

Tartans Do a Fling

Magnified tartans are on a fling for fall, carrying authentic Highland airs.

Teen-age lassies this fall will wear bright, pleated skirts with the look of real kilts; short, trim cardigan jackets; and long, long plaid stoles. Contrasts of solid yellow or red bring out the best in these tartan plaids.

Today, education faces a challenge: a space-age challenge. The question is how are our schools helping to prepare our young fu-

Academic Program in B'ham Schools Expands to Meet Modern Challenge

ture citizens to meet and solve the ever-increasing, complex problems of tomorrow.

It is important that the goals of the Birmingham Board of Education be kept in mind.

Interpreted briefly, the purposes of the goals are: to help the student learn how to think with clarity and with an open mind; to create with imagination and intelligence; to listen to the opinions and ideas of others; to evaluate their own ideas and ideologies and those of others in terms of our democratic society; to act with understanding and appreciation of individual abilities, (as well as the "team concept").

dent will have had two years of algebra, prior to entering the honors geometry course in tenth grade. Plans are underway to expand and develop an extensive intramural program in physical education for both boys and girls on the junior and senior high school levels.

FOR THE FIRST time this fall, eighth graders will have a choice of electing either art or music courses. In addition to the academic subjects of English and speech, math,

social studies and the sciences, the educational program includes homemaking, industrial arts, commercial courses and vocational auto mechanics.

The cooperative training program for commercial students in retailing and secretarial-business fields will continue. The Board of Education continually strives to incorporate new ideas into learning and teaching, always endeavoring to provide the best possible educational environment for the student.

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IN KEEPING with these ideals and with the recommendations of the Professional and Citizens Curriculum Study Committee, the academic program for students will be expanded this fall, as the school budget permits.

This expansion includes: increased use of grouping by the individual student's ability; additional courses for the honors student; accelerated and regular courses in the academic areas; and the use of new instructional materials.

Since there is a wide range in the abilities of the students, ability grouping provides an effective way of teaching. That is, students have specific abilities in mental capacity, reading, interest as well as prior achievement in particular subject matter areas and related fields, such as English, mathematics, and science.

NEW COURSES in English will include practical writing and modern literature and English for the student who plans to go into the business world, upon completion of high school.

The present English program places the major emphasis on writing, with literature augmenting and stimulating the written work. Proper use of English (grammar and spelling included), and clear expression in written work in all classes is stressed.

The courses include English and American literature, past and present, correlating American literature with American history in the 11th grade, and a modern literature and survey course which is a more thorough study of English literature in the 12th grade.

IN LINE WITH the increasing interest in foreign languages, two new language laboratories will be in operation at Derby and Barnum Junior High School. By this means, teaching of the conversational aspects is increased and students receive more individual instruction. This makes a total of four language labs, including those at Seaholm and Groves High Schools.

For the first time, eighth graders will have an opportunity to study Spanish, French or Latin, making a possible total of five years of continued study.

This language elective may be chosen or the 8th grader may take industrial arts. The three-year German program will continue in the high schools.

The student who excels in his work, beyond the scope of the class, is the honors student. This fall, honors courses will include English, American history, geometry, advanced biology—all on the high school level.

SPECIAL independent study programs for the talented ninth grader will be offered at Groves, Barnum and Derby Junior High Schools.

The accelerated student, who is usually a year ahead of his fellow students, will have a number of courses open to him. These include seventh grade: arithmetic; eighth grade: algebra I and Latin I; ninth grade: algebra II and biology.

This fall the high schools will receive the first group of students who started the accelerated math course in seventh grade. Each stu-

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