (12)        | 465 (K); 1116 (1-11); 1086 (12)           | No Minimum                   | No Minimum                    |
| Kentucky       | —                           | 1062                                      | No Minimum                   | No Minimum                    |
| Louisiana      | 177                         | 1062                                      |                              | —                             |
| Maine          | 180                         | —   | 175 (K-11); 170 (12)         | No Minimum                    |
| Maryland       | Varies                      | 1080 (E, M); 1170 (H)                     | Varies                       | Varies                        |
| Massachusetts  | 180                         | 425 (K); 900 (E); 990 (S)                 | Varies; 168 for seniors      | Varies                        |
| Michigan       | —                           | 549 (K); 1098                             |                              | —                             |
| Minnesota      | —*                          | —   | —*                           | —                             |
| Mississippi    | 180                         | 990                                       | No Minimum                   | Varies                        |
| Missouri^      | 174                         | 522 (K); 1044                             | Varies                       | Varies                        |
| Montana        | —                           | 360 (K); 760 (1-3); 1080 (4-12)           |                              | —                             |
| Nebraska       | —                           | 400 (K); 1032 (E); 1080 (S)               | No Minimum                   | Varies                        |
| Nevada         | 180                         | —   |                              | —                             |
| New Hampshire  | 180 (K-11); 175 (12)        | 945 (E); 990 (M, H) of instruction        | No Minimum                   | Varies                        |
| 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                         | 455 (K); 910 (1-6); 1001 (7-12)           | Varies                       | Varies                        |
| Oklahoma       | 175                         | 1050                                      |                              | —                             |
| Oregon         | —                           | 405 (K); 810 (1-3); 900 (4-8); 990 (9-12) | No Minimum                   |                               |
| Pennsylvania^  | 180                         | 900 (K-6); 990 (7-12)                     | No Minimum                   | Varies                        |
| Puerto Rico^   |                             |   |                              |                               |
| Rhode Island   | 180                         | —   |                              | —                             |
| South Carolina | 180                         | —   |                              | —                             |
| South Dakota   | —                           | 875 (1-3); 962.5 (4-12)                   |                              | —                             |
| Tennessee      | 180                         | —   |                              | 6.5 Hour Minimum Day          |
| 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)                      | No Minimum                   | Varies                        |
| 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>31 states ≥ 180 days</b> |   | <b>16 states w/ policy</b>   | <b>22 states w/ policy</b>    |

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; "—" indicates state does not have a requirement in this category; PK= Pre-Kindergarten; K= Kindergarten; M= Middle; H= High School; S= Secondary; \*Minnesota - at least the same number of days as the district had in the 1996-1997 calendar year

**Table 2 Date for Start of School Year - 2008**

| State                     | Majority Start Date for Fall 2008       | Earliest Allowable           | Latest Allowable                           |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|
| Alabama                   | August 7 - August 11                    | —                            | —  |
| Alaska                    | September 1                             | —                            | —  |
| Arizona                   |   | —                            | —  |
| Arkansas                  | August 18 - August 26                   | Local decision               | —  |
| California                | Data not collected by state             | —                            | —  |
| Colorado                  | August 5 - September 8                  | —                            | —  |
| Connecticut               | August 5 - September 5                  | —                            | —  |
| District of Columbia      | August 18 - September 4                 |                              |  |
| Delaware                  | August 14 - September 10                | —                            | —  |
| Florida                   | August 18 - August 22                   | 14 days before Labor Day*    | —  |
| Georgia                   | July 11 - August 18                     | —                            | —  |
| Hawaii                    | July 30 - August 6                      | June 26*                     | —  |
| Idaho                     | August 14 - September 2                 | —                            | —  |
| Illinois                  | August 5 - September 10                 | —                            | —  |
| Indiana                   | August 10 - August 18                   | July 1                       | —  |
| Iowa                      | August 11 - September 2                 | September 1*                 | —  |
| Kansas                    | August 13 - August 21                   | —                            | —  |
| Kentucky                  | July 29 - August 21                     | —                            | —  |
| Louisiana                 | August 7 - August 12                    | —                            | —  |
| Maine                     | August 10 - September 9                 | —                            | —  |
| Maryland                  | August 20 - September 2                 | —                            | —  |
| Massachusetts             | Late August - Mid-September             | —                            | —  |
| Michigan                  | August 23 - September 10                | Labor Day                    | —  |
| Minnesota                 | September 3 (Day after Labor Day)       | Labor Day*                   | —  |
| Mississippi               | August 1 - August 11                    | August 1                     | —  |
| Missouri <sup>^</sup>     | August 17 - August 29                   | —                            | —  |
| Montana                   | Mon. before Labor Day - Tues. after     | —                            | —  |
| Nebraska                  |   | —                            | —  |
| Nevada                    | Late August - Early September           | —                            | —  |
| New Hampshire             | August 28- September 4                  | —                            | —  |
| New Jersey                | First Week in September                 | —                            | —  |
| New Mexico                | August - after Labor Day                | Local decision               | —  |
| New York                  | Data not collected by state             | Local decision               | —  |
| North Carolina            | August 25                               | August 25*                   | —  |
| North Dakota              | Last week/Aug - 1st week/Sept           | —                            | —  |
| Ohio                      | August 22 - September 7                 | July 1                       | June 30th                                  |
| Oklahoma                  | August 11 - August 18                   | —                            | —  |
| Oregon                    | Last week/Aug - 1st week/Sept           | July 1                       | —  |
| Pennsylvania <sup>^</sup> | August 29 - September 6                 | July 1                       | —  |
| Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>  |   |                              |  |
| Rhode Island              | August 30 - September 8                 | —                            | First Thursday after First Monday in Sept. |
| South Carolina            | August 18 - August 25                   | Third Monday in August*      | —  |
| South Dakota              | August 20 - September 4                 | July 1                       | —  |
| Tennessee                 | 1st - 3rd week of August                | —                            | First Tuesday after Labor Day              |
| Texas                     | August 22 - August 26                   | Fourth Monday in August      | —  |
| Utah                      |   | Local decision               | October 1st                                |
| Vermont <sup>^</sup>      | August 28 - September 5                 | —                            | —  |
| Virginia                  | After Labor Day                         | Labor Day*                   | —  |
| Washington                | August 25 - September 3                 | Local decision               | —  |
| West Virginia             | August 27 - August 28                   | August 26                    | —  |
| Wisconsin                 | September 1 - September 15              | September 1                  | —  |
| Wyoming                   | August 23 - September 07                | —                            | —  |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>42 states lists a range of dates</b> | <b>15 states with policy</b> | <b>3 states with latest date policy</b>    |

