

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.

47. The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated Fall term, Winter term, Spring term and Summer term; and the time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the Board of County School Commissioners; provided, that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up and rendered to the thirty-first day of July, inclusive, of each and every year; and provided further, that there be no change in or encroachment upon the holidays and vacations set forth and established in the following paragraph:

The months of July and August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall be holidays, viz: Thanksgiving Day, from Christmas Eve to the first day of January inclusive, and from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter inclusive; on Washington's Birthday the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercises bearing on the life and services of "The Father of Our Country;" Maryland Day shall be observed at such a time and in such manner as the State Board of Education may direct.

In case it may be necessary to open school for a fraction of a term, it shall close at the end of the term, and all accounts shall be settled at the meeting of the Board of County School Commissioners, held at the end of the term.

48. No person shall be employed as a teacher under this Article unless such person shall hold a certificate of qualification (a) issued by the superintendent of the county in which he or she proposes to teach; (b) a certificate from a principal of a State Normal School of Maryland, or of the principal of the Normal Department of Washington College; (c) a diploma of a State Normal School of Maryland, or of the principal of the Normal Department of Washington College; (d) a Normal School diploma of another State endorsed by the State Superintendent of Public Education, or a diploma from the normal department of a school or college of this State, recognized as such by the State Board of Education; or (e) a certificate from the State Board of Education, as herein provided.