

Exhibit 1: Years of Compulsory Schooling*

Reported by National Research Coordinators

Country	Ages and/or Grades of Compulsory Schooling		Grades Provided for Primary and Secondary Schooling (Not Including Preprimary)
	Ages	Grades	
Armenia	6–16	1–9	1–12
Australia	6–16	1–10	1–12
Bahrain	6–15	1–9	1–12
Belgium (Flemish)	6–18	1–12	1–12
Botswana	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	1–12
Bulgaria	5–16	–	1–12
Canada	5–19 (varies by province)	–	1–12
Chile	5–18	K–12	1–12
Chinese Taipei	6–15	1–9	1–12
Croatia	6 or 7–13 to 15	1–8	1–12
Cyprus	4.7–15	K–9	1–12
Czech Republic	6–15	1–9	1–13
Denmark	6–16	0–9	0–13
Egypt	6–15	1–9	1–12
England	5–16	1–11	2–12
Finland	7–17	1–9	1–12
France	6–16	–	1–12
Georgia	6–15	1–9	1–12
Germany	6–18 (varies by state)	–	1–12 or 13
Hong Kong SAR	–	1–9	1–12
Hungary	3–16	–	1–12 or 13
Indonesia	7–15	1–9	1–12
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	–	1–9	1–12
Ireland	6–16	–	1–12
Israel	6–18	–	1–12
Italy	6–16	1–10	1–13
Japan	6–15	1–9	1–12
Jordan	6–16	1–10	1–12
Kazakhstan	6–17	1–11 or 12	1–11
Korea, Rep. of	6–14	1–9	1–12
Kuwait	6–17	1–9	1–12
Lebanon	6–14	1–9	1–12
Lithuania	7–16	–	1–12
Malaysia	7–12	1–6	1–11
Malta	5–16	1–11	1–13
Morocco	6–15	1–9	1–12
Netherlands	5–16 to 18	–	1–10, 11, or 12
New Zealand	6–16	–	1–13
Northern Ireland	4–16	1–12	1–12
Norway	6–15	1–10	1–13
Oman	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	1–12
Poland	6–18	1–9	1–12
Portugal	6–18	1–12	1–12
Qatar	–	1–9	1–12
Russian Federation	6.5–17 or 18	1–11	1–11
Saudi Arabia	6–18	1–12	1–12
Serbia	6–15	Preschool–8	1–8
Singapore	6–14	1–6	1–10
Slovak Republic	6–16	1–10	1–12, 13, or 14
Slovenia	6–15	1–9	1–13
South Africa	7–15	1–9	1–12
Spain	6–16	1–10	1–12
Sweden	7–16	1–9	1–12
Thailand	7–16	1–9	1–12
Turkey	–	1–12	1–12
United Arab Emirates	6–16	1–9	1–12
United States	Varies by state (commonly between the ages of 6–18, 5–18, 6–17, and 7–16)	Varies by state	1–12

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*For policies on preprimary education see Exhibit 3.
A dash (–) indicates data not provided.

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Benchmarking Participants—Responses Pertain to Benchmarking Provinces/Emirates/States			
Buenos Aires, Argentina	4–18	Pre-K – Secondary 5 or 6	1–12
Ontario, Canada	6–18	1–12	1–12
Quebec, Canada	6–16	–	1–11
Abu Dhabi, UAE	6–16	KG–12	1–12
Dubai, UAE	6–16	1–9	1–12
Florida, US	6–16	–	1–12

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