

Religious Instruction.

158. Religious instruction shall be given in all public schools, but no person shall require any pupil in any public school to read or study in or from any religious book, or to join any exercise of devotion or religion, objected to in writing by his or her parents or guardians.

159. Every Protestant school shall be opened each day with the reading of a portion of the Holy Scriptures, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

160. In all grades of Protestant Schools instruction shall be given in Biblical History, and the Holy Scriptures shall for such purposes be used as a text-book, but no denominational teaching shall be given in such schools.

Authorized Text-Books and Forms.

161. Each school board shall select from the authorized books a list of text-books for use in the municipality, naming one book, or one graded set of books, in each subject of the course of study, and shall insist upon their use in the schools of the municipality, to the exclusion of all others. A copy of this list shall be placed in each school of the municipality. (An additional series of reading books may be selected for supplementary reading.)

162. School boards shall provide and use the authorized forms for teachers' engagements, account-books, school journal and school visitors' register in their municipalities.

FORM No. 1.

Form of Certificate of Moral Character.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, have personally known, and had opportunity of observing _____ for the _____ last past; that during all such time *his* life and conduct have been without reproach; and we affirm that we believe *him* to be an upright, conscientious, and strictly sober *man*.

(*This certificate must be signed by the minister of the congregation to which the candidate belongs, and by two school commissioners, trustees, or school visitors.*)