

# Age of Majority Survey

## **Preliminary Information**

*Thank you in advance for your participation in this ongoing survey to receive your recommendations and rationale about what age a student should become an adult under the law. This survey is conducted by The Due Process Advocate and its Independent Business Affiliates (please visit [www.dueprocessadvocate.com](http://www.dueprocessadvocate.com)).*

No doubt you are aware of the ever-increasing liabilities that are accruing to students, parents, teachers, administrators, and law-enforcement agencies that involve actions and behavior that are governed, in whole or part, by age of majority laws in the jurisdiction where a student is attending a public or private school.

The age of majority is defined as the age at which a minor legally becomes an adult in the United States. In most states, the age of majority is 18. Reaching the age of majority means that a student acquires critical rights (and responsibilities) such as the right to vote, the right to join the military, the right to enter into a legally enforceable contract, the right to consent to or receive certain medical treatments, and much, much more. At law, however, certain rights are restricted or denied at the age of majority. Depending on jurisdiction, these restricted rights include the right to buy or consume alcoholic beverages, buying and using firearms, going into a nightclub, booking a hotel room, or gambling in a casino. In view of these restricted rights, there is considerable disagreement as to whether the age of majority should remain at 18 as it is in a vast majority of states across the country.

This survey is being conducted to obtain your personal opinion, feedback, and comments regarding the age of majority.

Please take a moment to take this brief survey and please note that your participation in this survey constitutes your acknowledgment and understanding that (a) your response to this survey can be provided to parents, educators, and legislators for their use in establishing policy, procedure, and law regarding the age of majority, and (b) we can communicate with you regarding this survey at the email address you provide.

## **Survey Form Information and Instructions**

There are two sections of the survey form. The first section (“Survey Participant”) collects information from you that enables The Due Process Advocate to contrast and compare your responses to those provided by different age groups and categories of respondents. The second section (“Survey Questions”) provides your recommended age of majority together with your feedback or comments, if any, regarding your rationale for your recommended age of majority. Once completed, please mail, fax, or return the survey form to The Due Process Advocate (or an Independent Business Affiliate of The Due Process Advocate). Please visit [www.dueprocessadvocate.com](http://www.dueprocessadvocate.com) for more information.

**Survey Participant**

Please enter your first name (or initials): \_\_\_\_\_ Please enter your age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the date you are completing this survey: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter your state of legal residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your status with regard to this survey: [ ]Student [ ]Parent [ ]Teacher  
[ ]School Administrator or Official [ ]Law Enforcement Officer [ ]Legislator  
[ ]Other (Please Describe)\_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the state where you are attending school (if you are a student): \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Survey Questions**

1. What is your recommended age for the age of majority in the United States: \_\_\_\_\_

2. (Optional) Why? Please use the space below to provide the primary reason, or reasons, for the age of majority you have recommended (attach additional pages if/as necessary):

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Please mail (or fax) your response to:

**The Due Process Advocate**  
**497 Hooksett Road #395**  
**Manchester, NH 03104**  
**Fax: (603) 218-6624**

*Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey!*