

professors, who shall be appointed by the trustees of the normal school, and to have such salaries and perform such duties as said board may direct. And the state superintendent now acting under the system of public instruction about to expire by limitation of the constitution, shall transfer all school property and effects in his hands to the principal of the state normal school.

Property to vest in principal.

4. The sessions of the state normal school shall be determined by the board of trustees of state normal school; *provided*, that the school shall be open for not less than nine months in each year.

Sessions normal school.

Proviso.

5. Students of both sexes shall be admitted to the state normal school; females at the age of sixteen years, and males at the age of seventeen years. The students shall be apportioned by the trustees of the state normal school among the several counties and the city of Baltimore, in proportion to their respective representation in the general assembly of the state. The students shall be selected by the several boards of county school commissioners, and the board of commissioners of public schools of the city of Baltimore, from among persons having the scholastic qualifications hereinbefore required for teachers. Before any appointment shall be made, the applicants shall procure the certificate of the county examiner in testimony of their scholastic proficiency, and also file a written declaration that their object in obtaining admission is to qualify themselves as public school teachers, and that it is their intention to engage in the profession of teaching within the state, and in case any students shall fail to fulfil the condition upon which they were admitted, they shall forfeit and pay thirty dollars for each session they have attended the normal school, to be collected as other debts are collected, and to be applied for the benefit of the normal school. If there be not applicants sufficient from any county or the city, then the principal of the normal school may fill all vacancies, by selecting applicants possessing the requisite qualifications, from any other portion of the state, in the proportion aforesaid.

Students in state normal school.