

time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the county board of education; 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 shall be no change in or encroachment upon the holidays and vacation 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, and the day after; from Christmas Eve to the first day of January, inclusive; and from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter, inclusive; and a holiday on general election days. 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"; and on November 11th, known as "Armistice Day," the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercise bearing on the World War and the participation of the United States and the State of Maryland in said war and on "Memorial Day," the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercises bearing on the war between the States and the participation of Maryland in said war; "Memorial Day" and "Arbor Day" shall be observed at such a time and in such manner as the State Board of Education may direct.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 82. 1920, ch. 381.

**85.** It shall be the duty of every principal, head-master, dean or other person in charge of any grammar school, high school, normal school, private school, preparatory school, college or university in the State of Maryland, giving an academic course, who have morning, afternoon, or evening exercises or other gatherings, to open such exercises or gatherings, on at least one day of such school week, whether morning, afternoon or evening, with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner"; provided, that nothing in this section shall apply to professional schools.

### **Chapter 8. Teachers' Certificates, Salaries and Pensions.**

An. Code, 1924, sec. 83. 1912, sec. 53. 1904, sec. 52. 1888, sec. 48. 1872, ch. 377. 1904, ch. 584. 1914, ch. 85. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 53.

**86.** No person shall be employed as county superintendent, assistant superintendent, supervisor, principal or teacher unless such person shall hold a certificate issued by the superintendent of public education and for the grade required for the position, but any county of the State may require as a condition of employment a higher standard for a certificate of a similar kind and grade than is required by the State. Provided that all teachers' certificates and diplomas in force on April 18, 1916, shall continue in force for the full time for which they were issued or are valid, and shall remain valid for the grade and position for which issued. Provided, that no renewal or extension of such certificates shall be granted under this section by the State superintendent of schools, nor shall the renewal or extension of any certificate by a county superintendent expiring between the time this section goes into effect and September the thirtieth, 1916, be for more than one year. Provided also that no certificate issued by a county superintendent of schools between April 18, 1916, and September thirtieth, 1916, shall be valid for more than one year. Provided further that no certificate heretofore issued shall be valid after April 18, 1916, for appointment to the position of county superintendent, assistant superintendent,