

**CHAPTER 57. SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
(GRADES 9 TO 12)**

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**Authority**

The provisions of this Chapter 57 issued under act of June 25, 1947 (P. L. 951, No. 401) (24 P. S. §§ 2731—2743), unless otherwise noted.

**SCHOOL PLANT**

**§ 57.1. Indoor/outdoor space.**

- (a) There shall be a minimum of 15 square feet of floor space per student in classrooms with a minimum height of 8-foot ceilings.
- (b) A school shall provide sufficient indoor and outdoor space to achieve its program objectives and philosophy and to meet curricular requirements of § 57.31 (relating to graduation requirements).

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 57.1 amended under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. §§ 6701—6721).

**Source**

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**§ 57.2. Restrooms.**

- (a) There shall be separate restroom facilities for boys and girls.
- (b) There shall be a minimum of one flush toilet for every 20 girls.
- (c) There shall be at least one flush toilet and two urinals for every 40 boys.
- (d) Each restroom shall have at least one washbowl for every 40 students.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 57.2 amended under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. §§ 6701—6721).

**Source**

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**PROFESSIONAL STAFF****§ 57.11. Teachers.**

In addition to the general requirements of §§ 51.31 and 51.34 (relating to general requirements; and certification for teachers) teachers shall meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Be a graduate of an approved 4-year college or university with a Pennsylvania teaching certificate in the subject in which the instruction is or will be rendered.
- (2) Be a graduate of an approved 4-year college or university and submit documentary evidence of the successful completion of a minimum of 18 semester hours in the subject matter field in which instructional service is or will be rendered, and documentary evidence of the successful completion of a minimum of 6 semester hours in the theory of secondary education.
- (3) Be a graduate of an approved 4-year college or university and submit documentary evidence of the successful completion of a minimum of 18 semester hours in the subject matter field in which instructional service is or will be rendered, and documentary evidence of a minimum of 1 year of successful teaching experience in a public, nonpublic nonlicensed or accredited secondary school.

**Authority**

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**Source**

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**Cross References**

This section cited in 22 Pa. Code § 57.12 (relating to directors); 22 Pa. Code § 61.21 (relating to teachers); and 22 Pa. Code § 63.12 (relating to teachers).

**§ 57.12. Directors.**

Directors shall be qualified in accordance with §§ 51.34, 51.36 and 57.11 (relating to certification for teachers; directors; and teachers).

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 57.12 amended under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. §§ 6701—6721).

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**§ 57.13. Teaching load.**

There may not be more than 30 students under the direction of a teacher at any one time.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 57.13 adopted June 11, 1968, effective June 26, 1969.

**INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS****§ 57.21. General requirements.**

(a) The following materials and equipment shall be included in classrooms or be available for classroom use:

- (1) Appropriate texts, maps, and charts.
- (2) Educational films and projection equipment.
- (3) Educational tapes and recording equipment.
- (4) Laboratory equipment and apparatus.
- (5) Library books for reference and recreational reading.
- (6) Appropriate periodicals.
- (7) Usual school supplies.
- (8) Desks, tables and chairs.

- (9) Computers.
- (10) Physical education equipment.

(b) There shall be indoor and outdoor instructional materials consistent with the school's philosophy, program objectives and teaching methodology which will accommodate the number of students in the school.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 57.21 amended under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. §§ 6701—6721).

**Source**

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**§ 57.22. Chalk boards.**

Schools shall provide and maintain chalk boards or their equivalents placed at heights appropriate for the age level and grade level of the students.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 57.22 amended under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. §§ 6701—6721).

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**PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION**

**§ 57.31. Graduation requirements.**

(a) In grades 9 through 12 every student graduating shall have completed 120 hours of instruction in the following 21 units of credit:

<i>Unit of Credit</i>	<i>Subject</i>
4	English
3	Mathematics
3	Science
3	Social Studies
2	Arts or Humanities or Both
1	Health and Physical Education
5	Student selects five additional courses from among those approved for credit toward graduation by the school including approved vocational education courses.

(b) A school shall identify planned courses—§ 51.52 (relating to curriculum requirements) curriculum requirement—for which credit shall be awarded. The written planned courses shall be on file at the school and shall be available upon request for review by the Board or its designated representatives.

(c) English and Physical Education shall be taught to every student yearly in grades 9 through 12.

(d) The following planned courses shall be required and taught to students:

(1) English—4 planned courses, each 120-clock hours.

(2) Mathematics—3 planned courses, each 120-clock hours.

(3) Science—3 planned courses including laboratory sciences, each 120-clock hours.

(4) Social Studies—3 planned courses, each 120-clock hours. History and Government of the United States and Pennsylvania shall be taught as required in section 1605 of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P. S. § 16-1605).

(5) Health—one planned course.

(e) A school may offer any of the following planned courses as a unit of credit toward graduation:

(1) Foreign Languages.

(2) Vocational Education.

(3) Business Education.

(4) Industrial Arts.

(5) Home Economics.

(6) Computer Science.

(7) Consumer Education.

(8) Art.

(9) Music.

(f) The planned courses may be offered for less than 120 hours and course credit shall be awarded based on the fraction thereof.

(g) A copy of the secondary school's diploma shall be filed with the Board at least 6 months before initial issuance and within 30-days of revision.

#### **Authority**

The provisions of this § 57.31 amended under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. §§ 6701—6721).

#### **Source**

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#### **Cross References**

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**§ 57.32. [Reserved].****Source**

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**§ 57.33. [Reserved].****Source**

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**§ 57.34. [Reserved].****Source**

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**§ 57.35. Library/media services.**

(a) A school shall maintain a library/media collection which includes a variety of print and nonprint materials and related equipment of sufficient quality and quantity to support the instructional program.

(b) Certified school librarians shall provide leadership in the development and implementation of a school library/media program.

(c) A minimum quantity of print and nonprint materials and equipment shall be 1,500 items per grade. Items are defined as books, films, filmstrips, tapes, records, globes, slide sets, periodicals, newspapers, computer terminals, audio-visual equipment, maps and other items which supplement the school's program. Books classified as textbooks may not be included as an item count except when used in limited numbers as reference books.

**Authority**

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**§ 57.36. [Reserved].****Source**

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**§ 57.37. Academic records.**

(a) In addition to § 51.72 (relating to student), a secondary school shall prepare, on a separate document, the academic record of each student for the purpose of providing official transcripts to other agencies and institutions.

(b) A secondary school which closes shall submit the original academic records of graduates to the Department.

**Authority**

The provisions of this § 57.37 issued under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. §§ 6701—6721).

**Source**

The provisions of this § 57.37 adopted August 19, 1988, effective August 20, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3690.

**Cross References**

This section cited in 22 Pa. Code § 51.7 (relating to closure).

**§ 57.41. [Reserved].****Source**

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