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**Table 3 Length of School Day in Minimum Hours by Grade Level - 2008**

| 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   | 6                | 6                     | 6                     | 6                        | 6               | 6              |
| 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               | 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   | —                | —                     | 6                     | 6                        | 6               | 6              |
| Louisiana  | —                | —                     | —                     | —                        | —               | —              |
| Maine  | —                | 2.5                   | 2.5                   | 5                        | 5               | 5              |
| Maryland   | 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 <sup>^</sup>  | —                | 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 <sup>^</sup>  | 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 <sup>^</sup>   | —                | 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  | 2.4              | —                     | 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 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; "—" indicates state does not have requirement in this category; LD= Local Decision

**Table 4 State Policies and District Practices Regarding Year-Round Schools - 2008**

| State                | Policy on Year-Round Schools | Districts with Year-Round Schools | Definitions  |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Alabama              | —                            | 1                                 |  |
| Alaska               | —                            | A few                             |  |
| Arizona              |                              | Not reported                      |  |
| Arkansas             | Yes                          | 4                                 | AR: No fewer than number of days required between July 1 and June 30 of each school year and in which no vacation, including summer, lasts more than six (6) weeks           |
| California           | Yes                          | 130                               |  |
| Colorado             | —                            | 18                                |  |
| Connecticut          | —                            | Not reported                      |  |
| District of Columbia |                              |                                   |  |
| Delaware             | —                            | 2                                 |  |
| Florida              | Yes                          | 4                                 | FL: At least 180 days of instruction vs. 8 or 9 consecutive months attendance.   |
| Georgia              | —                            | 5                                 |  |
| Hawaii*              | —                            |                                   | HI: Operates on a multi-track year-round system.   |
| Idaho                | —                            | 4                                 |  |
| Illinois             | Yes                          | 23 Districts/94 Schools           |  |
| Indiana              | —                            | 6                                 |  |
| Iowa                 | Yes                          | 5                                 |  |
| Kansas               | —                            | Local decision                    | KS: Alternative school calendars are approved by the Commissioner of Education   |
| Kentucky             | —                            | 27                                |  |
| Louisiana            | —                            | 3                                 |  |
| Maine                | —                            | —                                 |  |
| Maryland             | Yes                          | Not reported                      |  |
| Massachusetts        | Local decision               | Not reported                      |  |
| Michigan             | Yes                          | 2                                 | MI: International baccalaureate academy that provides 1160 hours of instruction; Summer break no greater than six weeks  |
| Minnesota            | Yes                          | 134                               |  |
| 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                          | 19 (12 charter schools)           |  |
| North Dakota         | —                            | 0                                 |  |
| Ohio                 | Yes                          | No data                           |  |
| Oklahoma             | —                            | 4                                 |  |
| Oregon               | —                            | 1-2                               | 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. |
| Pennsylvania^        | Yes                          | Not reported                      |  |
| Puerto Rico^         |                              |                                   |  |
| Rhode Island         | —                            | Not reported                      |  |
| South Carolina       | —                            | Not reported                      |  |
| South Dakota         | Yes                          | Not reported                      |  |
| Tennessee            | Yes                          | 13                                | TN: 200 day calendar.  |
| Texas                | Yes                          | 17                                | TX: operates during the greater part of ten months and up to twelve calendar months of the year.   |
| Utah                 | —                            | 7                                 |  |
| Vermont^             | —                            | Not reported                      |  |
| Virginia             | Yes                          | 7                                 |  |
| Washington           | —                            | 11                                |  |
| West Virginia        | Yes                          | 1                                 |  |
| Wisconsin            | —                            | 2                                 |  |
| Wyoming              | —                            | —                                 |  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>17 with policy</b>        | <b>31 states</b>                  |  |

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; "—" indicates state does not have requirement in this category; LD= Local Decision; \*Hawaii - 2 Elementary and 2 Middle Schools that operate on a multi-track system; although these schools may operate year-round, the multi-track schedule does not operate on a year-round schedule; different cohorts are starting and ending at different times. but the total number of days is the same for each cohort.

**Table 5 State Kindergarten Policies - 2008**

| State                     | Full-Day Kindergarten Program Required | Half-Day Kindergarten Program Required | Students Required to Attend |
|---------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Alabama                   | Yes                                    | —                                      | —                           |
| Alaska                    | —                                      | —                                      | —                           |
| Arizona                   | —                                      | Yes                                    | Optional                    |
| Arkansas                  | Yes                                    | —                                      | Yes*                        |
| California                | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | —                           |
| Colorado                  | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | —                           |
| Connecticut               | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| District of Columbia      | Yes                                    | —                                      | Yes                         |
| Delaware                  | Yes*                                   | —                                      | Yes                         |
| Florida                   | Yes                                    | —                                      | —                           |
| Georgia                   | Yes                                    | —                                      | —                           |
| Hawaii                    | Yes                                    | —                                      | —                           |
| Idaho                     | —                                      | —                                      | —                           |
| Illinois                  | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Indiana                   | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Iowa                      | No                                     | No                                     | —                           |
| Kansas                    | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | —                           |
| Kentucky                  | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Louisiana                 | Yes                                    | —                                      | —                           |
| Maine                     | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Maryland                  | Yes                                    | N/A                                    | Yes                         |
| Massachusetts             | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Michigan                  | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | —                           |
| Minnesota                 | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | No                          |
| Mississippi               | Yes                                    | —                                      | —                           |
| Missouri <sup>^</sup>     | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Montana                   | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Nebraska                  | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | —                           |
| Nevada                    | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| New Hampshire             | —                                      | —                                      | —                           |
| New Jersey                | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | —                           |
| New Mexico                | —                                      | Yes                                    | Yes                         |
| New York                  | —                                      | —                                      | —                           |
| North Carolina            | Yes                                    | —                                      | —                           |
| North Dakota              | —                                      | —                                      | —                           |
| Ohio                      | Either Full- or Half-Day*              |  | Yes                         |
| Oklahoma                  | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | Yes                         |
| Oregon                    | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Pennsylvania <sup>^</sup> | —                                      | —                                      | —                           |
| Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>  | —                                      | —                                      | Yes                         |
| Rhode Island              | —                                      | Yes                                    | Yes                         |
| South Carolina            | Yes                                    | —                                      | Yes                         |
| South Dakota              | Either Full- or Half-Day*              |  | —*                          |
| Tennessee                 | Yes                                    | —                                      | Yes                         |
| Texas                     | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | No                          |
| Utah                      | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| Vermont <sup>^</sup>      | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | —                           |
| Virginia                  | Either Full- or Half-Day               |  | Yes*                        |
| Washington                | —                                      | Yes                                    | —                           |
| West Virginia             | Yes                                    | —                                      | Yes                         |
| Wisconsin                 | Optional                               | Yes                                    | No                          |
| Wyoming                   | Yes                                    | Yes                                    | —                           |

