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IN NINE OF THE SMALLER RURAL HIGH SCHOOLS OF KANSAS
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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The people of Kansas, ever since its inception as a state, have evinced a deep interest in education, both elementary and higher. They builded this interest irto their constitution, adopted in 1859, when they placed upon the legislature the solemn duty of encouraging "the promotion of intellectual, moral, scientific, and agricultural improvement, by establishing a uniform system of common schools, and schools of a higher grade...." ¹ Since that time they have enacted a number of major laws designed to extend the advantages of education of a secondary nature to a larger percentage of the youth of the state. The acts granting high school privileges are the following:

1. The general high school law of 1876.
2. The county high school law of 1886.
3. The Barnes high school law of 1905.
4. The township high school law of 1911.
5. The law of 1915 providing free high school tuition where such had not been otherwise provided.
6. The rural high school law of 1915.

The township high school law and the rural high school law were intended to make the advantages of high school education more easily accessible to rural boys and girls. The township high school law authorized the legal electors of any towhnsnip in which there was no town or city to establish, locate, and maintain a high school. Carl B. Althaus, ²

commenting on the township high school law, says, "...the law had certain outstanding limitations. The application was restricted to rural townships or to townships having a town whose population did not exceed three hundred inhabitants. Furthermore, the boundaries of the district were determined by township lines and not by the limits of a community center." To remedy these defects the rural high school law of 1915 was enacted.

The rural high school law made it possible for the legal voters of a territory of not less than sixteen square miles in area to organize a rural high school. The enactment of this law was followed by the organization and establishment of a large number of rural high schools. In 1916 there were 25; by 1918 the number had increased to 121; in 1920, 204; by 1928 there had been established 297 rural high schools;³ and there were listed in the Kansas Educational Directory for 1930-31 316 such schools.⁴ Their organization has made secondary education possible for many thousands of farm boys and girls who otherwise would have been deprived of such opportunity. In the wave of enthusiasm which followed the opening of such opportunity many schools were established in areas where the expected growth in farm values and farm population did not materialize, and this at a time when building costs were extremely high. It has been apparent for several years that the rural high school is a costly institution for the taxpayers to maintain. It is the purpose of this study to determine what has been the unit

cost of high school instruction in nine of the smaller rural high schools of the state for the first semester of the school year 1931-32.

Such a study is particularly pertinent at the present time, when every phase of expenditure of public money should be carefully scrutinized. For many years business concerns have made unit cost studies of production, and through the use of the information gained by these studies have materially reduced the costs of production. Education is our biggest business, and in its administration only business methods should be employed.

At the present time the burden of taxes is falling heavily on the rural population. They feel that the costs of the schools are excessive, and are attempting to carry out a plan for retrenchment. The usual method of keeping school accounts and of reporting them to the public does not provide sufficiently accurate and detailed information upon which to base a thorough program of retrenchment. No provision is made for analyzing the unit costs of a school system, in order to determine just where the excessive cost lies--if it does exist--or how to remedy the situation. The rather blind remedy commonly used is to discharge some teacher, and to eliminate some school enterprise, usually the one most recently added. The retrenchment program should be put upon a businesslike basis, and this cannot be done without an intelligent consideration of the cost of the schools. The unit cost study is designed to fill this need.

The United States Office of Education, ⁵ after making a

recent survey of the rural high schools of the country, recommends that each state make a careful survey of its rural school situation. The study of unit costs of secondary education may well be a part of such a survey.

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CHAPTER II

RELATED LITERATURE

Stevens and Elliott,¹ in a report compiled for the Educational Finance Inquiry Commission, give to President R. M. Hughes, of Miami University, the distinction of originating a method of determining unit costs as applied to education and its product. His address on this subject, delivered before the Ohio College Association in 1914, was a pioneer treatment of the subject of unit costs. He employed as a unit the student clock hour, a measure whose usefulness is still recognized. Stevens and Elliott trace the development of measurement of the cost of teaching only, in institutions of higher learning.

One of the earliest unit cost studies was carried on by Walter S. Monroe,² in order to determine what the cities of Kansas were paying for a unit of instruction. Monroe sent out questionnaires in October of 1914 to all the four-year high schools of Kansas. Using the data obtained, he computed the cost of classroom teaching, using for his unit of instruction the student period, which is the amount of instruction given one student who attends class for one period of 40 or 45 minutes.

He found much variation in the cost of subjects in different cities. Latin, for instance, ranged in cost from \$0.02 to \$0.20 per unit of instruction. The average cost per unit for all subjects in 149 third-class cities ranged from \$0.03 to \$0.176. For schools with an enrollment below 40 the

following median costs per unit were found: English, 6.3¢; manual training, 6.0¢; history, 7.6¢; agriculture, 6.3¢; household arts, 5.5¢; science, 7.8¢; Latin, 8.4¢; mathematics, 9.1¢; modern languages, 11.3¢; commercial subjects, 11.6¢; normal training 13.0¢; average of all subjects, 7.6¢.

The factors causing the variations in costs are (a) salary of the teacher, (b) number of pupils in each class.

F. L. Whitney³ stated in 1917 that "a recognition of the value of unit costs is slowly transferring from business to education."

