

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 birth-day 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.

Chapter 8. Teachers.

1904, art. 77, sec. 52. 1888, art. 77, sec. 48. 1872, ch. 377. 1904, ch. 584.

53. 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.

A by-law adopted by the state board under section 11 construed in connection with this section. *School Commissioners v. Wagaman*, 84 Md. 161.
See sections 15, 53 and 72.

1908, ch. 635.

54. Any graduate of the department of pedagogy of any reputable college or university, maintaining a department of pedagogy, that has been approved by the state board of education of Maryland, shall be entitled to teach in the public elementary or high schools of the State of Maryland without examination. The diploma of said graduate shall be rated as a first grade teachers' certificate and be subject to classification by the county superintendent of the county in which said graduate may be employed to teach.

This section referred to in construing section 60—see notes thereto. *Worcester County v. School Commissioners*, 113 Md. 307.
See sec. 72.

Ibid. sec. 53. 1888, art. 77, sec. 49. 1872, ch. 377. 1902, ch. 460.
1904, ch. 584.

55. Principal teachers shall be appointed by the board of district school trustees, subject to confirmation by the board of county school