

the Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement and one member from the enforcement force of the Department of State Police appointed by the Board of Public Works. It is the duty of the Board to prescribe necessary rules and regulations for the operation of the retirement system and to consider applications for disability pensions or retirement (Code 1951, Art. 88B, secs. 31-37).

Appropriations	1953	1954
Special Fund	\$81,374	\$85,381
Staff: 1.		

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Richard W. Case, 1952; Ruth McCormick Tankersley, 1954;
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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 1951, Art. 77, secs. 2, 5, 14-19, 160).

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 1951, Art. 77, secs. 33, 34). 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