He studied school costs in three fairly comparable cities of South Dakota for the year 1916-17. He worked out the cost of instruction per pupil, in grades IX to XII inclusive, by (a) subjects, (b) operation, (c) general administration, and (d) books, supplies, and incidentals. He found the total cost of instruction per pupil for the year to be \$54.07. Considerable variation in the cost of instruction per pupil in various subjects was found. Chemistry cost \$21.84 per pupil; agriculture, \$21.67; mathematics, \$9.86; history and economics, \$7.89; Latin, \$9.93; English, \$9.06; and music, \$0.87.

Whitney proposes that comparable cities keep accurate records of unit costs and exchange findings for their mutual benefit.

Wheat⁴ studied unit costs in the 75 high schools of the first class in West Virginia, obtaining his data through a questionnaire sent out in September of 1916.

He computed the cost of instruction, using as his unit 1000 student hours of instruction. No attempt was made to con-

sider such activities as study hall or conference periods. He found variations most striking in the cost of the same subjects in different schools. English, for instance, cost twice as much in one city as in another. Commercial subjects and agriculture cost in one school eight times the sum per unit they cost in another school.

The factors determining the differences in cost are, (a) time given to the subject, (b) salary of the teacher and the number of classes per teacher, (c) number of students taking the subject.

Wheat states, "In the eight high schools whose enrollment is from 50 to 75 (the lowest enrollment in his study) the median costs per 1000 student hours is \$74; with an enrollment of 76 to 91, \$61; an enrollment of 93 to 118, \$52; 120 to 147, \$50; 152 to 256, \$48; 275-690, \$44."

He concludes "The average size of the class is the most important factor which enters into a determination of the cost of instruction.....It is clearly evident that the salary of the teacher is a factor of minor importance in determining the cost of instruction.... The cost per class is a more reliable index of the cost of instruction than is the salary of the teacher....As the size of classes increased the cost of instruction tends to decrease....The total enrollment of the school when it is less than 90 or 100 is an important factor in determining the average size of classes and the cost of instruction."

Wheat recommended that cost standards be set up, but not made rigid and unvarying. "If the community's needs warrant

the introduction of a new subject and the demand for the subject is lacking, then a sufficient demand should be created before the subject is introduced."

Paul Scholz, ⁵ Business Manager of the San Antonio, Texas, schools, in his report to the Board of Education, May, 1919, analyzed each character of expense of the schools for the five years previous. Using the following divisions of school expenditure--administration, auxiliary, instruction, operation, maintenance, and fixed charges--he found that 84 per cent of the current expenditure went to classroom instruction, supervision, texts, supplies, and other items of direct instructional service.

Robert J. White ⁶ undertook to show that instruction can be measured, its costs computed, analyzed, and compared. He used the student period unit, which was the amount of instruction one student received during a standard period of 40 to 45 minutes.

In a study of 151 schools giving secondary instruction in Washington he found a range of cost per student period of from \$0.02 to \$2.00, with a median for all subjects in all schools of \$0.086. English was one of the least costly subjects, its median cost being \$0.061, while physics and manual training ran the highest, \$0.132, for all schools. The causes of the variation, White concludes, are, (a) salary of the teachers, (b) the number of units of instruction given.

Computing the cost per student period for schools of different enrollments, he found the median for schools enrolling

up to 20 pupils to be \$0.156; for schools enrolling from 20 to 50 pupils the unit cost was \$0.103. The most economical schools were those enrolling from 200 to 300 pupils.

He found the cause of the small classes to be the offering of too many subjects. He recommended combining classes, and alternation of classes. He calls attention to the unwise practice of requiring teachers to instruct in so many different subjects that they cannot adequately prepare for them all.

A. K. Loomis,⁷ in a study of the financial aspects of school administration in Kansas, published January 15, 1923, stated that facts tend to establish the conclusion that in many of the small and medium-sized high schools of Kansas the cost per pupil is too high. In the small schools the classes are necessarily so small that the unit costs of teaching are excessive. He states that "The habit of measuring school costs in terms of mills rather than in terms of per capita cost is a second cause of extravagance."

Nelson B. Henry,⁸ in a study of public school costs in Illinois cities, found the median per pupil cost of all departments in eight city high schools, for the year 1921-22. He found much variation in the costs of different subjects. In one school English cost \$18.47 per pupil; manual arts \$62.39. Some departments cost twice as much as others. Manual arts and home economics ranked highest; English, Latin, mathematics, and social science the lowest.

Henry presents figures showing how, by restricting pupils to a meager curriculum of four departments, as English, math-

ematics, social science, and physical science, the cost of education, in 12 cities studied, could be reduced to an extent varying from 18.79 per cent in one school to .42 per cent in another.

Russell, Holy, and Stone,⁹ of the Iowa staff of the Educational Finance Inquiry Commission, investigated instructional costs only, in the schools of Iowa, for certain years. They found "certain extraordinary variations in high school costs; that the cost of the high school decreases as the size of the community increases," with certain exceptions.

For the school year 1920-21 manual training cost 4 1/2 times as much per unit as English I; Latin IV cost four times as much as English I. In general, the vocational subjects were found to be the most expensive, and English the least expensive.

Hunt¹⁰ studied the per pupil cost of secondary education in the state of New York. He computed the costs for classroom teaching, and for current expense other than teaching. This other current expense included general control, general instruction, special costs, operation, maintenance, auxiliary cost, and fixed charges, but did not include capital outlay or debt service.