Note: <sup>^</sup> State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; "—" indicates state does not have requirement in this category; \* Arkansas -- exception if parent signs a waiver; Delaware -- exception if district granted a waiver; New Jersey -- Abbott Districts only; Ohio - High poverty districts that receive special state funding are required to provide full day services; South Dakota - effective July 1, 2010, all schools must offer a Kindergarten program, and all children must attend a Kindergarten program. Virginia - students who are age 5 by September 30 must enroll in school. However, attendance may be delayed for one year if, in the opinion of the parent or guardian, the child is not mentally, physically, or emotionally prepared to attend school.

**Table 6 Student Attendance Requirements - 2008**

| State          | Age Students            |                         | Kindergarten Entrance | Kindergarten Cut-Off Date | Age Students Must Remain Until            |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                | Must Enroll             | Age                     |                       |                           |   |
| Alabama        | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16 or waiver                              |
| Alaska         | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| Arizona        | 6                       | 5*                      |                       | —                         | 16 or completed 10th grade                |
| Arkansas       | 5                       | 5                       |                       | September 15              | 17  |
| California     | 6                       | 5                       |                       | December 2                | 18  |
| Colorado       | 6                       | 5                       |                       | —                         | 17  |
| Connecticut    | 7                       | 5                       |                       | January 1                 | 18 or 16 w/ guardian consent              |
| DC             | 5                       | 5                       |                       | September 30              | 18  |
| Delaware       | 5                       | 5                       |                       | August 31                 | 16  |
| Florida        | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16 w/ written intent to withdraw          |
| Georgia        | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| Hawaii         | 6                       | 5                       |                       | January 1                 | 18  |
| Idaho          | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| Illinois       | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 17  |
| Indiana        | 7                       | 5                       |                       | July 1                    | 18  |
| Iowa           | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 15              | 16  |
| Kansas         | 7                       | 5                       |                       | August 31                 | 18 or 16/17 w/ waiver                     |
| Kentucky       | 6                       | 5                       |                       | October 1                 | 16  |
| Louisiana      | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 30              | 17 w/ guardian consent                    |
| Maine          | 7                       | 5                       |                       | October 15                | 17, or 15 if student meets other criteria |
| Maryland       | 5                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| Massachusetts  | 6                       | Local decision          |                       | Local decision            | 16  |
| Michigan       | 6                       | 5                       |                       | December 1                | 16  |
| Minnesota      | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| Mississippi    | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 2               | 16  |
| Missouri^      | 7                       | 5                       |                       | August 1                  | 16  |
| Montana        | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 10              | 16 or completion of grade 8               |
| Nebraska       | 6                       | 5                       |                       | October 15                | 18 or parental waiver                     |
| Nevada         | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 30              | 18  |
| New Hampshire  | 6                       | Local decision          |                       | Local decision            | 16 w/ guardian consent                    |
| New Jersey     | 6                       | Local decision          |                       | Local decision            | 16  |
| New Mexico     | 5                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 17-18                                     |
| New York       | 6                       | 5                       |                       | December 1                | 16  |
| North Carolina | 7                       | 5                       |                       | October 16                | 16 or waiver                              |
| North Dakota   | 7                       | 5                       |                       | August 31                 | 16  |
| Ohio           | 6                       | 5                       |                       | August 1/September 30*    | 18  |
| Oklahoma       | 5                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 18  |
| Oregon         | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 18  |
| Pennsylvania^  | 8                       | Local decision          |                       | Local decision            | 17 or waiver                              |
| Puerto Rico^   |                         |                         |                       |                           |   |
| Rhode Island   | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| South Carolina | 5                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| South Dakota   | 6*                      | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16*                                       |
| Tennessee      | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 30              | 18  |
| Texas          | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 18  |
| Utah           | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 18  |
| Vermont^       | 6                       | 5                       |                       | Local decision            | 16  |
| Virginia       | 5                       | 5*                      |                       | September 30*             | 18*                                       |
| Washington     | 8                       | 5                       |                       | August 31                 | 16 w/ guardian consent                    |
| West Virginia  | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 16  |
| Wisconsin      | 6                       | 5                       |                       | September 1               | 18  |
| Wyoming        | 7                       | 5                       |                       | September 15              | 16 or completed 10th grade                |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>Age 5: 7 states;</b> | <b>Age 5: 45 states</b> |                       |                           |   |
|                | <b>Age 6: 24;</b>       |                         |                       |                           |   |
|                | <b>Age 7: 16</b>        |                         |                       |                           |   |

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; "—" indicates no longer has a policy; \* Arizona - Age 5 by September 1st; however, local governing board may admit children who have not reached the required age if determined to be in the best interest of the children; Ohio - Districts option; South Dakota - effective July 1, 2010, children must be enrolled and attend Kindergarten if age 5 by September 1 and must remain in school until age 18; Virginia - School divisions may allow students with birthdays between October 1 and December 31 to enroll if a readiness evaluation is administered. Students must remain in school until age 18, unless excused by a court or a local school board.

