

Chapter 462, Acts of 1968 established a Branch of the Maryland School for the Deaf to be located near the population center of the State and to be administered and operated as part of and subject to the Maryland School for the Deaf.

The first phase of this Branch School which is to be called Columbia Campus Maryland School for the Deaf has been granted funding and construction is scheduled to begin during the summer of 1971 (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., 1970 Supp., Art. 30, sec. 34).

The school offers an academic education similar to that of public schools and in addition provides thorough instruction in communication skills, including speech and speech reading, signs and finger spelling, auditory training, and use of individual hearing aids. In addition to the academic program, courses of study in vocational education are also offered to both male and female students. The vocational training includes industrial arts, business education, driver education, printing and graphic arts, homemaking and woodworking. The school offers a broad athletic and physical education program including such major sports as football, baseball and track as well as a wide range of social and recreational activities. Vocational rehabilitation services are available to all graduating students to assist them in seeking employment, vocational or technical training, or higher education.

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds .....	\$1,337,843	\$1,538,391
Staff: 153, of which 51 are academic and vocational teachers.		

### SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD

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The Southern Regional Education Board operates under the terms of the Southern Regional Education Compact of 1949 which the legislature of Maryland ratified by Chapter 282, Acts of 1949. Thirteen other states have also ratified the Compact. The purpose of the Compact is to develop graduate, professional, and technical education in the South without unnecessary duplication. The Southern Regional Education Board is active in approximately twenty-five academic fields. It administers the regional education contracts through which states lacking schools in certain fields are able to secure training for their students at institutions operated either by other states or by private corporations. The Board also studies needs and resources in various academic fields and joins with universities in Memoranda of Agreement to plan the development of specific programs on a regional basis. The University of Maryland carries on the administrative work of the Board in Maryland (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 185-38). The Maryland representatives on the Board are the Governor and four other persons appointed by him.

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds .....	\$166,095	\$173,295