



Student Accountability Initiatives

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Student accountability initiatives refer to policies states have enacted to ensure that students and parents are more engaged in education. These initiatives typically hold students and parents to account for poor academic performance and/or poor attendance. Consequences range from the loss of the student's driving privileges to criminal penalties for parents who fail to send their children to school.

No-Pass, No-Drive: A policy in which a student's driver's license is revoked typically because of poor attendance (habitual truancy) and/or poor academic performance. Twenty-seven states have "no-pass, no-drive" policies.

- Seventeen states condition a student's driving privilege exclusively on compliance with attendance requirements.
- Three states (**Kansas, Louisiana and Oregon**) revoke a student's driving privilege based exclusively on suspensions, expulsions or other disciplinary actions.
- Four states (**Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and West Virginia**) condition a student's driving privilege on compliance with attendance requirements and/or satisfactory academic progress in school.
- Two states (**Illinois and Indiana**) revoke a student's driving privilege based on suspensions, expulsions or other safety infractions and/or non-compliance with attendance requirements.
- One state (**Tennessee**) conditions a student's driving privilege on compliance with attendance requirements and/or satisfactory academic progress in school; and revokes the driving privilege of a student who is suspended for a year or expelled.

No-Pass, No-Play: A policy in which a student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic sports is conditioned upon good academic standing and/or regular attendance. Sixteen states have "no-pass, no-play" policies.

- Twelve states condition eligibility on student academic performance.
- Three states (**Kentucky, Nevada and New Mexico**) condition eligibility on student academic performance and/or compliance with school attendance requirements.
- One state (**Maryland**) requires districts to formulate policies based on student academic performance.

Learnfare: A policy in which eligibility for public assistance grants to minor parents or dependents of grant recipients is conditioned upon the minor parent's or dependent's attendance and/or progress towards graduation at school. Thirty-eight states have "learnfare" policies.

- Learnfare policies are most commonly used for minor parents receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) grants.

Compulsory age of 18: These laws relate to the upper age states set for mandatory student attendance, which is typically from 16-18 years of age. Nineteen states have set 18 as the upper compulsory age.

- Nine states (**Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Mississippi, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Tennessee**) have set 17 as the upper compulsory age.
- Twenty-two states have set 16 as the upper compulsory age.

- Two states (**Massachusetts and Missouri**) allow the local education agency to determine the upper compulsory age.

Upper statutory age: These laws relate to the maximum age up to which the state is obligated to pay for a student's education. The ages range from 19 to no upper limit.

- 19 years: One state (**Montana**)
- 20 years: Nine states (**Alaska, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, Virginia and Wisconsin**)
- 21 years: Thirty-one states
- 22 years: One state (**Indiana**)
- 26 years: One state (**Texas**)

State	No-Pass, No-Drive	No-Pass, No-Play	Learnfare	Compulsory Age of 18	Upper Statutory Age
Alabama	X	X			*
Alaska			X		20
Arizona		X	X		21
Arkansas	X		X		21
California	X	X	X	X	21
Colorado			X		21
Connecticut			X	X	21
Delaware	X				20
District of Columbia			X	X	None
Florida	X	X	X		*
Georgia	X		X		20
Hawaii			X	X	*
Idaho	X				21
Illinois	X	X			20
Indiana	X		X	X	22
Iowa	X	X	X		21
Kansas	X		X	X	*
Kentucky	X	X	X		21
Louisiana	X	X	X	X	21
Maine			X		20

State	No-Pass, No-Drive	No-Pass, No-Play	Learnfare	Compulsory Age of 18	Upper Statutory Age
Maryland		X	X		21
Massachusetts			X		21
Michigan			X		20
Minnesota					21
Mississippi	X		X		21
Missouri			X		21
Montana					19
Nebraska			X	X	21
Nevada	X	X			21
New Hampshire				X	21
New Jersey			X		20
New Mexico	X	X	X	X	21
New York			X		21
North Carolina	X	X			21
North Dakota					21
Ohio	X	X	X	X	21
Oklahoma	X		X	X	21
Oregon	X			X	21
Pennsylvania			X		21
Puerto Rico			X		*
Rhode Island	X		X		*
South Carolina	X	X	X		21
South Dakota				X	21
Tennessee	X		X		*
Texas	X	X		X	26
Utah			X	X	*
Vermont			X		None

