

- Forty-five states and the District of Columbia altered their reported requirements for earning a standard high school diploma, and these changes were universally increased in required courses.
- Thirty-four states and the District of Columbia had minimum requirements in 1980 and then added to that number.
- Mathematics requirements were increased in forty-two states.
- Thirty-four states increased their science requirements, and from eighteen to twenty-six states changed requirements in language arts and social studies.
- The school attendance age increased in fifteen states, and six states increased the length of the

school year (while seven others decreased it). The length of the school day, however, did not undergo a major shift.²⁴