

Full-day Kindergarten: State Policy In Alphabetical Order

(Definition, Districts Offering, Pupil Attendance and Funding)

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Alabama

Alabama requires all districts to offer 6 hours of full-day kindergarten, though pupil attendance is not mandatory. Alabama provides funding for full-day kindergarten that is equal to that of first grade.

Definition, Districts Offering and Pupil Attendance

Full-day kindergarten is defined as 6 hours per day. All districts are required to offer full-day kindergarten. Kindergarten attendance is not mandatory.

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Funding

Alabama distributes funds to districts based on a teacher: student ratio and provides funding for full-day kindergarten that is equal to that provided for first through third grade.

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Alaska

Alaska state statutes do not define the minimum number of hours per day for full-day kindergarten and does not require districts to offer full-day kindergarten. Alaska provides more funding for full-day than for half-day kindergarten. Pupil attendance is not mandatory.

Definition, Districts Offering and Pupil Attendance.

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Alaska state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and pupils are not required to attend.

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Funding

Alaska uses a weighted formula to allocate funding for half-day kindergarten, full-day kindergarten and grades 1-12. Alaska provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten.

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Arizona

Arizona requires pupils to attend a minimum of 356 hours per year (2.03 hours/day) of kindergarten. Districts that offer full-day kindergarten are also required to offer half-day kindergarten. Arizona provides the same funding for both full-day and half-day kindergarten programs.

Definition, Districts Offering and Pupil Attendance.

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Arizona state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and pupils are not required to attend.

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Funding

Arizona provides the same level of funding for full-day kindergarten and half-day kindergarten.

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Arkansas

Arkansas requires all districts to offer full-day kindergarten though pupil attendance is not mandatory. Alabama provides funding for full-day kindergarten that is equal to that of first grade.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Arkansas state statutes.

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Funding

Arkansas provides the same level of funding from grades K-12.

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California

In California, full-day kindergarten is prohibited in one section of the education code and allowed in another. Pupils are not required to attend full-day kindergarten. California provides funding for full-day kindergarten that is equal to that of first grade.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

CA EDUC § 46111 prohibits kindergarten from exceeding four hours (excluding recesses) unless children are participating in an Early Primary Program.

CA EDUC § 8970-8974. CA EDUC § 8973 specifically states that kindergarten may exceed four hours if the program is not longer than the other primary grades and if there are opportunities for both active and quiet activities.

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Funding

California provides the same level of funding for grades K-12.

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Colorado

Colorado provides fewer hours per year for full-day kindergarten than for 1st grade and districts are not required to offer it. Colorado provides less funding for full-day than for half-day kindergarten. Pupil attendance is not mandatory.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Colorado requires 450 hours per year for half-day kindergarten and 900 hours per year for full-day kindergarten. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend.

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Funding

Colorado provides the same level of funding for both half-day and full-day kindergarten.

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Connecticut

Connecticut provides the same hours per year for full-day kindergarten and first grade. Districts do not have to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Connecticut funds full-day kindergarten at the same level as first grade.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Connecticut requires districts to offer 900 hours of full-day kindergarten per year (the same as first grade). Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend.

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Funding

Connecticut provides the same level of funding for grades K-12.

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Delaware

The minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Delaware state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Delaware provides the same funding for both full-day and half day kindergarten programs.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Delaware defines kindergarten as 440 hours per year. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend.

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Funding

Delaware provides the same funding for both full-day and half day kindergarten programs.

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District of Columbia

The District of Columbia requires all public schools to fully fund full-day kindergarten. Statutes state that children are required to attend kindergarten but not full-day kindergarten specifically. No information is available regarding funding.

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Florida

Florida requires districts to offer the same number of hours per year for full-day kindergarten and grades 1-3. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Florida provides the same level of funding from grades K-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Florida defines full-day kindergarten as 720 hours per year.

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Funding

Florida provides the same level of funding from grades K-3.

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Georgia

Georgia requires all districts to offer full-day kindergarten though pupil attendance is not mandatory. Georgia provides funding for full-day kindergarten that is equal to that of first grade.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Districts are required to offer 450 hours of full-day kindergarten per year.

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Funding

Georgia provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten and grades 1-12.

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Hawaii

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Hawaii state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, Hawaii will provide for a two-tiered junior kindergarten and kindergarten program to support the range of developmental abilities of 4- and 5-year-old children entering school.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Funding

Hawaii does not use weighting in funding formula, no other information is available.

Idaho

A definition of a specific number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not indicated in Idaho state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Idaho provides the same funding for both full-day and half day kindergarten programs.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Districts are required to offer 440 hours per year for kindergarten.

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Funding

Idaho distributes funds to districts based on a teacher:student ratios.

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Illinois

Illinois requires districts to offer the same number of hours per year for full-day kindergarten and first grade. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Illinois requires all districts to offer 4 hours per day of full-day kindergarten.

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Funding

Illinois provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten.