He found the median per pupil costs for total current expenditure for the high schools of the state of New York. For the four-year union high schools, most nearly similar to the Kansas rural high schools, the median per pupil cost for the school year 1920-21 amounted to \$143.

He found the classroom teaching cost for high school

subjects showing great variations where the schools are grouped according to the number of students taking the subject. The most striking feature observed here was the relatively high per pupil cost of small classes.

Hunt also computed the relation of percentages of high school teachers' salaries to total current expenditures, for the four-year union high schools, and found the median relation to be 70 per cent. Q_1 was found to be 66 per cent; Q_3 was 76 per cent.

Pool ¹¹ made a comparison of the unit costs of instruction in the high schools of Pawnee County, Kansas, over a three-year period, 1922 to 1925. He used for his unit of cost the student hour of instruction, and allocated the cost of the schools to supervision by the superintendent, supervision by the principal, classroom teaching, special costs, study hall and vacant periods combined, transportation, and net current expenses for other costs than those mentioned above. He also found how much it cost each school, in current expenses other than classroom teaching, to get one dollar's worth of teaching done. Also, he computed the cost of the subjects per unit of credit given.

The mean cost of teaching the various subjects was found to range from \$0.149 to \$0.415 per student hour of instruction, with a general average cost of \$0.222. In cost per unit of credit the range was from \$7.01 for a unit of credit in American history to \$73.02 for a unit of credit in economics. The chief reason for the variation was the extreme differences in class enrollment.

He found that "the smaller schools cost more per unit of credit.....than the larger schools.....It is evident from this data that the largest school can teach the same subjects at a lower cost per unit than the smaller schools.....It is particularly interesting to note that in four out of the five schools, the highest subject per unit per hour is a form of foreign language."

He draws the conclusion that from the standpoint of the cost per pupil clock hour the larger school is more economic-al than the smaller school.

Wedel ¹² made a unit cost study of the five high schools in Harvey County, Kansas, for the years 1924-5, 1925-6, and 1926-7, using as his data the annual reports of city superintendent, high school principals, and county superintendent.

He computed the cost of instruction, using as his unit the student hour of instruction, allocating the costs to administration and supervision by the superintendent, administration and supervision by the principal, classroom teaching, study hall, vacant periods, and current expense, which includes expenditures for other than salaries. He found considerable variation in the cost of such factors as administration and supervision, classroom teaching, study hall, vacant periods, and current expenditure. The cost per student hour of instruction ranged from a maximum of \$0.8990 for domestic science I at Halstead, to a minimum of \$0.0397 for chorus at Newton. Roughly, the subject cost per student hour decreased as the size of the school increased.

Wedel also computed the annual per pupil cost for each subject, finding a range of from \$79.64 to \$130.95. He also found the ratio existing between the costs for classroom teaching and the total current expenditures. The mean ratio ranged from 69.4 per cent in one school to 85.8 per cent in another.

Carbaugh,¹³ using the annual reports of the county superintendents of schools as the sources of his data, found the median costs per pupil in average daily attendance for the functions of general control, instructional service, operation, maintenance, new outlay, debt service, transportation, and miscellaneous or auxiliary costs, in approximately half of the rural high schools of Kansas for the school year 1929-30. The reports of the county superintendents are of necessity compiled from the reports of the rural high school principals, and such reports have been found to lack uniformity of procedure with regard to allocation of school costs.

Carbaugh's findings for the different allocations of costs are shown in the following table:

	Minimum	Maximum	Median
General control	\$0.09	\$16.30	\$1.10
Instructional service	59.73	915.67	146.92
Operation	1.77	270.00	25.53
Maintenance	.17	96.40	10.26
New outlays	.04	57.33	9.81
Debt service	.08	915.52	16.43
Transportation	1.53	57.60	19.00

Miscellaneous	\$0.24	\$232.24	\$9.42
Total current expenditure not including capital outlay and debt service	69.93	1155.73	205.43
Total current expenditure including capital outlay and debt service			238.47

In the first two of the items listed above the cost of the smaller schools ranked the highest. The maximum figure of \$915.67 for instructional service was reached in a school conducted for two pupils.

Carbaugh found that the smaller rural high schools in average daily attendance have the larger cost of instructional service. The same is true for operation costs, and for current expenses in their entirety. He did not find that the rule obtained for the functions of maintenance, transportation, miscellaneous costs, new outlay, or debt service. "In every instance," says Carbaugh, "the schools with an average daily attendance of less than forty pupils have high median costs."

He proposes, as a preventive of excessive costs, that before any contemplated rural high school is established a survey be conducted by a staff of competent authorities. If interpretation of the survey data indicates that the proposed school means excessive costs, its establishment should be indefinitely postponed.

Through all these studies there runs the idea that a way exists to measure, analyze, and compare the costs of the schools in a concrete manner. Starting with the first analyses back in 1914, the processes have been refined and per-

fectured until it is now quite possible to analyze school costs into their component elements, determine with a reasonable degree of certainty just what they are, and to point out wherein they are excessive as compared with others.

The present study is an attempt to analyze the costs of the most expensive type of secondary education in Kansas, the rural high school. It bases its claim to superiority on its use of original data, collected at the source, from schools where the records of expenditures were preserved, and to its exhaustive analysis of the costs into their elements.

