

Education

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Board of Education

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A centralized administration of the Maryland public schools was attempted in 1865, but the General Assembly did not establish the State Board of Education until 1870 (Ch. 311, Acts of 1870). The Board, composed of seven members appointed by the Governor for staggered seven-year terms, makes policy for the public school system and passes the by-laws and regulations that govern it (Code 1957, Art. 77, secs. 2, 5, 19-24, 27, 29, 32, 35, 164).

The State Board of Education appoints the State Superintendent of Schools for a four-year term. He directs the State Department of Education and executes the policy and enforces the regulations adopted by the Board (Code 1957, Art. 77, secs. 37-39). The State Department of Education consists of the State Superintendent of Schools and the professional staff employed by the Board to assist him. The Department has six divisions (Code 1957, Art. 77, secs. 45, 46.)

Division of Instruction

The Division of Instruction provides leadership in planning and supervising education for children and adults in the public schools of the State. Among the specific aids it supplies are curriculum materials which it plans in cooperation with teachers, certain types of visual aids, and workshop and consultant service. It maintains a curriculum center and also plans programs for the handicapped and assists with their education (Code 1957, Art. 77, secs. 26, 40-42, 241-42).

Division of Vocational Education

The Division of Vocational Education supervises the vocational curricula of the public schools: home economics, agriculture, and industrial arts. In addition, the Division renders educational services to industry. The Federal funds granted to the State for these purposes are allocated through the Division (Code 1957, Art. 77, secs. 285-88).