

CHAPTER VI.

Schools.

Months kept open.

SECTION 1. In every school house district in each county, established as hereinbefore provided, there shall be kept for ten months in each year, one or more schools, according to population, which shall be free to all white youth over six and under eighteen years of age.

What taught.

Sec. 2. In every district school there shall be taught Orthography, Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, History of the United States, the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Maryland and Good Behavior. Algebra, Book-keeping, Natural Philosophy, Vocal Music, Drawing, Physiology, the Laws of Health and of Domestic Economy shall also be taught whenever the School District Board shall deem it expedient.

Additional teachers.

Sec. 3. Whenever a school numbers over sixty children, an assistant teacher shall be employed, and then for every additional forty children, one additional teacher shall be appointed; and the Board of County School Commissioners shall direct the division of the pupils so as to form a graded school.

Public Examination.

Sec. 4. Public examinations shall be held in each school, once in each term, of which due notice shall be given, that parents and others interested in public education may attend.

Hours kept open.

Sec. 5. Schools shall be kept open each week day except Saturday, for six hours, and the hours for teaching shall be regulated by the several school District Boards.

Disturbance.

Sec. 6. Any person who shall disturb any district school in session, shall, upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay twenty dollars, to be collected as other fines, and to be paid to the School District Board for the benefit of the school house district, or said offender shall be imprisoned until the penalty and costs be paid, not exceeding, however, thirty days.

Sec. 7. The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated the fall term, winter term, spring term, and summer term,