**Table 8 State Credit Requirements for High School Graduation, Core Academic Subjects - 2008**

| State                | Math                  | English               | Arts                  | Social Studies        | Science               | Total                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Alabama              | 4                     | 4                     | 0.5                   | 4                     | 4                     | 24                      |
| Alaska               | 2                     | 4                     |                       | 3                     | 2                     | 21                      |
| Arizona              | 3                     | 4                     | 1                     | 3                     | 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 | 4                     | 4                     | 1                     | 4                     | 4                     | 24                      |
| Delaware             | 3                     | 4                     |                       | 3                     | 3                     | 22                      |
| Florida              | 3 or 4*               | 4                     | 2                     | 3                     | 3                     | 24 or 18*               |
| Georgia              | 4                     | 4                     |                       | 3                     | 4                     | 23                      |
| Hawaii               | 3                     | 4                     |                       | 4                     | 3                     | 22                      |
| Idaho                | 4                     | 9*                    | 2                     | 5                     | 4                     | 42*                     |
| Illinois             | 3                     | 3                     |                       | 2                     | 1                     | 18                      |
| Indiana              | 6                     | 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           | 4                     | 4                     |                       | 3                     | 3                     | 24                      |
| 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                     | 1                     | 3                     | 3                     | 23                      |
| Oregon               | 2                     | 3                     | 1                     | 3                     | 2                     | 22                      |
| Pennsylvania^        | LD                    | LD                    | LD                    | LD                    | LD                    | LD                      |
| Puerto Rico^         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                         |
| Rhode Island         | 4                     | 4                     |                       | 3                     | 3                     | 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           | 3                     | 3                     | 1                     | 2.5                   | 2                     | 20                      |
| West Virginia        | 4                     | 4                     |                       | 4                     | 3                     | 24                      |
| Wisconsin            | 2                     | 4                     |                       | 3                     | 2                     | 21.5, local elect.      |
| Wyoming              | 3                     | 4                     | LD                    | 3                     | 3                     | 22                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>3-4: 36 states</b> | <b>3-4: 43 states</b> | <b>1-2: 25 states</b> | <b>3-4: 34 states</b> | <b>3-4: 30 states</b> | <b>20-24: 41 states</b> |

Note: ^ State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; LD= Local Decision; \*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 Credits in Mathematics and Science - 2008**

| State                     | Math Courses (credits)   | Science Courses (credits)                                |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Alabama                   | Algebra 1(1); Geometry (1); Other (2)                          | Biology (1); Physical Science (1); Other (2)             |
| Alaska                    |  |  |
| Arizona                   | Three credits (3)  |  |
| Arkansas                  | Algebra 1; Geom.; Algebra II, and one higher level (4)         | Physical Science; Biology, Chemistry; Physics (3 total)  |
| California                | Algebra 1  | Biology (2); Physical Science (2)                        |
| Colorado                  |  |  |
| Connecticut               |  |  |
| DC                        | Algebra I; Geometry; Algebra II                                | Lab Sciences (3)   |
| Delaware                  |  |  |
| Florida                   | Algebra (1)  | Laboratory requirement (2-3)                             |
| Georgia                   | Algebra; Euclidean, Algebra II; Other (4)                      | Physical Science; Life Science; Other (4)                |
| Hawaii                    | Pre-algebra and higher (3)                                     | Various courses (3)                                      |
| Idaho                     |  | Laboratory requirement (2)                               |
| Illinois                  |  |  |
| Indiana                   | Algebra I (2), Algebra II (2), Geom. (2); or Integ. Math I (6) | Biology (2); Chemistry or Physics (2); Other (2)         |
| Iowa                      |  |  |
| Kansas                    | Algebraic and Geometric Concepts                               | Laboratory Requirement (1); Other General Science        |
| Kentucky                  | Algebra (1); Geometry (1); Algebra II (1)                      |  |
| Louisiana                 | Algebra I or equivalent  | Biology (1)  |
| Maine                     |  | Laboratory requirement (1)                               |
| Maryland                  | Algebra/Data Analysis (1); Geometry (1); Other (1)             | Earth, Life, or Physical Science (2); Biology            |
| Massachusetts             |  |  |
| Michigan                  | Algebra (1); Geometry (1); Algebra II (1); Other (1)           | Biology (1); Physics or Chemistry (1)                    |
| Minnesota                 | Algebra, Geometry, Statistics/Probability (3)                  | Biology and two additional credits (3)                   |
| Mississippi               | Algebra (1)  | Biology (1)  |
| Missouri <sup>^</sup>     |  |  |
| Montana                   | Local decision   | Local decision   |
| Nebraska                  | Local decision   | Local decision   |
| 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                  | Three credits (3)  | Life Science (1); Physical Science (1); Other (1)        |
| North Carolina            | Algebra (1)  | Biology (1)  |
| North Dakota              | Two credits (2)  | Two credits (2)  |
| Ohio                      |  | Life Science; Physical Science (1 each)                  |
| Oklahoma                  | Algebra 1 and two higher level courses (3)                     | Biology and two higher level courses (3)                 |
| Oregon                    |  |  |
| Pennsylvania <sup>^</sup> |  |  |
| Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>  |  |  |
| Rhode Island              |  |  |
| 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 <sup>^</sup>      |  |  |
| Virginia                  | Algebra or higher-level courses (3)                            | Earth Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physics (3)           |
| Washington                | Algebra; Geometry; Algebra II; or Integrated (3)               |  |
| West Virginia             | Algebra and 2 higher level courses (3)                         | Coordinated and Thematic Science                         |
| Wisconsin                 |  |  |
| Wyoming                   |  |  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>             | <b>Specific Courses: 26 states</b>                             | <b>Specific Courses: 21 states</b>                       |

Note: <sup>^</sup>State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006.

