

47. Whenever a school numbers more than forty children in average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the county board of education, in their discretion; and for every additional forty children, one teacher may be appointed.

48. Whenever the average daily attendance in any school for any two consecutive terms is less than 12 pupils the said school may be closed by the county board of education, and transportation provided, in the discretion of the board, for the pupils.

49. There shall be held in each school, once a year, a public exhibition of school work, of which due notice shall be given, that parents and others interested in education may attend.

50. Schools shall be kept open each weekday, except Saturday and holidays, for six hours.

52. 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 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. 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." Maryland Day, Arbor Day and Memorial Day shall be observed at such a time and in such manner as the state board of education may direct.

CHAPTER 8.

Teachers' Certificates, Salaries and Pensions.

53. 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 condi-