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Indiana

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Indiana state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Indiana provides the same funding for both full-day and half-day kindergarten programs.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Iowa

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Iowa state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Iowa provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Kansas

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Kansas state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children

are not required to attend. Kansas provides the same funding for both full-day and half day kindergarten programs.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Kansas requires districts to offer 465 hours of kindergarten per year.

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Funding

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Kentucky

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Kentucky state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Kentucky provides the same funding for both full-day and half day kindergarten programs.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Kentucky defines kindergarten as half of the 6 hours per day and 175 days per year attended in grades 1-12.

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Funding

Both half-day and full-day kindergarten are funded below grades 1-12.

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Louisiana

Louisiana requires all districts to offer full-day kindergarten and pupil attendance is mandatory. Louisiana provides funding for full-day kindergarten that is equal to that of first grade.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Districts are required to offer 6 hours of full-day kindergarten per day.

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Funding

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Maine

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Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Funding

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Maryland

Maryland passed legislation in 2002 requiring all districts to offer full-day kindergarten by the 2007-08 school year though children are not required to attend. Maryland provides the same funding for both full-day and half day kindergarten programs.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Maryland state statutes.

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Funding

Maryland has increased funding for kindergarten annually and plans to fund full-day kindergarten at the same rate as grades 1-12 by FY.

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Massachusetts

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Massachusetts state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Massachusetts provides additional funding for full-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Massachusetts requires 450 hours per year of half-day kindergarten and 900 hours per year for elementary schools.

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Funding

Massachusetts provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten.

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Michigan

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Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Funding

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Minnesota

Minnesota requires districts to offer the same number of hours per year for full-day kindergarten and first grade. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Minnesota provides less funding for full-day and half day kindergarten than for grades 1-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Minnesota requires all districts to offer 935 hours of full-day kindergarten per year.
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Funding

Minnesota provides additional funding for full-day kindergarten programs in communities with high concentrations of poverty.

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Mississippi

Mississippi requires districts to offer full-school year, full-day kindergarten though children are not required to attend. Mississippi provides the same level of funding for grades K-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

The length of the school day shall be the same as that of the other grades of the elementary school (Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines).
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Funding

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Missouri

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Missouri state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Missouri provides the same level of funding for grades K-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Missouri requires districts to offer 147 days/577 hours of kindergarten per year as compared to 147days/1044 hours per year in grades 1-12.

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Montana

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Montana state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Montana provides the same level of funding for full-day kindergarten as for half-kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Montana requires districts to offer 90 days/360 hours of kindergarten per year as compared to 180 days /720 hours per year in grades 1-3 and 1,080 hours per year in grades 4-12.

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Funding

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Nebraska

In June of 2005, the Nebraska State Board of Education endorsed a plan that would require every public school to offer full-day kindergarten by 2008. Such a change will

require a change in state law. Nebraska currently provides the same level of funding from grades K-12. It is unclear if pupils are required to attend.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Full-day kindergarten is defined as 1,032 hours per year, the same as grades 1-8.

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Funding

Nebraska provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten.

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Nevada

Full-day kindergarten is not expressly required or prohibited by statute in Nevada.

Districts may offer full-day kindergarten but children are not required to attend.

Nevada provides the same level of funding for both half-day and full-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Nevada state statutes.

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Funding

Nevada provides less funding for half-day and full-day kindergarten than for grades 1-12.

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New Hampshire

Full-day kindergarten is not expressly required or prohibited by New Hampshire state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. New Hampshire provides less funding for kindergarten than for grades 1-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in New Hampshire state statutes.

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Funding

New Hampshire offers additional funding to districts offering kindergarten for the first time for a three year period.

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New Jersey

New Jersey requires Abbott districts to offer a full-day kindergarten program to all five-year-old children in (NJ Code § 6A:24-3.2). Other districts are not expressly required or prohibited by statute. Children are not required to attend full-day kindergarten. New Jersey funds both full-day kindergarten and half-day kindergarten at the same level.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

New Jersey defines full-day kindergarten as a minimum of 4 hours per day.

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Funding

New Jersey provides additional funding for full-day kindergarten to districts with high concentrations of poverty.

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New Mexico

From the 2000-01 to the 2004-05 school year, funding for full-day kindergarten programs was phased in. Though each year one-fifth of the districts became eligible to receive funding for full-day kindergarten classes, "establishment of full-day kindergarten programs shall be voluntary on the part of school districts and student participation shall be voluntary on the part of parents" (NM ST § 22-2-19).

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Full-day kindergarten is defined as 5.5 hours per day, 990 hours per year.

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Funding

New Mexico provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten and 1st grades.

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New York

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in New York state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. New York provides the more funding for full-day kindergarten than for half-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

New York does not define full-day kindergarten or require pupils to attend a kindergarten program.

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Funding

New York offers an incentive program to districts that increase enrollment in full-day kindergarten.

