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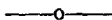
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The State Board of Education is composed of seven members, who are appointed by the Governor for terms of seven years (Code 1939, Art. 77, sec. 5). The State Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the State Board of Education for a term of four years (Code 1939, Art. 77, sec. 27). He is ex-officio secretary and treasurer to the Board. In addition to general control of the State School System, the Superintendent is charged with the duties of interpreting school laws and acting in all controversies and disputes involving the proper administration of the public school system.

The State Department of Education provides for the training of elementary and junior high school teachers in the State Teachers Colleges for which the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent act as trustees. It is responsible for the certification of teachers, and accreditation of private schools charging fees. It is charged with the responsibility of setting up standards, rules, and regulations for examination, classification and education of children who because of mental or physical handicaps are incapable of receiving proper benefit from ordinary public school instruction. It is charged further with the responsibility of establishing a division for the vocational rehabilitation and placement, in remunerative employment, of persons whose capacity to earn a living has been destroyed or impaired. It is the duty of the Department to give high school equivalent examinations to determine the educational attainment of persons, nineteen years or over, who have not graduated from high school. The Department is also developing a State-wide public library service and a school library service.

The organization of the Department is in six Divisions: (1) Instruction, (2) Vocational Education, (3) Certification and Accreditation, (4) Finance, Statistics, and Educational Measurements, (5) Vocational Rehabilitation, and (6) Library Extension. The head of the Division of Vocational Education is the Assistant State Superintendent for Vocational Education. All other Divisions are headed by Directors.



DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation offers an extended program as a result of the increases in the amount and character of Federal aid which became available in 1943 and in 1948. Any citizen of the State 16 years of age or over is eligible if permanently disabled. Besides the main office in Baltimore, there are branch offices in Baltimore, Hagerstown, Salisbury, and Hyattsville.