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CHAPTER III
THE PROBLEM DEFINED

This study is a survey of nine rural high schools of Kansas, each with an enrollment not exceeding 49 pupils. It is proposed to answer the following questions regarding the nine schools studied.

1. What was the cost of a student hour of instruction in each school of each subject for which credit was given? The total cost is to be distributed to the various functions, teaching, special costs, administration and supervision, study hall, vacant periods, auxiliary costs, operation, maintenance, fixed charges, general instruction, and general control.

a. Was there a significant difference in the cost in the different schools?

b. Were there any subjects consistently high in cost?

2. What was the cost of a unit of credit, in each school, in each subject for which credit was given? Computation of the cost is to be based on the total expenditure for the class, the number of pupils making passing grades, and the amount of credit given.

a. Was there a significant difference in the cost of different schools?

b. Were there any subjects that were consistently high in cost?

3. What did it cost each school to get one dollar's worth of teaching done?

a. What per cent of the total expenditure in each school went directly to classroom teaching?

The current expenditure was divided up under the following headings:

1. Administration and supervision cost includes that part of the principal's salary allocated to administration and supervision.

2. Study hall cost includes that part of the principal's and teachers' salaries allocated to study hall.

3. Vacant period cost includes that part of the teachers' salaries allocated to vacant periods.

4. Auxiliary cost includes that part of the principal's and teachers' salaries allocated to extra-curricular activities. It also includes expenditures for the supplies used in extra-curricular activities, health service, and library expenditures other than that for new books.

5. Operation cost includes all expenditures for fuel, light, water, janitorial service and supplies.

6. Maintenance cost includes all repairs and replacements of the building and equipment.

7. Fixed charges include insurance and rent.

8. General instructional cost includes all instructional supplies such as chalk, paper, tests, etc., that cannot be charged to a particular subject.

9. General control includes those expenditures related

to the business of the district and to office supplies.

10. Special costs are for instructional supplies that can be charged to a certain subject.

11. Teaching cost includes that part of the principal's and teachers' salaries allocated to classroom teaching.

A unit of credit is the amount of credit given for a subject that requires the class to meet five periods a week for 36 weeks, for at least forty minutes each day.

Current expenditures include all of the expenses of the district except those for new outlay and for debt service.

Extra-curricular activities are those activities carried on in the school by the students under the supervision of the teachers and for which no credit is given. These activities include clubs, athletics in some schools, and music in some schools.

A student clock hour of instruction is defined as that amount of instruction given to one student attending a class for sixty minutes.

The number on the roll is the total number of students that have been enrolled in the subject.

The average enrollment is the mean of the number on the roll and the number enrolled at the end of the semester.

CHAPTER IV

THE METHOD OF PROCEDURE

This study makes use of the survey type of investigation. The rural high schools selected for this study were chosen on the basis of their enrollment and of their cost per pupil for the school year 1930-31. The 316 rural high schools listed in the "Kansas Educational Directory 1930-31"¹ were classified into three groups on the basis of their enrollment as reported by the principal. The 105 schools with an enrollment of forty-nine or less constituted the group from which to select schools for this study. Similar studies of the medium-sized and of the larger rural high schools of the state are being made by Claude B. Harris² and J. J. Hendrix.³

The group of 105 smaller schools was divided into three classes on the basis of the yearly cost per pupil enrolled. For finding the annual cost per pupil enrolled the following formula was used:

$$\frac{\text{Assessed valuation} \times \text{mill levy}}{\text{Enrollment}} = \text{annual cost per pupil}$$

The information concerning the assessed valuation of the rural high school district and the mill levy was obtained from the Directory for 1930-31. Those schools with an annual cost per pupil of less than \$150.00 were placed in one group, those with an annual cost of \$150.00 and less than \$200.00 in another group, and those with an annual cost of \$200.00 or over in a third group. There were 28 schools in the low-cost group, 14 in the medium-cost, and 63 in the

high-cost group.

Near the middle of December, 1931, questionnaires were sent to the principals of the 105 schools, asking whether or not the information needed for the study would be available, and whether the principal would cooperate by allowing an impersonal examination of the records. Thirty-nine of the principals addressed replied to the questionnaire. Only one principal expressed an unwillingness to cooperate in the study. Twenty-five of the replies received were from the high-cost group, seven from the medium-cost, and seven from the low-cost.

From the thirty-eight schools that indicated a willingness to cooperate nine were selected for study, three from each of the three groups classified according to the amount of money levied to conduct the school. The nine schools selected are rather widely distributed over the state except in the extreme western and northwestern parts. They are apparently representative of the smaller rural high schools of Kansas.

Shortly after the close of the first semester a visit was made to each of these schools for the purpose of securing the data for the study. An itemized list of all expenditures for the first semester was secured. Where there was any question as to the purpose of the expenditure the principal was asked to explain, in order that the proper classification of the payment might be made. The first semester expenditures were supposed to have begun July 1, 1931, and

to have continued to the close of the semester. Whenever the entire supply of fuel for the year had been purchased one-half of this was recorded as a first semester expense. If the yearly supply had not all been purchased the principal and the janitor were asked to estimate the additional amount needed and one-half the total amount was charged to the first semester. One-half of all salaries of principals, teachers, and janitors was charged to the first semester.

