

4. With regard to pupils qualified under clause 3 hereof—

(i.) The secondary school shall admit to a junior free place any pupil qualified under (a) or (b), unless such pupil can attend a secondary school nearer his home.

(ii.) The secondary school shall also admit any pupil qualified under (c), unless such pupil can attend a secondary school nearer his home, or unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that such pupil can obtain suitable instruction at a district high school or a technical high school.

(iii.) The technical high school and the district high school shall admit as a junior free pupil any pupil qualified under any of the paragraphs of clause 3 hereof, unless such pupil can obtain suitable instruction at a high school nearer his home, and no such school shall admit to a junior free place any pupil not so qualified.

5. (i.) A junior free place at a secondary school or technical high school is tenable for two years from the 1st January preceding the actual date of admission as a free pupil, but in the case of a holder who was under thirteen years of age on the 1st December preceding such date of admission the tenure of the free place may, on the recommendation of the Principal of the school, be extended to a third year.

(ii.) A junior free place at a district high school is tenable for three years from the 1st January preceding the actual date of admission.

(iii.) In no case, however, shall a junior free place be tenable after the holder has passed his seventeenth birthday; provided that if the seventeenth birthday occurs during a school term or quarter the free place shall be tenable till the end of that term or quarter.

6. (A.) The secondary school or district high school shall give to each holder of a junior free place under these regulations suitable instruction in subjects (1) English and (2) history and civics (Group I of the following schedule), in one of the subjects (3) or (4) of Group II, in one subject at least chosen from Group IV, and in not less than two other subjects chosen from Groups III, IV, and V, in such a way that the total number of units of work in a year is in general not less than 20: Provided that during the tenure of a junior free place subject (12), home science, shall be taken by every girl, whether attending a secondary or a district high school, and that subject (11), practical agriculture and dairy science, shall be taken by every boy attending a district high school with an average attendance of not more than seventy in the secondary department, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that adequate provision for instruction in these subjects cannot be made, or that equivalent instruction of a vocational character is otherwise provided for.

Further, the school shall give to each free pupil suitable physical training, including where possible instruction in swimming and life-saving, equivalent to at least one unit annually.

NOTE.—This clause is not intended to be construed in such a way as to limit unduly the discretion of the Principal of a school in determining the programme of a pupil, but any material departure from the course prescribed must be approved beforehand by the Director of Education.

*Group I:—**Schedule.*

- (1.) English, as for the Intermediate Examination, and including the general study of a fairly wide range of selected standard works in both prose and verse, reading and recitation, composition (both oral and written), and grammar (so far as it bears directly on composition). The cultivation of correct habits of speech and of facility of expression, both oral and written, must receive special attention 4, 5, or 6 units.
- (2.) History and civics, including the history of the British Empire in outline and the rights and duties of citizens so treated as to develop a sense of responsibility with regard to social service, and embracing generally more advanced instruction based on the course in civics recommended in the Syllabus of Instruction for public schools preparatory to a course in the elementary principles of economics to be taken at a later stage 1½ to 3 units.

Group II:—

- (3.) Arithmetic (including the arithmetic of business transactions) 3 units;
- or (4.) Mathematics viz., arithmetic, algebra, and geometry 4, 5, or 6 units