

AMERICAN SAMOA

- Compulsory Attendance Ages:** “between ages 5 and 18 years of age inclusive, unless excused for good reason by the Director of Education.” American Samoa Code Annotated § 16.0302.
- Required Days of Instruction:** “the same number of days as public schools.” Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.0702.
- Required Subjects:** “Private school officials shall include in their curriculum such material as the director of education may require in the interest of good citizenship.” Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.0704.

Home School Statute: None.

Alternative Statutes Allowing for Home Schools: Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.0701.

1. “All schools carrying on regular educational work equivalent to the public school curriculum and receiving no government financial support” are private schools.
2. “No private school may operate without a certificate of authorization from the Department of Education,” issued after an annual inspection.
3. “Children attending authorized private schools may not be required to attend public schools.” Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.0703.
4. Each school seeking authorization from the director for the first time must submit
 - a. a statement of the aims and purposes of the school;
 - b. the names and addresses of sponsors and supporters of the school;
 - c. the ages, grades, and sex of the children to be enrolled;
 - d. the amount of tuition to be charged; and
 - e. the curriculum to be pursued. Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.0701(c).
5. Each private school must maintain permanent report cards on each pupil and submit monthly enrollment reports and an annual report with:
 - a. a calendar for the school year;
 - b. a list of teachers, showing names, age, experience, and professional qualifications;

- c. a certificate of health for each teacher;
 - d. a list of curriculum and books to be used; and
 - e. a schedule of classes. Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.0706.
6. “The department of education may not interfere with any religious instruction given in private schools.” Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.0705.

Teacher Qualifications: Am. Samoa Code Ann. § 16.1001. “All members of the teaching personnel must hold a certificate of qualification granted by the Department of Education.”

Standardized Tests: Not required by statute.