Janitorial and instructional supplies purchased during the first semester were charged to the first semester. This perhaps makes these items a little higher than they should be, but in general these schools did not practice the policy of buying supplies for the entire year at the first of the year. The study could have been made more accurate in this respect had it been possible to take an inventory of janitorial, instructional, and office supplies at the beginning and at the end of the semester. Maintenance costs paid for during the first semester were charged to the first semester.

Information was also secured as to the schedule of classes. The number of periods per day, the length of each period, and what activity each principal and each teacher engaged in during each period, were learned. The total number on each class roll, the number enrolled in each class at the end of the semester, and the number of pupils making passing grades in each subject was secured.

The next step was to allocate the costs to the various functions of expenditure. The same process was used in deal-

ing with the expenditures of each school, and it is believed by the author that the results are comparable. Each teacher's semester salary was allocated to the teaching of different subjects, to study hall costs, to vacant period costs, and to auxiliary costs on the basis of the number of minutes devoted to each activity during the week. The week is chosen as a unit of computation because it is one of similar units of a semester; also because some classes meet five times, others seven times, and others one or two times a week.

An example showing how salaries were allocated to the different activities follows. In School No. V the day was divided into one sixty-minute period and seven forty-minute periods. One teacher devoted forty minutes to instruction in each of the following subjects: English I, English II, early European history, English III, normal training grammar, and United States history. She had one sixty-minute period for a class in constitution, and one forty-minute period for study hall. She gave 1700 minutes of service each week. Her salary was \$1350 for the year. To find the teaching cost of the class in constitution for the semester the following formula was used:

$$\frac{\text{Teacher's yearly salary}}{2} \times \frac{\text{Min. per wk. class meets}}{\text{Minutes of service per wk. by teacher}} = \text{Teaching cost of subject}$$

The semester teaching cost of constitution found by substituting the proper values in the formula above was \$119.12.

In the same manner the amount of this teacher's salary allo-

cated to English I, English II, early European history, English III, normal training grammar, United States history, and study hall was found to be \$79.41 for each. This teacher had no vacant period during the day. Had she had a vacant period the amount of her salary allocated to that activity would have been found in the same way.

Another example from a different school may aid in explaining the procedure of allocating salaries. In School No. IV one of the teachers, who was also coach of boys' athletics, received a yearly salary of \$1305. The school day was divided into eight forty-minute periods. This instructor taught one class in world history, meeting 200 minutes a week; and one class in biology and one in physics with two laboratory periods each a week in addition to the five regular periods, making a total of 280 minutes a week for each of these classes. He had two study hall periods per day taking 400 minutes a week. He had one period each week for chapel, taking 40 minutes a week. This was called an extra-curricular activity, and the cost charged to auxiliary costs. The remaining 400 minutes per week of his time was vacant. In this school athletics was given one period three days a week, after the close of the school day. As credit was given for this activity, the time per week devoted to athletics, 120 minutes, was subtracted from the 400 minutes vacant time mentioned above, leaving 280 minutes to be charged to vacant periods. The total amount of service per week given was 1600 minutes. To find the part of this teacher's salary chargeable to biology substitute proper values in the formula previously given:

$$\frac{\$1305}{2} \times 280 = \$114.19, \text{ teaching cost of biology}$$

In a similar manner the amount of this instructor's salary allocated to world history was found to be \$81.56; to physics, \$114.19; to study hall, \$163.12; to auxiliary, for chapel, \$16.31; to boys' athletics, \$48.94; to vacant periods, \$114.19. An identical method for the allocation of the salaries of all teachers was followed for all schools.

The salary of the principal was allocated in a manner similar to that of the teachers. What part of the principal's salary should properly be charged to teaching is a problem in a study of this type. The fact that he was the highest paid individual in all the schools has led the author of this study to assume that he had certain definite administrative duties. He received additional pay for this administrative work. It was decided that for teaching the principal should be paid at the same rate as that of the highest paid teacher in his school. This arbitrary allocation of teaching costs for the principal is followed in each instance.

An explanation of the process used in computing the allocation of the principal's salary in School No. IV will make the method clear. The highest paid teacher was the coach previously mentioned, who was paid \$1305 for his year's work. It was found that a subject taught a full period for five days a week by this coach cost \$81.56 for the semester. The principal taught two such subjects, therefore two times \$81.56, or \$163.12 of his semester's salary

was charged to teaching. He also taught another subject that occupied two full periods each day, therefore another \$163.12 was charged to teaching. He had one period for four days of the week in which he was in charge of the study hall, therefore $\frac{4}{5}$ of \$81.56, or \$65.25, of his salary was charged to study hall. One period of the week he attended chapel, therefore $\frac{1}{5}$ of \$81.56, or \$16.31, was charged to auxiliary costs. The schedule showed that he had three vacant periods. However, it was assumed that the principal used whatever vacant periods he had in attending to the work of his office, or in supervision of instruction. For this reason no part of any principal's salary was allocated to vacant periods. Instead, his salary for that part of his time was considered to be the cost of administration and supervision. In School No. IV the remainder of the principal's semester salary of \$877.50, or \$469.70, was allocated to administration and supervision.

All of the expenditures of the first semester other than the salaries of the teachers and principal were classified under the headings of operation, maintenance, fixed charges, general control, general instruction, and transportation. The total sum expended for each of these functions was found. These totals were next used to find the cost per student hour of operation, maintenance, etc.