State	No-Pass, No-Drive	No-Pass, No-Play	Learnfare	Compulsory Age of 18	Upper Statutory Age
Virginia	X		X	X	20
Washington			X	X	21
West Virginia	X	X			21
Wisconsin	X		X	X	20
Wyoming			X		21

*: Upper statutory age not addressed in statutes or regulations.

Sources:

Alabama: No-pass, no drive: ALA. CODE § 16-28-40; No-pass, no-play: ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 290-3-1-.02(18)

Alaska: Learnfare: ALASKA STAT. § 47.27.027(a)(3),(b); Upper statutory age: ALASKA STAT. § 14.03.070

Arizona: No-pass, no-play: ARIZ. ADMIN. CODE R7-2-808(2); Learnfare: ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 46-292(P); Upper statutory age: ARIZ. CONST. ART. XI, § 6

Arkansas: No-pass, no-drive: ARK. CODE ANN. § 6-18-222(b)(2); Learnfare: 016 20 CARR 002; Upper statutory age: ARK. CODE ANN. § 6-18-202(b)(1)

California: No-pass, no-drive: CAL. VEH. CODE § 13202.7; No-pass, no-play: CAL. EDUC. CODE § 35160.5; Learnfare: CAL. WEL. & INST. CODE § 11253.5; Compulsory age of 18: CAL. EDUC. CODE § 48200; Upper statutory age: CAL. EDUC. CODE § 46300.1

Colorado: Learnfare: COLO. REV. STAT. § 26-2-706(1); Upper statutory age: COLO. REV. STAT. § 22-1-102(1)

Connecticut: Learnfare: CONN. GEN. STAT. § 17b-688g; Compulsory age of 18: CONN. GEN. STAT. § 10-184; Upper statutory age: CONN. GEN. STAT. § 10-186(a)

Delaware: No-pass, no-drive: DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 14, § 2730(c)(6)-(7); Upper statutory age: DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 14, § 202(a)

District of Columbia: Learnfare: D.C. CODE ANN. § 4-205.65; Compulsory age of 18: D.C. CODE ANN. § 38-202(a); Upper statutory age: D.C. MUN. REGS. tit. 5, § 2000.3

Florida: No-pass, no-drive: FLA. STAT. ch. 322.091; No-pass, no-play: FLA. STAT. ch. 1006.15(3); Learnfare: FLA. STAT. ch. 414.1251; FLA. ADMIN. CODE ANN. r. 65A-4.2131

Georgia: No-pass, no-drive: GA. CODE ANN. § 40-5-22(a.1); Learnfare: GA. CODE ANN. § 49-4-192; GA. COMP. R. & REGS. r. 290-2-28-.18; Upper statutory age: GA. CODE ANN. § 20-2-150(a)

Hawaii: Learnfare: WCHR 17-684; Compulsory age of 18: HAW. REV. STAT. § 302A-1132(a)

Idaho: No-pass, no-drive: IDAHO CODE § 49-303A; Upper statutory age: IDAHO CODE § 33-201

Illinois: No-pass, no-drive: 105 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/26-3a, 625 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/6-107(b-1); No-pass, no-play: 105 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/10-20.30; Upper statutory age: 105 ILL. COMP. STAT. 5/10-20.12

Indiana: No-pass, no-drive: IND. CODE §§ 9-24-2-1(a), 20-33-2-11(a); Learnfare: IND. CODE § 12-14-2-17; Compulsory age of 18: IND. CODE § 20-33-2-6; Upper statutory age: IND. CODE § 20-21-1-6