**Table 10 Specific Courses Required for Graduation Credits in Social Studies and Other Subjects - 2008**

| State          | Social Studies (credits)  | English/Language Arts/Communications (credits) | Technology/Life Skills (credits)                                     |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Alabama        | Courses comply with COS (4)   | Comply with COS (4)                            | Computer Application (.5)  |
| Arizona        | World His./Geog. (1); American His (1); American Gov. (.5); Econ (.5)                           |  |  |
| Arkansas       | World His.; US His.; Civics/Gov.  | English (4); Oral Communications (1/2)         | Career Focus Courses (6)   |
| California     | Econ.; American Gov.  |  |  |
| Connecticut    | Civics and American Govt. (.5)  |  |  |
| DC             | Three credits (3)   | Four credits (4)                               |  |
| 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)                  | Computer Technology (3)*   |
| Hawaii         | World His. (1); U.S. His. (1); History of Hawaii (.5)   | English LA 1 and 2 (2)                         | Guidance (5)   |
| Idaho          |   | Speech or Debate (1)                           |  |
| Illinois       |   |  | Consumer Education   |
| Indiana        | World His./Geog. (2); US His. (2); US Gov. (1); Econ. (1)                                       |  | Career/Technical (5)*  |
| Iowa           | US Gov. (.5); US His. (1)   |  |  |
| Kansas         | World His. (1); US His. (1); KS His. and Gov. (.5); US Gov. (.5)                                | Literature; Communication                      |  |
| 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)   | Four credits (4)                               | Local decision   |
| Mississippi    | US His.; World His.; US Gov. (1 each)   |  | MS Studies (1); Comprehensive Health (.5); Keyboarding; Computer App |
| Missouri^      | American Gov. (.5)  |  |  |
| Montana        | Local Decision  | Local Decision                                 | Local Decision   |
| Nebraska       | Local Decision  | Local Decision                                 | Local Decision   |
| Nevada         | American Gov. (1); American History (1)   |  |  |
| New Hampshire  | US and NH His. (1); US and NH Gov./Civics (0.5); 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                          | Career Cluster or Workplace Readiness (1)*                           |
| New York       | US His.; Gov. (.5); Econ. (.5)  |  |  |
| North Carolina | US His., Civics & Econ. (1 each)  | English (1)                                    |  |
| 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 | Speech (1-2)*                                  | Personal Financial Literacy  |
| South Carolina | US Gov. (.5); Econ. (.5); US His. & Constitution (1); Other (1)                                 |  | Computer Science (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   | Eng. Language Arts (4)                         | Work-based learning; Career Courses (4)                              |
| Wisconsin      |   |  |  |
| Wyoming        | History (1); American Gov. (1); Economics (1)   |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>40 states with requirements</b>  | <b>18 states</b>                               | <b>17 states</b>   |

Note: ^State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; COS= Course of Study; \*Georgia - 3 units of Computer Technology and/or Foreign Language; Indiana - 5 credits of Career/Technical, World Languages, or Fine Arts; New Mexico - 1 unit in Career Cluster, Workplace Readiness, or Foreign Language; Oklahoma - College preparatory/work-ready curriculum requires 1 unit of fine arts or speech while Core curriculum requires 2 credits.

**Table 11 Credit Requirements for Graduation: Health, Physical Education, Foreign Language - 2008**

| 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                     | —                         |
| DC                        | 0.75  | 0.75                  | 2                         |
| Delaware                  | .5  | 1                     | —                         |
| Florida                   | .5 (Life Management)                              | 1                     | 2                         |
| Georgia                   | 1   | 1                     | 3*                        |
| Hawaii                    | .5  | 1                     | —                         |
| Idaho                     | 1   | Local Decision        | Local Decision            |
| Illinois                  | One semester                                      | Daily PE required     | Must be offered           |
| Indiana                   | 1   | 2                     | 1                         |
| 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                 | Local Decision                                    | Local Decision        | Local Decision            |
| Mississippi               | .5  | —                     | —                         |
| Missouri <sup>^</sup>     | —   | 1                     | —                         |
| Montana                   | 1   | PE included in Health | —                         |
| Nebraska                  | Local Decision                                    | Local Decision        | Local Decision            |
| 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                     | 1*                        |
| New York                  | .5  | 2                     | 1                         |
| North Carolina            | 1 total of Health and Physical Education          |                       | 2*                        |
| North Dakota              | 0.5   | 0.5                   | 2                         |
| Ohio                      | .5  | .5                    | Local Decision            |
| Oklahoma                  | —   | —                     | 0-2*                      |
| Oregon                    | 1   | 1                     | —                         |
| Pennsylvania <sup>^</sup> | —   | —                     | —                         |
| Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>  | —   | —                     | —                         |
| Rhode Island              | 100 min/wk total of Health and Physical Education |                       | —                         |
| South Carolina            | 36 weeks or 1 semester                            | 1 (PE or Jr. ROTC)    | 1 (Foreign Lang. or CATE) |
| 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 <sup>^</sup>      | Local Decision                                    | 1.5                   | Local Decision            |
| Virginia                  | 2 total of Health and Physical Education          |                       | —                         |
| Washington                | 1   | 1                     | —                         |
| West Virginia             | 1   | 1                     | —                         |
| Wisconsin                 | .5  | 1.5                   | —                         |
| Wyoming                   | Local Decision                                    | Local Decision        | Local Decision            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>38 states</b>                                  | <b>40 states</b>      | <b>16 states</b>          |

Note: <sup>^</sup>State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; "—" indicates state does not have a requirement in this category; PE= Physical Education; \*Georgia - 3 units of Foreign Language and/or Computer Technology; Maryland - added option of 2 credits in American sign language; North Carolina - 2 credits in the same language; New Mexico - 1 unit in Career Cluster, Workplace Readiness, or Foreign Language; Oklahoma - Required for College-Prepatory/Work-Ready curriculum only

**Table 12 Advanced Diploma: Credit Requirements for High School Graduation - 2008**

| State        | Math             | English          | Arts             | Social Studies   | Science          | Foreign Language | Total            |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Alabama      | 4                | 4                | .5               | 4                | 4                | 2*               | 24               |
| Hawaii       | 3                | 4                | 2                | 4                | 3                | 2                | 24               |
| Indiana*     | 8                | 8                | 2                | 6                | 6                | 6                | 47               |
| Kentucky     | 3                | 4                | 1                | 3                | 3                |                  | 22               |
| Missouri^    | 3                | 4                | 1                | 3                | 2                |                  | 24               |
| Nevada*      | 4                | 4                | 1                | 3                | 3                |                  | 24               |
| New Mexico   | 4                |                  |                  |                  | 3                |                  | 24               |
| New York     | 3                | 4                | 1                | 4                | 3                | 1                | 22               |
| 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                | 0                | 3                | 3                | 2                | 20               |
| Texas        | 4                | 4                | 1                | 4                | 4                | 3                | 25               |
| Virginia     | 4                | 4                | 1                | 4                | 4                | 3                | 24               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>14 states</b> | <b>13 states</b> | <b>13 states</b> | <b>13 states</b> | <b>14 states</b> | <b>10 states</b> | <b>14 states</b> |

