# Extra and Special Subjects in Public Elementary Schools.

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MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NORTHERN IRELAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1926. No. 45.

In pursuance of the powers conferred by the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") after consultation with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following regulations in regard to the payment by the Ministry of grants for instruction in extra and special subjects in public elementary schools:

## I. EXTRA SUBJECTS.

(1) Grants may be paid by the Ministry to teachers of public elementary schools, subject to the conditions here prescribed, for instruction in extra subjects given outside the hours prescribed for compulsory attendance of pupils, provided the Ministry is satisfied that the teachers are qualified to give such instruction.

(2) The courses of instruction shall be in accordance with the programme of instruction for public elementary schools.

(3) A special roll must be marked before the commencement of each lesson.

(4) The teaching of an extra subject must continue throughout the school year, and each lesson must be of at least half an hour's duration.

(5) There may be three courses in each subject. Grants shall be paid only in respect of pupils enrolled in fifth and higher standards, and not more than once in respect of any pupil for the same or an equivalent course.

(6) The extra subject shall not be taught by a teacher whose work in the ordinary school subjects does not show merit.

(7) If, in any school, fees are charged to the pupils for instruction in an extra subject, no grant shall be paid by the Ministry for instruction in that subject unless the inspector certifies that no child has been excluded from receiving the instruction on account of the inability of his parents to pay the fee demanded.

(8) The following are the subjects for which grants may be

paid, with the rates of payment and the minimum number of hours instruction required :—

| | *Rate of Payment.* | *Minimum number of hours.* |
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| 1. Mathematics : Algebra .. | 9*s.* | 45 |
| 2. ,, Geometry .. | 9*s.* | 45 |
| 3. Irish .. .. .. | 9*s.* | 45 |

(9) The grant may be reduced or withheld if the conditions are not observed, if the instruction is not efficient or if the number of pupils taught by one teacher is excessive.

## II. Special Subjects.

### (*a*) *Domestic Economy.*

(10) (*a*) Where instruction in Domestic Economy (Cookery and Laundry Work) is given in a public elementary school by a teacher, or by teachers, who had taught the subject in the school year ended 30th June, 1926, in that school, and had received grants for such instruction from the Ministry, a grant (styled the "tuition grant") at the rate hereinafter specified may be paid by the Ministry.

(*b*) Where instruction in Domestic Economy is given in a voluntary public elementary school (as defined in section 15 of the Act) a further grant (styled the "maintenance grant") in reimbursement, in whole or in part, of necessary expenditure on the equipment, fuel, material, etc., required in connection with the instruction, may be paid by the Ministry to the manager.

(*c*) The payment by the Ministry of these grants shall be subject to the fulfilment of the conditions herein prescribed, and either or both of the grants may be reduced or withheld if the conditions are not fulfilled, if the equipment is inadequate or if the instruction is not efficient.

(11) The Ministry must be satisfied that the teachers are qualified to give the instruction.

(12) The instruction may be given either during or outside the hours prescribed for compulsory attendance of pupils. It must extend over a period of at least five months in the school year. Classes must, as a rule, begin not later than 1st November in each year. Each course shall consist of at least twenty-five lessons in the case of Cookery and of twenty in the case of Laundry Work, and each lesson shall be of not less than one and a half hour's duration.

(13) Not more than twenty-five pupils shall receive instruction at the same time from one teacher.

(14) The courses of instruction shall be in accordance with the programme of instruction for public elementary schools. Three courses are provided, two in Cookery and one in Laundry Work.

(15) The tuition grant shall be at the rate of 5/- for each girl pupil who is taught Cookery or Laundry Work, provided that she has attended at least thirteen lessons in Cookery or ten lessons in Laundry Work, and, during such attendance, was enrolled in fifth or higher standard or had reached the age of eleven years. Grants shall not be paid in respect of any pupil more than once for the same or an equivalent course, or in respect of any pupil for both Cookery and Laundry Work in the same year. This grant shall be paid to the teaching staff in such manner as the Ministry may determine.

(16) The maintenance grant shall be either :—

(*a*) a sum equivalent to the expenditure on equipment, fuel, material, etc., necessarily incurred during the school year in connection with the instruction ;

or

(*b*) a sum calculated at the rate of 2/6 for each pupil in respect of whom the tuition grant is payable ;

whichever is the lesser sum.

(*b*) *Horticulture.*

(17) Grants may be paid by the Ministry to teachers of public elementary schools, subject to the conditions here prescribed, for instruction in Horticulture given either during or outside the hours prescribed for compulsory attendance of pupils, provided the Ministry is satisfied that the teachers are qualified to give this instruction.

(18) The courses of instruction shall be in accordance with the programme of instruction for public elementary schools.

(19) A special roll must be marked before the commencement of each lesson.

(20) Instruction must be given for at least eight months in the school year. Classes shall, as a rule, begin not later than 1st October in each year. At least thirty lessons of one hour each shall be given in the practical work, and thirty lessons of one hour each in the theoretical work, during the year. The times at which the practical lessons are given may vary with the season of the year, and, while definite days and hours should be specified on the time-table, the teacher will be at liberty to postpone the practical lesson to another day if the weather turns out unsuitable.

(21) A grant of twelve shillings may be paid in respect of each pupil who has attended at least fifteen theoretical and fifteen practical lessons and during such attendance was enrolled in fourth or higher standard. Three courses are provided and the grant shall not be paid more than once for the same or an equivalent course in respect of any pupil.

(22) Prizes of £5 each may be awarded annually by the Ministry to the Teachers of the three schools in Northern Ireland with the best school gardens attached. No teacher may receive more than three prizes in six years.

A £5 prize may be divided into two prizes of £3 and £2 each, or in any other manner that may be considered desirable.

(23) Application for recognition of a class in Horticulture should be made not later than 1st October in any school year.

(24) The grant may be reduced or withheld if the conditions are not fulfilled, if the garden is not suitable, if the equipment is inadequate or if the instruction is not efficient.

GENERAL.

(25) Numbers 19 and 20 of the "Regulations Governing Payments to Teachers in Public Elementary Schools in Northern Ireland" (statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1924, No. 5) are hereby repealed.

(26) In case of doubt or dispute as to the meaning and effect of any of these regulations, the decision of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

(27) These regulations shall have effect from 1st July, 1926.

(28) These regulations may be cited as the Extra and Special Subjects (Public Elementary Schools) Regulations, 1926.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 11th day of May, 1926.

*L. M'Quibban,*
(L.S.) Secretary.

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## Grant (Parliamentary) in aid of Expenses of Education Authorities for the Year 1926-27.

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MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTIONS 73 AND 76 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NORTHERN IRELAND.

1926. No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 73 and 76 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter called "the Act"), the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Ministry"), with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby makes the following Regulations :—