

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 1951, Art. 77, secs. 38, 40, 42).

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 1951, Art. 77, secs. 275-278).

Division of Finance and Research

The Division of Finance and Research is responsible for the compilation of the Federal, State, and county reports, for the compilation of the necessary statistical tables required for the administration of the school system, and for the distribution of funds made available to the local school system by the Federal and State governments. The division also acts as the central accounting and purchasing agency of the department and the State Teachers Colleges and is responsible for the administration of high school equivalence examinations (Code 1951, Art. 77, secs. 25, 29, 30, 209-217).

Division of Certification and Accreditation

The Division of Certification and Accreditation is responsible for the certification of the professional and instructional staffs in the public and private schools of the State. All schools and colleges (both public and private) operating in the State are accredited by the division. Leadership in teacher education, the licensing and inspection of trade and vocational schools operating within the State are other responsibilities of the unit (Code 1951, Art. 77, secs. 20, 95-103).

Division of Library Extension

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The Division of Library Extension, established within the State Department of Education by the General Assembly of 1945, exercises supervision over school libraries and county libraries operating under the State-aid act of 1945. The division provides direct service of books and periodicals to individuals, groups, or libraries. Professional advice and assistance is available to all school and public libraries through this agency. State funds made available under the Public Libraries Act are administered by the division (Code 1951, Art. 77, secs. 173-195).

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, established by the General Assembly of 1929, is responsible for the administration of the Federal Civilian Rehabilitation Act and the funds provided by it within the State of Maryland. The division provides vocational