In order to find the cost of a student hour of instruction in each subject it was necessary to make use of the average enrollment in the class, the number of minutes per

week the class met, and the teaching cost of the subject.

The following formula was used:

$$\frac{\text{Tchg. cost of subject} \times \text{min. in an hr.}}{\text{Length of semester} \times \text{aver. en-} \times \text{rollment}} = \text{cost of a student hour of teaching in the subject.}$$

To facilitate ease of solution this formula may be expressed in another manner, as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Tchg. cost of subject}}{\text{Length of semester in weeks}} \times \frac{\text{No. min. class meets in a week}}{\text{No. min. in 1 hr.}} = \text{cost of a student hour of teaching in the subject.}$$

In School No. VI the teaching cost of world history was \$80.36. The average enrollment of the class was ten, and the class met 225 minutes each week. Substituting the values in the formula above the teaching cost of a student hour of world history was found to be \$0.1191. A similar process was followed for each subject in every school studied, the calculations being carried to the fourth decimal place, or the hundredth part of a cent.

Wherever special cost of a subject entered the same process was used that was used in finding the teaching cost, the only difference being that the special cost of the subject was used in the above formula instead of the teaching cost of the subject.

The student hour costs of administration and supervision, study hall, vacant periods, auxiliary costs, operation, maintenance, fixed charges, general instruction, general control, and transportation were all found in the same manner. To find the student hour cost of administration and supervision the total semester cost of administration and super-

vision was divided by the total number of student hours of instruction given during the semester. In School No. III the semester cost of administration and supervision was \$568.12. There were 12,888 student hours of instruction given during the semester. The cost per student hour of instruction is found by division to be \$0.0441.

In order to find the cost of a unit of credit in a particular subject it was necessary to find the total cost of the class. This total cost of the class was found by multiplying the number of student hours of instruction given in the class for the semester by the cost per student hour of all current expenses other than teaching cost and special cost. To this product was added the teaching cost for the subject, and the special cost where there was such a cost. The total cost of the class was then divided by the number of units of credit given in the class. In School No. I the average enrollment in manual training was nine. The class met 300 minutes, or five hours, a week, therefore 18 times 45 student hours of instruction, or 810 hours, were given in that class during the semester. The student hour cost of current expense other than teaching and special costs was \$0.0902. Multiplying \$0.0902 by 810 gave \$73.06. To this was added a special cost for the subject of \$7.26, and a teaching cost of \$120.00, which gave a total cost for the subject of \$200.32. One unit of credit was given for a year's work in manual training. Each of the nine students enrolled made passing grades, therefore 4.5 units of credit

were given. By dividing \$200.32 by 4.5 the cost of a unit of credit in manual training in School No. I was found to be \$44.52. Calculations were carried to the nearest cent. The same process was used in finding the cost of each unit of credit in each of the schools.

In making comparisons between schools use was made of the average cost of a unit of credit, and of the average cost of a student hour of instruction. The median cost of a unit of credit, and of a student hour of instruction, was also found. To find the average cost of a unit of credit in each school the total current expenditure of the school was divided by the total number of units of credit given. In School No. V the total current expense was \$3717.42, and 105.5 units of credit were given. \$3717.42 divided by 105.5 gives \$35.24 as the average cost of a unit of credit. In the same school 15,255 student hours of instruction were given. The total current expense of \$3717.42 divided by 14,255 gives \$0.2437, the average cost of a student hour of instruction in this school.

The median costs were taken from the tables. The median costs of a student hour of instruction in School No. V was found to be \$0.25855 (Table Va). In the same manner the median cost of a unit of credit in School No. V was found to be \$38.815 (Table Vb).

In order to make comparisons between subjects the median cost of the subject in the different schools was found. The median cost of a student hour of instruction in algebra I was found to be \$0.2770 (Table XI). The median cost of a

unit of credit in algebra I was found to be \$41.18 (Table XII).

The cost of a dollar's worth of teaching was found by dividing the total current expenditure of each school by the total teaching cost of all subjects taught in the school. In School No. III the total current expenditure was \$4232.89, and the total teaching cost was \$2626.88. The \$4232.89 was divided by \$2626.88, with a resulting answer of \$1.60, the cost of one dollar's worth of teaching. To find the per cent of expenditure going for teaching, the teaching cost, \$2626.88, was divided by the total current expenditure, \$4232.89. This gives 63 per cent as the part of the total expenditure expended for classroom teaching.

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CHAPTER V

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

The following tables present the findings of the investigation in statistical form. Statistical data for each of the nine schools are presented in groups of three tables for each school. Those tables bearing data for School No. I are labeled I, Ia, and Ib. Those for School No. II are labeled II, IIa, and IIb.

Tables I, II, III, etc., give the distribution of instructional costs for other than classroom teaching and the cost of special supplies, for each of the nine schools. Tables Ia, IIa, IIIa, etc., give the cost of classroom teaching and of the special supplies. Tables Ib, IIb, IIIb, etc., give the cost of the class in each subject taught in each of the nine schools, and include the cost of each unit of credit granted in those subjects.

Comparisons of the cost of the various functions of expenditure, of the costs of the various classes, and of each unit of credit in those subjects, may easily be made from the summary in Tables XI, XII, and XIII. Table XIV affords another comparison of the various schools by showing the cost of a dollar's worth of teaching in each school. It also shows the percentages of total current expenditure devoted to classroom teaching in each of the nine schools.

