

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*President:* Frederick K. Schoenbrodt, 1985

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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 makes policy for the public school system and passes the bylaws and regulations that govern it. The Board's nine members are appointed by the Governor for staggered five-year terms. Chapter 539, Acts of 1976, made the State Department of Education, headed by the Board of Education, a principal department of State government (Code Education Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-205).

The State Board of Education appoints the State Superintendent of Schools for a four-year term. The Superintendent directs the State Department of Education and executes the policy and enforces the regulations adopted by the Board (Code Education Article, secs. 2-301 through 2-303).

The State Department of Education consists of the State Superintendent of Schools and the professional staff employed by the Board to assist him. The organization of the Department includes the Office of Administration and Finance; Division of Certification and Accreditation; Division of Compensatory, Urban, and Supplementary Programs; Division of Instruction; Division of Instructional Television; Division of Library Development and Services; Division of Special Education; Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; and Division of Vocational-Technical Education. Also within the Department are the Office of Management Information Systems, the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries; the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, the Attendant Care Program Advisory Committee, and the Accountability Task Force.

### OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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The Office of Administration and Finance develops and implements State Department of Education policies, procedures, and systems for administrative operations in such areas as Personnel Services, Information Systems, and General Services, as well as pupil transportation and school food services.

### DIVISION OF CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION

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The Division of Certification and Accreditation both regulates and administers functions relating to the certification of teachers and the accreditation of nonpublic schools. Its four branches include Teacher Education and Certification, Staff Development, Nonpublic Schools Accreditation, and General Education Development.

The Division issues certificates to teachers in the public, nonpublic, and independent schools and in various other institutions of the State. It interprets certification standards and administers interstate reciprocity in certification of teachers. The Division also provides an advisory and consultative service on school staffing.

The Division evaluates teacher education programs offered by State colleges and universities and provides consultative services for the improvement of such programs.