

3. (1.) In any school placed on the 1st January in Grade 0 the yearly average attendance on which the amount payable for or on account of the salary for any quarter shall be paid shall be the yearly average attendance for the year ended 31st December preceding, or the mean of the average attendance for the four quarters immediately preceding, whichever is the higher.

(2.) If, however, a school in Grade 0 has an average attendance for the preceding quarter of 16, or for two, three, or four quarters immediately preceding of 14, or 12, or 9 (as the case may be) the school shall be placed in Grade I.

4. In the case of a new school the staff, salaries, and allowances of such school shall be in accordance with the average attendance, as follows:—

- (i.) For the period from the date of opening until the end of the quarter in which the school was opened, as for the average attendance for such period;
- (ii.) For the first quarter during the whole of which the school is open, as for the average attendance for that quarter; *and*
- (iii.) Thereafter, as for the mean of the quarterly average attendances for the several quarters until the 31st December next ensuing.

5. In the case of a main school from which during any year a side school has been separated, such separation shall not affect the grade of the school for that year; but the staff of the school shall, from the date of the separation, be determined in accordance with the yearly average attendance of the main school for the preceding year.

6. The teacher of a part-time school which has been established as a full-time school shall, if he was the head teacher of a group of part-time schools, be considered for the purposes of subsection (7) of section 79 of the Act as remaining in the same position.

7. As soon as, under the provisions of the Act and of these regulations, a reduction in the staff of a school is imminent, it shall be the duty of the Board to give notice to every teacher whom it may deem necessary to discharge in order to carry out such reduction.

8. (1.) In the case of a reduction in the staff of a school, or in the case of the closing of a school, such amount shall be paid to the Board in respect of the teachers whose services are dispensed with as will enable the Board to comply with section 82 of the Act; but, with the exceptions set forth in subclause (2) hereof, on no account will payment be made to the Board for the salary of any teacher for a longer period than four months after the end of the quarter in which the school ceases to be entitled to the services of such teacher; nor, in the case of the closing of a school, for a longer period than four months after the closing.

(2.) In any school in which under the Act or these regulations a reduction in the staff is to be made, if at the beginning of any subsequent quarter it is found that the average attendance of the school for the quarter immediately preceding has increased so that the number in column (2) of Table B has been reached, then payment of the salary or salaries of the teacher or teachers prescribed in column (5) of that table may be continued for such period as the Board may decide, being not more than four months after the beginning of the quarter first named; and so on from quarter to quarter until the 1st January next ensuing.

9. On the 1st January in each year the secondary department of any district high school shall be staffed, as provided in Part V of the Fifth Schedule to the Act, according to the yearly average attendance for such secondary department for the year immediately preceding:

Provided that, notwithstanding that the yearly average attendance for the year immediately preceding is less than twelve, the average attendance of such secondary department shall be deemed to be twelve if the mean of the average attendance for the three years immediately preceding is not less than twelve, and for the two years immediately preceding is not less than ten, and for the year immediately preceding not less than eight, or if the mean of the average attendance for the three quarters immediately preceding is not less than fourteen, or for the two quarters immediately preceding not less than sixteen, or if the average attendance for the quarter immediately preceding is not less than eighteen.

10. (1.) Notwithstanding anything in the last preceding clause, if at the beginning of any quarter it appears that the average attendance in such secondary department has increased so that the mean of the quarterly average attendance for the three quarters, or for the two quarters, or the average attendance for the quarter immediately preceding, is as high as that shown in column (2), or column (3), or column (4) (as the case may be) of Table D hereto, the Board may, at its discretion, make such addition to the staff as is required to bring the number of teachers up to the number prescribed for a secondary department with the average attendance shown in column (5) of that table.