^State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006

\*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;

Indiana -- 47 total semester credits; 2 additional math credits; 6-8 world language credits; 2 fine arts credits

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 > 27 or an equivalent score of 1,210 on the SAT

**Table 13 High School Exit Exam Requirements - 2008**

| State          | Required         | Name of Assessment   | Test Type |
|----------------|------------------|--|-----------|
| Alabama        | Yes              | Alabama High School Graduation Exam                                | CRT       |
| Alaska         | Yes              | Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Examination               | CRT       |
| Arizona        | No               | Arizona's Instrument Measurement Standards                         | CRT       |
| Arkansas       | No               |  |           |
| California     | Yes              | California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)                          | CRT       |
| Colorado       | No               |  |           |
| Connecticut    | No               | Connecticut Academic Performance Test                              |           |
| DC             |                  |  |           |
| Delaware       | No               |  |           |
| Florida        | Yes              | Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test                              | CRT       |
| Georgia        | Yes              | Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT)                       | 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 (GEE)   | CRT       |
| Maine          | No               |  |           |
| Maryland       | Yes              | Maryland High School Assessment                                    | CRT       |
| Massachusetts  | Yes              | Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System                      | CRT       |
| Michigan       | No               |  |           |
| Minnesota      | Yes              | End of Grade Exams   | CRT       |
| 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              | End-of-Course (Algebra I, Bio., Eng. I, Civics & Econ., U.S. His.) | CRT       |
| North Dakota   | Yes              | Terra Nova (CTB/5) and Test of Cognitive Skills                    | CRT       |
| Ohio           | Yes              | Ohio Graduation Test   | CRT       |
| Oklahoma       | Yes              | Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test, End of Course Exams                 | CRT       |
| Oregon         | No               |  |           |
| Pennsylvania^  | Yes              | Pennsylvania System of School Assessment or Local Assessment       | CRT       |
| Puerto Rico^   |                  |  |           |
| Rhode Island   | Yes*             | NECAP tests - mathematics, reading, and writing                    | CRT       |
| South Carolina | Yes              | High School Assessment Program                                     | CRT       |
| South Dakota   | No               |  |           |
| Tennessee      | Yes              | Gateway Examinations   | CRT       |
| Texas          | Yes*             | Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)                    | CRT       |
| Utah           | Yes              | Utah Basic Skills Competency Test                                  | CRT       |
| Vermont^       | No               |  |           |
| Virginia       | Yes              | Virginia Assessment Program End-of-Course Exam                     | CRT       |
| Washington     | Yes              | Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)                   | CRT       |
| West Virginia  | No               |  |           |
| Wisconsin      | No               |  |           |
| Wyoming        | No               |  |           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>28 states</b> |  |           |

Note: ^State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; CRT= Criterion-Referenced Test; \*Indiana - beginning with the freshmen class of 2008-09, graduates will have to pass end-of-course exams in English and Algebra; Rhode Island - students must take the test and score "partially proficient." If they do not reach that score, additional evidence of proficiency will be required; state assessments are not the sole grounds to prohibit graduation; Texas - Currently students must still pass the TAKS. However, the state is phasing in end-of-course exams for 12 required courses which will replace the exit level TAKS.

**Table 14 High School Exit Exam Requirements - 2008**

| State                     | Other Requirements   | Max number of years student may take to fulfill requirements  |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Alabama                   |  | Depends on formula  |
| Alaska                    |  | 5 years   |
| Arizona                   | —  | Until age 21  |
| Arkansas                  | 1/2 unit of Fine Arts  | 4 years while under age 21  |
| California                |  |   |
| Colorado                  | —  | Until age 21  |
| Connecticut               |  |   |
| DC                        | 100 voluntary service hours  | No maximum  |
| Delaware                  |  | 4 years or as specified by IEP  |
| Florida                   | Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale   | 4 years   |
|                           | —  | 4.5 years for regular education students; 5.5 years for ELL/LEP students; based on IEP for SWD students |
| Georgia                   |  |   |
| Hawaii                    |  |   |
| Idaho                     |  |   |
| Illinois                  |  |   |
| Indiana                   |  |   |
| Iowa                      |  | Until age 21  |
|                           | 1 unit of Fine Arts; 6 units of electives; additional requirements at the discretion of the LEA  |   |
| Kansas                    |  |   |
| Kentucky                  | —  | 4 years   |
| Louisiana                 | —  |   |
| Maine                     | —  |   |
|                           | Attendance, service learning, and any local school system requirements   | Until age 21  |
| Maryland                  |  |   |
| Massachusetts             | —  | Until age 22  |
| Michigan                  | —  | No maximum*   |
| Minnesota                 | —  | Until Sept 1st after the student's 21st birthday  |
| Mississippi               |  |   |
| Missouri <sup>^</sup>     |  |   |
| Montana                   |  |   |
| Nebraska                  | Local decision   | Until age 21  |
|                           | Local decision approved by State; must align to K-12 standards   |   |
| Nevada                    |  |   |
| New Hampshire             | —  | No maximum  |
| New Jersey                |  |   |
| New Mexico                | —  | 4 years   |
| New York                  | —  |   |
| North Carolina            | Graduation project   | Until age 21  |
| North Dakota              |  |   |
| Ohio                      |  |   |
| Oklahoma                  |  | 4 years   |
| Oregon                    |  |   |
| Pennsylvania <sup>^</sup> |  |   |
| Puerto Rico <sup>^</sup>  |  |   |
|                           | Performance-based demonstrations of proficiency (e.g. portfolios, exhibitions) in six core subject areas: English, math, science, social studies, technology, and arts | No maximum  |
| Rhode Island              |  |   |
| South Carolina            |  |   |
| South Dakota              |  |   |
| Tennessee                 | —  | 4 years and a summer  |
| Texas                     | —  | Until age 26  |
| Utah                      |  |   |
| Vermont <sup>^</sup>      |  |   |
|                           | One student-selected verified credit   | Until age 20 for regular education students and age 22 for special education students                   |
| Virginia                  |  |   |
|                           | Complete "High School and Beyond Plan" and a "Culminating Project"   |   |
| Washington                |  |   |
| West Virginia             |  |   |
| Wisconsin                 | —  | Until age 21  |
| Wyoming                   | Wyoming Body of Evidence   |   |