TABLE I

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
 HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER I
 (TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0190
Study hall	.0181
Vacant periods	.0091
Auxiliary	.0008
Operation	.0341
Maintenance	.0056
Fixed charges	.0024
General instruction	.0006
General control	<u>.0005</u>
Total	\$0.0902

TABLE Ia

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER I

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
World History	‡0.2667		‡0.0902	‡0.3569
Foods I	.2167	‡0.0445	.0902	.3514
Foods II	.1548	.0445	.0902	.2895
Psychology	.1905		.0902	.2807
Clothing I	.1806		.0902	.2708
Manual Training I	.1481	.0090	.0902	.2473
Algebra I	.1481		.0902	.2383
English III	.1347		.0902	.2256
Geometry	.1212		.0902	.2114
Boys' Glee Club	.1111		.0902	.2013
English I	.1083		.0902	.1985
English II	.0985		.0902	.1887
Vocations	.0889		.0902	.1791
English IV	.0774		.0902	.1676
Biology	.0657	.0053	.0902	.1612
Typing I	.0705		.0902	.1601
Boys' Physical Education	.0606		.0902	.1508
Girls' Glee Club	.0602		.0902	.1504
Constitution	.0555		.0902	.1458
Girls' Physical Education.	.0492		.0902	.1394
Mixed Chorus	.0417		.0902	.1319

TABLE 1b

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER I

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
World History	\$160.59	2.5	\$64.24
Foods I	158.13	2.5	63.25
Boys' Glee Club	86.97	1.5	57.98
Foods II	182.39	3.5	52.11
Psychology	176.83	3.5	50.52
Clothing I	146.21	3	48.74
Algebra I	193.06	4	48.26
Manual Training I	200.32	4.5	44.52
Boys' Physical Educa.	119.34	2.75	43.39
Girls' Glee Club	97.45	2.25	43.31
Geometry	209.30	5	41.86
English III	162.44	4	40.61
Girls' Physical Educa.	110.34	2.75	40.12
Mixed Chorus	151.91	4	37.98
English I	178.68	5	35.74
English II	186.80	5.5	33.96
Vocations	241.77	7.5	32.24
English IV	211.15	7	30.16
Biology	239.31	8	29.91
Typing I	223.33	7.5	29.78
Constitution	314.83	<u>12</u>	26.24
		98.25	

TABLE II

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
 HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER II
 (TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0379
Study hall	.0341
Vacant periods	.0255
Auxiliary	.0058
Operation	.0467
Maintenance	.0054
General instruction	.0006
General control	<u>.0018</u>
Total	\$0.1578

TABLE IIa

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER II

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Foods I	\$0.2604	\$0.0098	\$0.1578	\$0.4280
Sociology	.2604		.1578	.4182
English I	.2083		.1578	.3661
Algebra I	.2083		.1578	.3661
Physics	.1736	.0050	.1578	.3364
Latin I	.1648		.1578	.3226
Latin II	.1648		.1578	.3226
Clothing I	.1488	.0016	.1578	.3082
Geometry	.1488		.1578	.3066
Agriculture	.1302		.1578	.2880
Typing I	.1157	.0021	.1578	.2756
English II	.1177		.1578	.2755
Physiology	.1157		.1578	.2735
English III	.0916		.1578	.2494
World History	.0801		.1578	.2379
Boys' Physical Education	.0801		.1578	.2379
Constitution	.0651		.1578	.2229

TABLE IIb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER II

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Boys' Physical Educa.	\$370.16	1.625	\$227.78
Foods I	205.44	2	102.72
Clothing I	258.90	3.5	73.97
Typing I	297.66	4.5	66.15
Physics	169.56	3	56.52
Sociology	100.37	2	50.18
Agriculture	193.54	4	48.39
Algebra I	109.84	2.5	43.94
English I	109.84	2.5	43.94
Latin I	96.78	2.5	38.71
Latin II	96.78	2.5	38.71
Geometry	128.78	3.5	36.79
English II	115.72	3.5	33.06
Physiology	147.70	4.5	32.82
World History	185.08	6	30.85
English III	134.65	4.5	29.92
Constitution	213.39	8	26.67
		60.625	

TABLE III

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
 HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER III
 (TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0441
Study hall	.0576
Vacant periods	.0163
Auxiliary	.0171
Operation	.0588
Maintenance	.0049
General instruction	.0002
General control	<u>.0070</u>
Total	\$0.2060

TABLE IIIa

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER III

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Manual Training	\$0.2210	\$0.0197	\$0.2060	\$0.4467
Foods I	.1741	.0663	.2060	.4464
Clothing I	.1741	.0114	.2060	.3915
Algebra I	.1547		.2060	.3607
English II	.1406		.2060	.3466
Geometry	.1406		.2060	.3466
General Science	.1289	.0006	.2060	.3355
English I	.1219		.2060	.3279
American History	.1105		.2060	.3165
English III	.1031		.2060	.3091
Civics	.0703		.2060	.2763
International Relations	.0703		.2060	.2763
Physiology	.0703		.2060	.2763
Biology	.0512		.2060	.2572

