

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	
Australia	6-17	1-10	1-12
Austria	6-15	1-9	1-12
Azerbaijan	6-15	1-9	1-11
Bahrain	6-15	1-9	1-12
Belgium (Flemish)	6-18	1-12	1-12
Belgium (French)	6-18	1-12	1-12
Bulgaria	5-16	1-8 (plus 2 years PPE)	1-12
Canada	Varies by province	Varies by province	1-11 or 12
Chile	5-18	K-12	1-12
Chinese Taipei	6-15	1-9	1-12
Czech Republic	6-15	1-9	1-13
Denmark	6-16	0-9	1-13
Egypt	6-15	1-9	1-12
¹ England	5-16	Reception (R)-11	1-13
Finland	7-16	1-9	1-12
France	6-16	1-11	1-12
Georgia	6-15	1-9	1-12
Germany	6-18 (varies by state)	Varies by state	1-12 or 13
Hong Kong SAR	6-15	1-9	1-12
Hungary	3-16	1-10 (plus 3 years kindergarten)	1-12 or 13
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	6-14	1-9	1-12
Ireland	6-16	1-9	1-12
Israel	5-16	1-12	1-12
Italy	6-16	1-10	1-13
Kazakhstan	6-15	1-9	1-11
Kuwait	6-14	1-9	1-12
Latvia	5-15 or 16	1-9 (plus 2 years preschool)	1-12
Lithuania	7-16	-	1-12
Macao SAR	5-15	K3-9	1-12
Malta	5-16	1-11	1-13
Morocco	6-15	1-9	1-12
Netherlands	5-18 (or 16 with a diploma)	n/a	1-10, 11, or 12
New Zealand	6-16	-	1-13
Northern Ireland	4-16	1-12	1-12
Norway (5)	6-16	1-10	1-13
Oman	Not compulsory	Not compulsory	1-12
Poland	-	-	-
Portugal	6-18	1-12	1-12
Qatar	6-18	1-9	1-12
Russian Federation	6.5-18	1-11	1-11
Saudi Arabia	6-15	1-12	1-12
Singapore	6-14	1-6	1-10
Slovak Republic	6-16	1-10	1-12, 13, or 14
Slovenia	6-15	1-9	1-11, 13, or 14
South Africa	7-15	1-9	1-12
Spain	6-16	1-10	1-12
Sweden	7-16 (18 in special cases)	1-9	1-12
Trinidad and Tobago	5-16	K-11	1-13
United Arab Emirates	6-14	1-9	1-12
United States	Varies by state (ages 5-8 to ages 16-18)	Varies by state	1-12

SOURCE: IEA's Progress in International Reading Literacy Study – PIRLS 2016

*For policies on preprimary education see Exhibits 3 and 4. Schooling includes ISCED Level 0.

A dash (-) indicates data not provided.

¹ Compulsory schooling in England is ages 5-16, but education continues to be compulsory until age 18 and includes apprenticeships and traineeships.

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	Ages	Grades	
Benchmarking Participants—Responses Pertain to Benchmarking Provinces/Emirates/States			
Buenos Aires, Argentina	4-17	1-12 or 13	1-12
Ontario, Canada	6-18	-	1-12
Quebec, Canada	6-16	-	1-11
Denmark (3)	6-16	0-9	1-13
Norway (4)	6-16	1-10	1-13
Moscow City, Russian Fed.	6.5-18	1-11	1-11
Eng/Afr/Zulu - RSA (5)	7-15	1-9	1-12
Andalusia, Spain	6-16	1-10	1-12
Madrid, Spain	6-16	1-10	1-12
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	6-15	1-9	1-12
Dubai, United Arab Emirates	6-16	1-9	1-12

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