Iowa: No-pass, no-drive: IOWA CODE § 299.1B; No-pass, no-play: IOWA ADMIN. CODE r. 281-36.15(2)(c); Learnfare: IOWA CODE § 239B.10(4); Upper statutory age: IOWA CODE § 282.6

Kansas: No-pass, no-drive: KAN. STAT. ANN. § 72-89c02; Learnfare: KAN. ADMIN. REGS. 30-4-70(f); Compulsory age of 18: KAN. STAT. ANN. § 72-1111(a)

Kentucky: No-pass, no-drive: KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 159.051; No-pass, no-play: KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 160.345(2)(h)(i)(8); Learnfare: KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 205.200(3); Upper statutory age: KY. REV. STAT. ANN. § 158.100

Louisiana: No-pass, no-drive: LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 32:431; No-pass, no-play: LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 17:176(C), [Louisiana High School Athletic Association Eligibility Guidelines](#) (see "enrollment" and

"scholastic" sections); Learnfare: LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 46:231.3(B)(2); Compulsory age of 18: LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 17:221(A)(1); Upper statutory age: LA. REV. STAT. ANN. § 17:221.3

Maine: Learnfare: ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 22, § 3763(3); Upper statutory age: ME. REV. STAT. ANN. tit. 20-A, § 5201(1)

Maryland: No-pass, no-play: MD. REGS. CODE. tit. 13A, § 06.03.02; Learnfare: MD. REGS. CODE. tit. 7, § 07.03.03.07(C); Upper statutory age: MD. CODE ANN., EDUC. § 7-101(a)

Massachusetts: Learnfare: MASS. REGS. CODE tit. 106, § 203.900; Upper statutory age: MASS. GEN. LAWS ch. 71B, § 1

Michigan: Learnfare: MICH. COMP. LAWS § 400.57e(1)(b); Upper statutory age: MICH. COMP. LAWS § 388.1606(4)(l)

Minnesota: Upper statutory age: MINN. STAT. § 120A.20(1)(a)

Mississippi: No-pass, no-drive: MISS. CODE ANN. § 63-1-9(1)(g); Learnfare: MISS. CODE ANN. § 43-17-5(4); Upper statutory age: MISS. CODE ANN. § 37-45-1

Missouri: Learnfare: MO. CODE REGS. ANN. tit. 13, § 40-2.310(8)(A); Upper statutory age: MO. REV. STAT. § 160.051(1)

Montana: Upper statutory age: MONT. CODE ANN. § 20-1-101(16)

Nebraska: Learnfare: NEB. REV. STAT. §68-1724(2)(c); Compulsory age of 18: NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-201(1)(b); Upper statutory age: NEB. CONST. ART. VII, § 1

Nevada: No-pass, no-drive: NEV. REV. STAT. 62E.430(1)(a)(2),(1)(b)(2); No-pass, no-play: NEV. ADMIN. CODE ch. 386, § 802; Upper statutory age: NEV. ADMIN. CODE ch. 387, § 345(5)

New Hampshire: Compulsory age of 18: N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 193:1(l); Upper statutory age: N.H. REV. STAT. ANN. § 189:1-a

New Jersey: Learnfare: N.J. STAT. ANN. § 44:10-63(a)(4); Upper statutory age: N.J. STAT. ANN. § 18A:38-1

New Mexico: No-pass, no-drive: N.M. ADMIN. CODE tit. 6, § 10.8.8(B); No-pass, no-play: N.M. STAT. ANN. § 22-12-2.1; Learnfare: N.M. ADMIN. CODE tit. 8, § 102.420.9; Compulsory age of 18: N.M. STAT. ANN. § 22-12-2(A); Upper statutory age: N.M. STAT. ANN. § 22-1-2(O)

New York: Learnfare: N.Y. COMP. CODES R. & REGS. tit. 18, § 351.12; Upper statutory age: N.Y. EDUC. LAW § 3202(1)

