

CHAPTER 17.

High Schools.

125. The county board of education of any county shall have authority to establish high schools, subject to the approval of the state superintendent of schools, in their respective counties, when, in their judgment, it is advisable to do so. All high schools so established and those now in operation shall be under the direct control of the several county boards of education, subject to the provisions of this article; provided that when instruction below that of the high school grades is given in the same building, or on the same premises, such grade work may also be under the direct control of the county board of education, and the principal of the high school shall also be principal of the elementary school.

126. For the encouragement of secondary education in Maryland, the State shall extend aid to such groups of high schools in such amounts and in such manner as hereinafter designated and described. All high schools of the counties of the State of Maryland receiving state aid shall be arranged by the state superintendent of schools in two groups, to be designated first group and second group, according to the number of pupils enrolled, teachers employed, and years of instruction given. High Schools of the first group shall fulfill the following minimum requirements: (a) They shall have an enrollment of not less than eighty pupils, and an average daily attendance of not less than seventy pupils; (b) they shall employ exclusive of instructors of special subjects named under (e); (c) they shall provide a four years' course of instruction of not less than one hundred and eighty actual school days in each year, the same to conform to the standard required by the state board of education; (d) the annual salary of the principal shall be not less than twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) for a person, holding a first class certificate, of less than three years' experience as principal of an approved high school; not less than thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300) for a person, holding a first class certificate, of three years' experience as principal of an approved high school; not less than fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400) for a person, holding a first class certificate, of five years' experience as principal of an approved high school; and not less than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a person, holding a first class certificate, of eight years' experience as principal of an approved high school. The annual salary of each assistant teacher regularly employed shall be not less than