

The Division interprets and implements State statute and State Board of Education bylaws relating to the approval of all levels of nonpublic education from nursery school through secondary school. Certificates of approval are issued to approved schools.

The Division administers the General Education Development (GED) testing program that leads to the attainment of the Maryland high school diploma. It also administers the Maryland Professional Development Academy and internal staff development programs.

DIVISION OF COMPENSATORY, URBAN, AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS

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The Division of Compensatory, Urban, and Supplementary Programs administers and supervises federal and State programs designed to improve the education of economically and socially deprived children. The Division coordinates the State leadership and administrative responsibilities of these programs so as to provide maximum support and supplementary services to Maryland's local school systems.

The array of federal educational programs necessitates coordination at the State level to ensure that these supplementary services achieve legislative intent and benefit to the greatest degree the school children of Maryland. To carry out this work, the Division is organized in four branches: Early Childhood Education, Compensatory Education, Migrant Education, and Pupil Services.

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTION

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The Division of Instruction develops and recommends to the State Superintendent policy guidelines for elementary and secondary school programs and services. These guidelines include curriculum and adult continuing education in all public schools and State agency educational programs. The Division evaluates education programs to include the accountability program; ensures the implementation of policies, guidelines, programs, and services through staff development, program audits, and supervision; and conducts conferences of personnel of the county school systems on matters relating to content, needs, and improvements of schools. The Division prepares and

publishes pamphlets to stimulate public interest, promote the work of education, and foster professional insight and efficiency in teachers. It also cooperates with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop public standards and guidelines for school health programs.

The Division consists of five branches: Language and Learning Improvement, General Curriculum, Adult and Community Education, Program Assessment, and Career and Employability Development.

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION

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The Division of Instructional Television provides innovative and timely instruction, via television and media services, that contributes to the achievement of public education priorities in Maryland. Its three branches include Production, Instructional Services, and Field Services.

The Division works with local education agencies (LEAs), State Instructional Television Regional Advisory Boards, State ITV Curriculum Committees, ITV coordinators, divisions within the State Department of Education, and the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission to serve State education priorities.

DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

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The Division of Library Development and Services is responsible for the administration, direction, and budgetary development of State and federal programs for improving library services in public schools and public libraries throughout the State. This includes: identification of needs; planning and development of recommendations for library legislation; monitoring and evaluation of ongoing programs; and dissemination of information (Code Education Article, sec. 23-102 through 23-105).

The Division also coordinates the State Library Network, the center of which is the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Three Regional Resource Centers include the State Library Resource Center, the McKeldin Library of the University of Maryland, and the Eisenhower Library of Johns Hopkins