North Carolina: No-pass, no-drive: N.C. GEN. STAT. § 20-11(n); No-pass, no-play: N.C. ADMIN. CODE tit. 16, r. 6E.0202; Upper statutory age: N.C. GEN. STAT. § 115C-1

North Dakota: Upper statutory age: N.D. CENT. CODE § 15.1-06-01(1)(c)

Ohio: No-pass, no-drive: OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 4510.32; No-pass, no-play: OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3313.535; Learnfare: OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 5107.28; Compulsory age of 18: OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3321.01(A)(1); Upper statutory age: OHIO REV. CODE ANN. § 3313.64(F)(1)

Oklahoma: No-pass, no-drive: OKLA. STAT. tit. 47, § 6-107.3; Learnfare: OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 340:10-13-1; Compulsory age of 18: OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 10-105(A),(B); Upper statutory age: OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 1-114(A)

Oregon: No-pass, no-drive: OR. REV. STAT. § 339.254; Compulsory age of 18: OR. REV. STAT. § 339.010; Upper statutory age: OR. REV. STAT. § 339.115(2)

Pennsylvania: Learnfare: PA. STAT. ANN. tit. 62, § 464; Upper statutory age: PA. STAT. ANN. tit. 24, § 13-1301

Puerto Rico: Learnfare: 8 P.R. LAWS ANN. § 14a

Rhode Island: No-pass, no-drive: R.I. GEN. LAWS § 14-1-32(5); Learnfare: R.I. GEN. LAWS § 40-5-1-9(c)(2)(i)(G)

South Carolina: No-pass, no-drive: S.C. CODE ANN. § 56-1-176; No-pass, no-play: S.C. CODE ANN. § 59-39-60; Learnfare: S.C. CODE ANN. § 43-5-1215; Upper statutory age: S.C. CODE ANN. § 59-63-20

South Dakota: Compulsory age of 18: S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 13-27-1; Upper statutory age: S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 13-28-1.1

Tennessee: No-pass, no-drive: TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 49-6-3017, 55-50-515; Learnfare: TENN. CODE ANN. § 71-3-154(h)(2)(B)(i)

Texas: No-pass, no-drive: TEX. TRANSP. CODE ANN. § 521.204(a)(3); No-pass, no-play: TEX. EDUC. CODE ANN. § 33.081(c); Compulsory age of 18: TEX. EDUC. CODE ANN. § 25.085(b); Upper statutory age: TEX. EDUC. CODE ANN. § 25.001(a)

Utah: Learnfare: UTAH CODE ANN. § 35A-3-307(2)(d)(i); Compulsory age of 18: UTAH CODE ANN. § 53A-11-101(d)

Vermont: Learnfare: VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 33, § 1103(e)(1); Upper statutory age: VT. STAT. ANN. tit. 16, § 828

Virginia: No-pass, no-drive: VA. CODE ANN. § 46.2-334(4); Learnfare: VA. CODE ANN. § 63.2-606; Compulsory age of 18: VA. CODE ANN. § 22.1-254(A); Upper statutory age: VA. CODE ANN. § 22.1-1
Washington: Learnfare: WASH. ADMIN. CODE § 388-404-0005(1)(b); Compulsory age of 18: WASH. REV. CODE § 28A.225.010(1); Upper statutory age: WASH. REV. CODE § 28A.225.160
West Virginia: No-pass, no-drive: W. VA. CODE § 18-8-11(a); No-pass, no-play: W. VA. CODE ST. R. § 127-2-6; Upper statutory age: W. VA. CODE § 18-5-15(b)
Wisconsin: No-pass, no-drive: WIS. STAT. § 118.163(2m)(a); Learnfare: WIS. STAT. § 49.26; WIS. ADMIN. CODE § 11.195; Compulsory age of 18: WIS. STAT. § 118.15(1)(a); Upper statutory age: WIS. CONST. ART. X, § 3
Wyoming: Learnfare: WYO. STAT. ANN. § 42-2-202(d)(ii); Upper statutory age: WYO. STAT. ANN. § 21-4-301

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