Note: <sup>^</sup>State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; \*Michigan - no statutory maximum number of years but school districts may receive state aid funding for students through the age of 20 only

**Table 15 State Policies on Textbooks and Standards - 2008**

| State                 | State Policy       | If State Selects or Recommends  |          |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---|----------|
|                       |                    | Use of State Content Standards  | Grades   |
| Alabama               | Selects/Recommends | Must meet at least 80% of standards to be core programs   | K-12     |
| Alaska                | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Arizona               | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Arkansas              | Recommends         | Standards developed prior to textbook selection and thus drive recommendations  | K-12     |
| California            | Recommends         |   | K-8      |
| Colorado              | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Connecticut           | Local Decision     |   |          |
| DC                    |                    |   |          |
| Delaware              | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Florida               | Recommends         | Low performing VPK providers must choose from a recommended list. Others choose at their discretion in accordance with VPK standards.   | PreK*-12 |
| Georgia               | Recommends         | Resources/textbooks are evaluated for alignment with content standards in the following areas: content/goals, rigor/relevance, assessment, tasks, organization/structure, and teacher support | K-12     |
| Hawaii                | Recommends         | Textbooks and materials must be aligned to the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards Benchmarks to be placed on the Recommended Instructional Materials Listing                            | K-12     |
| Idaho                 | Recommends         | Textbooks and materials must meet a minimum 80% correlation with state standards.   | K-12     |
| Illinois              | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Indiana               | Recommends         | All materials must incorporate and be aligned with state content standards.   | K-12     |
| Iowa                  | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Kansas                | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Kentucky              | Recommends         | Textbooks are aligned with state content standards.   | PreK-12  |
| Louisiana             | Selects/Recommends |   | K-12     |
| Maine                 | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Maryland              | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Massachusetts         | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Michigan              | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Minnesota             | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Mississippi           | Selects            |   |          |
| Missouri <sup>^</sup> |                    |   |          |
| Montana               | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Nebraska              | Local Decision     |   |          |
| Nevada                |                    |   |          |
| New Hampshire         | Local Decision     |   |          |
| New Jersey            | Local Decision     |   |          |

|                                 |                           |   |            |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------|
| <b>New Mexico</b>               | Selects                   | Materials aligned to the New Mexico Content Standards. Adopted materials required to meet a minimum of 90% alignment with New Mexico Curriculum Standards and criteria  | K-12       |
| <b>New York</b>                 | Local Decision            |   |            |
| <b>North Carolina</b>           | Selects                   |   | K-12       |
| <b>North Dakota</b>             | Local Decision            |   |            |
| <b>Ohio</b>                     | Local Decision            |   |            |
| <b>Oklahoma</b>                 | Selects                   | Oklahoma's consitutional State Textbook Committee bases its review of materials for adoption on correlation to the state core curriculum, the Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS).  | K-12, 1-12 |
| <b>Oregon</b>                   | Selects/Recommends        | Oregon adopts criteria and a list of instructional materials from which the districts may select. Districts have to right to do an independent adoption if they verify the materials conform to the state adopted criteria. Instructional Materials must be an organized system of instruction that constitute the major instructional vehicle and must meet at least 80% of the overall established criteria in order to be adopted by the State Board of Education for use in classrooms. | Varies     |
| <b>Pennsylvania<sup>^</sup></b> |                           |   |            |
| <b>Puerto Rico<sup>^</sup></b>  |                           |   |            |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>             | Local Decision            |   |            |
| <b>South Carolina</b>           | Selects/Recommends        | Publishers correlate the materials to the state standards. The evaluation instrument used by the review panel is based on the state standards.  | K-12       |
| <b>South Dakota</b>             | Local Decision            |   |            |
| <b>Tennessee</b>                | Selects                   | Textbook commission uses standards for guiding choices  | K-12       |
| <b>Texas</b>                    | Selects/Recommends        |   | PK-12      |
| <b>Utah</b>                     | Selects/Recommends        |   | K-12       |
| <b>Vermont<sup>^</sup></b>      |                           |   |            |
| <b>Virginia</b>                 | Recommends/Local Decision | Textbooks approved by the Virginia Department of Education are correlated to the Virginia Standards of Learning.  | K-12       |
| <b>Washington</b>               | Local Decision            | State standards use to measure alignment  | K-12       |
| <b>West Virginia</b>            | Selects/Recommends        |   | K-12       |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>                | Local Decision            |   |            |
| <b>Wyoming</b>                  | Local Decision            |   |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>Select: 12</b>         |   |            |
|                                 | <b>Recommend: 15</b>      |   |            |
|                                 | <b>Local Decision: 20</b> |   |            |

Note: <sup>^</sup>State did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; New Jersey -- have state standards but no policy on textbooks; K= Kindergarten

**Table 16 Professional Development Aligned With State Content Standards**

| State       | State Policy   | State Policy | State Funding | State Enforcement |
|-------------|--|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Alabama     | Alabama Professional Development Standards; Alabama Quality Teaching Standards   | X            | X             | X                 |
| Alaska      |  |              |               |                   |
| Arizona     | NSDC's Professional Development Standards  |              |               |                   |
| Arkansas    | A.C.A 6-17-707   | X            | X             | X                 |
| California  |  |              |               |                   |
| Colorado    | There have been set rules, not statute, where the renewal credit is based on either the performance best criteria or the content of their endorsement.   | X            |               |                   |
| Connecticut | The Department's publication, <i>Connecticut's Common Core of Teaching</i> , guides state policies related to the preparation, induction, and ongoing professional growth of teachers. The CCT includes foundational skills and competencies that are aligned with the national INTASC standards and are common to all teachers as well as disciplined-based professional standards. | X            |               | X                 |
| DC          |  |              |               | X                 |
| Delaware    | Statewide recommended curriculum which is aligned to state content standards and professional development provided by DDOE based on recommended curriculum and state content standards   |              | X             | X                 |
| Florida     | Florida Professional Development Protocol Standards  | X            | X             | X                 |
| Georgia     | Professional Standards Commission Rules  | X            | X             | X                 |
| Hawaii      | BOE Policy 2015 Hawaii Content and Performance Standards Regulation 2015.1 Hawaii Content and Performance Standards; Hawaii Revised Statue 302A-321 Standards-based curriculum [(c ) School complexes shall provide professional development]; HIDOE Professional Development Guidelines; HIDOE School Cod Certificated Personnel Policies and Regulations, Policy #5600             | X            | X             | X                 |
| Idaho       |  | X            |               | X                 |
| Illinois    |  |              |               |                   |
| Indiana     |  | X            | X             |                   |
| Iowa        | Chapter 83 Teacher/Administrator Quality Programs; Chapter 12 General Accreditation Standards (12.7)   | X            | X             | X                 |
| Kansas      | All professional development must be related to the content standards for the licensed content area(s) or professional education standards.  | X            |               | X                 |
| Kentucky    | 1.704 KAR 3:035 Section (1)  | X            | X             |                   |
| Louisiana   |  |              |               |                   |
| Maine       | Funding policy includes money for professional development to implement standards.   |              | X             | X                 |
| Maryland    |  | X            | X             | X                 |