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North Carolina

Full-day kindergarten is universally available in North Carolina and has been since 1976. (www.ncpublicschools.org/students/edhistory.html), though pupil attendance is not mandatory. North Carolina funds all kindergarten programs at a higher level than 1st grade.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in North Carolina state statutes.

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Funding

North Carolina provides a financial incentive for districts to offer full-day kindergarten.

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North Dakota

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in North Dakota state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. North Dakota provides the same level of funding half-day and full-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

North Dakota defines half-day kindergarten is equal to 30 full days of instruction (5.5 hrs per day).

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Funding

North Dakota provides less funding for both half- day and full-day kindergarten than for grades 1-6.

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Ohio

Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten. If districts do offer full-day kindergarten, they must provide a half-day option at parent request (OH ST § 3321.05). Ohio provides the same level of funding for half-day and full-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Ohio defines full-day kindergarten as the same number of clock hour per day as grades 1-6.

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Funding

Ohio provides less funding for both half- day and full-day kindergarten than for grades 1-6.

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Oklahoma

Currently, districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten. Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, it will be mandatory that districts offer full-day kindergarten. (OK ST T. 70 § 18-108). Oklahoma provides more funding for full-day than for half-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Oklahoma requires districts to offer 6 hours of full-day kindergarten per day.

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Funding

Oklahoma provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for any other grade.

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Oregon

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Oregon state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Oregon provides less funding for full-day kindergarten than for grades 1-6.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Funding

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Pennsylvania

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Pennsylvania state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Pennsylvania funds full-day kindergarten at a higher level than half-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Pennsylvania defines half-day kindergarten as 2.5 hours per day for 180 days and elementary school as 900 hours per year for 180 days.

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Funding

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Rhode Island

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Rhode Island state statutes. Districts in Rhode Island are not required to offer full-day kindergarten can children are not required to attend.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Funding

Districts receive between \$500 and \$1,500 for each student enrolled in a full-day kindergarten program. This funding can only be used to provide full-day kindergarten for students in the state

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South Carolina

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in South Carolina state statutes. Districts are required to offer full-day kindergarten as well as a half-day option. South Carolina provides more funding for full-day kindergarten than for 1st grade.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

The school day for elementary students must be at least six hours a day, or its equivalent weekly, including lunch" (SC ST § 59-1-440).

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South Dakota

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in South Dakota state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten but pupils are not required to attend. South Dakota provides the same level of funding for grades K-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

The minimum number of hours required for kindergarten through grade 3 is determined by each district.

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Funding

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Tennessee

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Tennessee state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Kindergarten is defined as 4 hours per day.

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Funding

Tennessee distributes funds to districts based on a teacher:student ratios.

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Texas

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Texas state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Texas provides the same level of funding from grades K-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Districts must offer all grades 7 hours per day for 80 days/year.

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Funding

Texas has an incentive program that allows district to use funds to offer full-day kindergarten.

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Utah

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Utah state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Utah provides the same level of funding for both half-day kindergarten and full-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Utah defines kindergarten as 450 hours per year.

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Funding

Utah provides less funding for full-day kindergarten than for grades 1-3.

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Vermont

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Vermont state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Vermont provides the same level of funding for grades K-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Vermont defines kindergarten as 2 hours per day or 10 hours per week.

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Funding

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Virginia

Virginia defines kindergarten as 3 hours per day for 540 hours per year. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Virginia funds full-day kindergarten at the same level as grades 1-12.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

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Funding

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Washington

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Washington state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Washington distributes funding to districts based on a teacher:student ratios.

Definition, District Offering and Pupil Attendance

Washington defines kindergarten as 450 hours per year.

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Funding

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West Virginia

Full-day kindergarten is universally available in West Virginia. Districts are required to offer full-day kindergarten and attendance is mandatory. West Virginia distributes funding to districts based on a teacher:student ratios.

Definition, District Offering, Pupil Attendance

West Virginia defines kindergarten as programs for children who shall have attained the age of 5 shall be full-day everyday programs" (WV ST § 18-5-18).

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Funding

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Wisconsin

Wisconsin state statutes do not require or prohibit districts from offering full-day kindergarten. Kindergarten attendance is not mandatory. Full-day kindergarten is funded at a higher level than half-day kindergarten.

Definition, District Offering Pupil Attendance

Kindergarten is defined as 437 hours per year, the same number of hours as 1st grade.

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Funding

Wisconsin spends at least \$5,090,000 annually to expand its half-day kindergarten program to a full-day program.

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Wyoming

A definition of the minimum number of hours for full-day kindergarten is not specified in Wyoming state statutes. Districts are not required to offer full-day kindergarten and children are not required to attend. Wyoming funds both half-day and full-day kindergarten at a lower rate than grades 1-12.

Definition, District Offering, Pupil Attendance

Kindergarten is defined as 450 hours per year. Kindergarten attendance is not mandatory in this state.

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Funding

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