

Sites may be
condemned.

Sec. 3. Where lands shall be required for the site of a school house, or for enlarging a school house lot, and the Commissioner of the district shall, from any cause, be unable to contract with the owner thereof, the Board of School Commissioners may apply for a writ of *ad quod damnum* to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county or the Superior Court for Baltimore city, as the case may be, who shall forthwith issue the same, and the Sheriff shall execute the said writ and return an inquisition describing the land and stating the amount of damages to be paid to the owner, and the Judge for the Circuit Court for the county, or of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, may at any time after the return of the inquisition, in term or during the recess, hear a motion to confirm such inquisition, on such notice to the parties as he may direct, and confirm or quash the same, and if he quashes the inquisition, he shall order a new one forthwith to be taken, but no lot so taken or enlarged shall exceed in the whole one acre, including the land occupied by the school buildings.

By whom paid

Sec. 4. In all cases when school house sites are thus purchased or condemned, the cost thereof shall be paid by the School Commissioners, as other public school property is paid for.

CHAPTER IV.—SCHOOLS.

School to be
kept six
months.

SECTION 1. In every school district in each city and county established as hereinbefore provided, there shall be kept for at least six months, in each year, one or more schools according to population, which shall be free to all white youth over six and under nineteen years of age.

What shall be
taught.

Sec. 2. In every district school there shall be taught Authography, Reading, Writing, English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, the History of the United States, and good behavior; Algebra, Book-keeping, Natural Philosophy, Vocal Music, Drawing, Physiology, the Laws of Health and of Domestic Economy, shall also be taught whenever the District Commissioners shall deem it expedient.

When to be
graded.

Sec. 3. Whenever a school numbers over sixty children an Assistant Teacher shall be employed,