|                       |  |   |   |   |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Massachusetts</b>  | Massachusetts General Laws regarding training teachers to implement content frameworks, which are then tied to recertification, and state-wide professional development plan tied to curriculum frameworks   | X | X | X |
| <b>Michigan</b>       |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Minnesota</b>      | Minnesota's staff development statutes Minnesota Statutes 122A.60  | X |   |   |
| <b>Mississippi</b>    |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Missouri^</b>      |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Montana</b>        |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Nebraska</b>       |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Nevada</b>         | State funds for regional PD centers  | X | X | X |
| <b>New Hampshire</b>  | None   |   | X |   |
| <b>New Jersey</b>     |  |   |   |   |
| <b>New Mexico</b>     | NM Administrative code 6.65.2  | X | X | X |
| <b>New York</b>       | Professional development activities/experiences are planned with the NYS Teacher Standards as underpinning   | X |   |   |
| <b>North Carolina</b> |  |   |   |   |
| <b>North Dakota</b>   | Local Decision   |   |   |   |
| <b>Ohio</b>           | Senate Bill 2 Section 3319.61: educator standards board, in consultation with Ohio Board of Regents, to develop state standards aligned with the statewide academic content standards for students adopted pursuant to section 3301.079 of the Revised Code.                 | X | X | X |
| <b>Oklahoma</b>       | A 2008 state law directed local professional development programs to be focused on five competencies, three of which necessitate alignment with state content standards. Note, however, that the state law does not specifically say "aligned with state content standards." | X |   | X |
| <b>Oregon</b>         |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Pennsylvania^</b>  |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Puerto Rico^</b>   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>South Carolina</b> | Provisos 1A.32 and 1A.44 addressing Professional Development Standards Implementation (PDSI)   | X | X | X |
| <b>South Dakota</b>   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Tennessee</b>      | State has a program to train according to standards but has not established as a governing rule for the agency.  |   |   |   |
| <b>Texas</b>          | At least 80% of the CPE activities required for renewal should be directly related to the certificate(s) being renewed and focus on the standards required for the initial issuance of the certificate(s).   |   |   |   |
| <b>Utah</b>           |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Vermont^</b>       |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Virginia</b>       | Strong effort to align professional development with content standards. High-Quality Professional Development Criteria used as guidance  |   | X |   |
| <b>Washington</b>     |  | X | X |   |
| <b>West Virginia</b>  | High Quality Staff Development Aligned with State Standards  |   |   |   |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>      | Needs assessment, school improvement plans, and impact of professional development are based on student achievement aligned to state content standards.  |   | X |   |
| <b>Wyoming</b>        |  |   |   |   |

Note: ^Did not participate in the 2008 online survey

## Table 17 Professional Development Requirements for Teacher Licensure Renewal/Recertification

| 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 per year   |
| California     | Every 5 years             | 150 hrs   |
| Colorado       | Every 5 years             | 6 semester hrs or 90 PD hrs   |
| Connecticut    | Every 5 years             | 6 graduate credits  |
| DC             | Every 4 years             |   |
| 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 at 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 or 10 semester hours every 5 years, including 3 credits in reading methods for K-8 teachers and 3 credits in academic subject area for all teachers. |
| North Dakota   | Every 5 years             | 4 semester hours every 5 years  |

|                                 |                         |   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Ohio</b>                     | Every 5 years           | 6 semester hours or 18 CEUs every five years as approved by the Local Professional Development Committee of the employing school or school district |
| <b>Oklahoma</b>                 | Every 5 years           | PD is required annually to maintain employment. State regulations require 75 PD points in five years.   |
| <b>Oregon</b>                   | Every 3 or 5 years      | 125 PD units  |
| <b>Pennsylvania<sup>^</sup></b> | Every 5 years           | On-going PD, 180 hours  |
| <b>Puerto Rico<sup>^</sup></b>  |                         |   |
| <b>Rhode Island</b>             | Every 5 years           | Completion of individual PD plan  |
| <b>South Carolina</b>           | Every 5 years           | 6 credit hrs  |
| <b>South Dakota</b>             | Every 1, 5 or 10 years  | 6 semester credits  |
| <b>Tennessee</b>                | Every 10 years.         | <a href="http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic/rprf.shtml">http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic/rprf.shtml</a>                                       |
| <b>Texas</b>                    | Every 5 years           | 150-200 hrs   |
| <b>Utah</b>                     | Every 3 to 7 years**    | Varies by license   |
| <b>Vermont<sup>^</sup></b>      | Every 7 years           |   |
| <b>Virginia</b>                 | Every 5 years           | 180 PD points   |
| <b>Washington</b>               | Every 5 years           | 150 clock hours   |
| <b>West Virginia</b>            | Every 3 to 5 years      | 6 semester hrs  |
| <b>Wisconsin</b>                | Every 3, 5, or 10 years | Varies by license   |
| <b>Wyoming</b>                  | Varies                  | Varies  |

*Note:* <sup>^</sup>Did not participate in the 2008 online survey; data shown is as of 2006; \*Variations in criteria; \*\* Varies by type of license; PD= Professional Development

Indiana -- 90 hours professional growth units every 5 years or 6 semester hours from an accredited higher education program or combination of Continuing Renewal Credits (CRUs) from approved professional development provider every 5 years. For Life licenses, nothing is required for renewal.

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