

Branches taught. Sec. 3. In every district school there shall be taught Orthography, Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, History of the United States, the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and Good Behavior. Algebra, Book-Keeping, Natural Philosophy, Vocal Music, Drawing, Physiology; the Laws of Health, and of Domestic Economy shall also be taught whenever the Board of District School Commissioners shall deem it expedient.

Average attendance. Sec. 4. Whenever a school numbers more than forty-five children in average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the Board of County School Commissioners, and for every additional forty children one teacher may be appointed; and the Board of County School Commissioners shall direct the division of the pupils, so as to form a graded school.

Pupils divided. Sec. 5. Whenever the number of children attending school in any school district is greater than one hundred, then the Board of County School Commissioners may, with the consent of the Board of District School Commissioners, establish schools of different grades, or the school district may be divided; and whenever the average attendance in any school for any two consecutive terms is less than ten pupils, then said school may be closed by the Board of County School Commissioners; *provided*, that the Board of District School Commissioners may keep the school open in part at the expense of the district, and shall receive their proportion of the school fund for said school, rating a full school at twenty scholars.

Examinations Sec. 6. Public examinations shall be held in each school twice a year, of which due notice shall be given, that the parents and others interested in education may attend.

Time. Sec. 7. Schools shall be kept open each week day, except Saturday, for six hours, and the hours for teaching shall be regulated by the several Boards of County School Commissioners.

Disturb school. Sec. 8. Any person who shall disturb any district school in session, shall, upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, forfeit and pay