

1888, art. 77, sec. 44. 1872, ch. 377.

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

Ibid. sec. 45 1872, ch. 377.

49. 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.

Ibid sec. 46. 1872, ch. 377.

50. Any person who shall disturb any public school in session shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall forfeit and pay twenty dollars, to be collected as other fines, to be paid to the board of district school trustees for the benefit of the school-house district; or said offender shall be imprisoned, not exceeding thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the justice of the peace.

Ibid. sec. 47. 1872, ch. 377. 1890, ch. 324. 1904, ch. 584.

51. 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 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.