

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Although a centralized administration of the public schools of Maryland was attempted in 1865, it was not until 1870 that the State Board of Education was established. The Board, composed of seven members appointed by the Governor for terms of seven years, is responsible for the public school system, for the formulation of policy governing education within the State, and for the passage of by-laws and administrative regulations necessary for the governing of the school system (Code 1939, 1947 Supp., Art. 77, secs. 5, 11-13, 17).

The State Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the State Board of Education for a term of four years. He is responsible for the direction of the State Department of Education, the execution of policy governing the school system, and the enforcement of the administrative regulations adopted by the Board (Code 1939, Art. 77, secs. 27, 28). The State Department of Education is composed of the State Superintendent of Schools and the professional staff employed by the Board to assist him in the supervision and direction of the Maryland public schools. The department has six divisions, each with its specific duties to perform.

Division of Instruction

The Division of Instruction provides leadership in planning and supervising educational programs for young people and adults in the public schools of the State. It plans programs and assists with the education of the handicapped also. Specific aids provided for teachers and pupils include courses of study cooperatively planned, certain types of visual aids, and workshop and consultant service. The division is responsible also for the administration of high school equivalence examinations and for leadership in teacher education (Code 1939, 1947 Supp., Art. 77, secs. 32, 33, 35, 191, 191A).

Division of Vocational Education

The Division of Vocational Education is responsible for the supervision of the vocational curricula of the public schools—home economics, agriculture, and industrial arts. In addition the division supervises the school lunch program and renders educational services to industry. The Federal funds granted to the State for these purposes are allocated through the division (Code 1939, Art. 77, secs. 255-258).