

tional television system maintained for the use and benefit of the public school system of any program presented by way of said system.

81. Promotion.

Promotion of pupils in any public school and graduation from any public high school shall be made in accordance with policies established by the county board of education and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

82. Diplomas; institutions of higher learning.

(a) There shall be one type of diploma or certificate issued to all students graduating from county high schools regardless of the high school attended or the course taken. The diploma or certificate shall state that the student has satisfactorily completed a program of studies in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Education.

(b) Any public institution of higher learning within the State shall accept as a student any graduate of an approved public high school who is certified by the high school principal as having the qualifications to pursue a course of study in the particular institution of higher learning, said qualifications being based upon standards determined, for graduates of the county high schools, by the State Board of Education and for the graduates of the Baltimore City high schools, by the board of school commissioners of Baltimore City; or who shows, by ~~passing examinations~~ MEETING ADMISSION STANDARDS set by the particular public institution of higher learning, that he or she has the qualifications to pursue a course of study in that institution.

83. Certificates equivalent to high school certificates.

(a) Who may obtain.—Any person who has not obtained a high school certificate or diploma and who has resided in Maryland or on a federal reservation within the State of Maryland for at least one year and (1) who is 17 years of age or older and has been withdrawn from a regular full time public or private school program for at least six months, or (2) who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is 17 years of age or older, may obtain an equivalent certificate in accordance with this section.

(b) Examination—In general—The State Board of Education shall provide for examinations for such persons on at least two occasions in each year at places throughout the State reasonably convenient for the applicants. On each occasion, examinations shall be offered in appropriate high school subject areas. This may be construed to mean some type of comprehensive examinations, as determined by the State Board of Education. Failure in any examination shall not prevent the taking of retests. Members of the armed forces may earn the Maryland certificate by taking the examinations furnished by the United States Armed Forces Institute and given by the appropriate service officer. The certificate shall be awarded in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education.

84. Vaccination.

Every child before being admitted to a school in this State shall submit such evidence from a duly licensed physician of immunization