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**SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES &
STATE MEDIA SERVICES BRANCH**

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The School Library Media Services and State Media Services Branch originated in 1968 as the Office of School Libraries and Instructional Materials Services. The Office, reorganized as the School Library Media Services Section in 1970, became the School Library Media Services Branch in 1978 and received its present name in 1987.

The Branch helps local school systems develop, improve and use school library media programs. For public and private schools, the Branch provides technical assistance in planning; selection, acquisition, and use of materials and resources; instruction; program management; information dissemination; and program evaluation.

**MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY FOR THE
BLIND & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
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The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was established in 1968. The Library provides comprehensive library services to eligible blind and physically handicapped residents of Maryland. It also serves as the Maryland regional library in the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

In Baltimore, the Library formerly was located on Charles Street but, in December 1992, moved into its new building on the southeastern corner of Park Avenue and Franklin Street. The Library also has two subregional libraries: the Special Needs Library, established in Bethesda in 1972; and the Talking Book Center, formed in Hyattsville in 1980.

**DIVISION OF CERTIFICATION &
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Created in 1970, the Division of Certification and Accreditation regulates and administers certification of teachers; preparation and assessment of

candidates for principalship; and accreditation of nonpublic schools. Under the Division are two branches: Teacher Education and Certification; and Nonpublic School Accreditation.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & TEACHER
EDUCATION BOARD**

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The Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board originated as an advisory board established by the State Board of Education in 1971. It was created by statute in 1991 (Chapter 662, Acts of 1991). Through the adoption of regulations, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board sets the standards for certification of teachers and other professional personnel, and the requirements for preparation of teachers and other education personnel in each public school.

The Board's twenty-five members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent (Code Education Article, secs. 6-701 through 6-708).

**TEACHER EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION
BRANCH**

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The Teacher Education and Certification Branch was formed in 1981. In accordance with State Board of Education bylaws, the Branch evaluates teacher education programs offered by Maryland colleges and universities and approves programs leading to the Advanced Professional Certificate. The Branch also certifies teachers and administrators in public schools, private schools, and other institutions, and assesses candidates for principalship.

**NONPUBLIC SCHOOL ACCREDITATION
BRANCH**

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The Nonpublic School Accreditation Branch started in 1948. By issuing certificates of approval to approved schools, the Branch ensures that nonpublic nursery schools, group day care centers, kindergartens, elementary schools, middle schools, secondary schools, residential juvenile or child care facilities, tutoring schools, and schools for handicapped in Maryland provide educational programs that conform to Maryland law and to State Board of Education regulations. The Branch also compiles the *Directory of Approved NonPublic Schools in the State of Maryland*.