TABLE IIIb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER III

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Foods I	\$380.50	3.5	\$108.71
Manual Training	375.38	3.5	107.25
Clothing I	328.87	3.5	93.96
Biology	396.54	8.5	46.65
Algebra I	216.41	5	43.28
Geometry	228.77	5.5	41.59
English II	228.77	5.5	41.59
General Science	241.53	6	40.26
English III	278.21	7	39.74
English I	196.73	5	39.35
American History	265.85	7	37.98
Physiology	364.73	10.5	34.74
Civics	364.73	11	33.16
International Relations	364.73	11	33.16
		<u>92.5</u>	

TABLE IV

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
 HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER IV
 (TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0336
Study hall	.0383
Vacant periods	.0233
Auxiliary	.0066
Operation	.0398
Maintenance	.0046
Fixed charges	.0137
General instruction	.0010
General control	.0011
Transportation	<u>.0277</u>
Total	\$0.1897

TABLE IVa

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER IV

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Manual Training	\$.2719		\$.1897	\$.4616
Typing II	.2438	\$.0050	.1897	.4385
Physics	.2266		.1897	.4163
Geometry	.2109		.1897	.4006
Biology	.1942		.1897	.3839
World History	.1699		.1897	.3596
Constitution	.1699		.1897	.3596
General Science	.1582		.1897	.3479
American History	.1510		.1897	.3407
English II	.1458		.1897	.3355
Algebra I	.1406		.1897	.3303
Stenography	.1354		.1897	.3251
English III	.1313		.1897	.3210
Domestic Art I	.1266		.1897	.3163
English I	.1183		.1897	.3080
Typing I	.1094	.0037	.1897	.3028
Latin I	.1108		.1897	.3005
Bookkeeping	.1094		.1897	.2991
Orchestra	.1010	.0048	.1897	.2955
Public Speaking	.1010		.1897	.2907
Girls' Physical Educa.	.0973		.1897	.2870
Girls' Glee Club	.0875		.1897	.2814
Boys' Glee Club	.0729	.0035	.1897	.2661
Boys' Physical Educa.	.0715		.1897	.2612

TABLE IVb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER IV

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Manual Training	\$276.96	2.5	\$110.78
Girls' Physical Educa.	134.31	1.625	82.65
Domestic Art I	379.56	5	75.91
Boys' Physical Educa.	178.67	2.375	75.23
Physics	209.81	3	69.94
Biology	225.73	3.5	64.49
Orchestra	92.20	1.625	56.74
Girls' Glee Club	101.30	1.875	54.03
Typing II	131.55	2.5	52.62
Boys' Glee Club	114.96	2.25	51.09
Geometry	144.21	3	48.07
Typing I	283.42	6	47.24
Constitution	172.61	4	43.15
World History	172.61	4	43.15
Bookkeeping	280.06	6.5	43.09
General Science	166.99	4	41.75
American History	183.98	4.5	40.88
English II	181.17	4.5	40.88
Algebra I	178.37	4.5	39.64
Stenography	175.48	4.5	39.00
English III	192.60	5	38.52
English I	203.28	5.5	36.96
Latin I	198.33	5.5	36.06
Public Speaking	226.74	6.5	34.88
		<u>94.25</u>	

TABLE V

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER V
(TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0074
Study hall	.0381
Auxiliary	.0059
Operation	<u>.0331</u>
Total	\$0.0845

TABLE Va

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER V

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Domestic Art II	\$0.5647		\$0.0845	\$0.6492
Foods I	.4034	\$0.0939	.0845	.5818
Physiology	.4706		.0845	.5551
Economics	.3088		.0845	.3933
Business Arithmetic	.3088		.0845	.3933
Normal Training Arith.	.2574		.0845	.3419
Mechanical Drawing	.2574		.0845	.3419
English III	.2406		.0845	.3251
Normal Tr'ng Grammar	.2206		.0845	.3051
Manual Training	.2206		.0845	.3051
Constitution	.1765		.0845	.2610
Physics	.1716		.0845	.2561
Psychology	.1716		.0845	.2561
English II	.1393		.0845	.2238
U. S. History	.1203		.0845	.2048
Geometry	.1188		.0845	.2033
Domestic Art I	.1177		.0845	.2022
Agriculture	.1029		.0845	.1874
Latin I	.1029		.0845	.1874
Early European History	.0735		.0845	.1580
Algebra I	.0671		.0845	.1516
English I	.0529		.0845	.1374

TABLE Vb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER V

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Domestic Art II	\$194.76	1	\$194.76
Foods I	244.32	1.5	162.88
Manual Training	256.27	3.5	73.22
Physiology	99.92	1.5	66.61
Mechanical Drawing	184.60	3	61.53
Domestic Art I	363.87	6	60.65
Constitution	176.16	3.5	50.33
Economics	118.00	2.5	47.20
Business Arithmetic	118.00	2.5	47.20
English III	107.30	2.5	42.92
Normal Training Arith.	123.07	3	41.02
Normal Tr'ng. Grammar	109.83	3	36.61
Physics	138.28	4	34.57
Psychology	138.28	4.5	30.72
English II	127.58	4.5	28.35
U. S. History	135.18	5.5	24.57
Geometry	158.56	6.5	24.39
Agriculture	168.70	7	24.10
Latin I	168.70	7.5	22.49
Algebra I	209.26	11	19.02
Early European History	170.67	9	18.96
English I	206.16	<u>12.5</u>	16.49
		105.5	

TABLE VI

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
 HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER VI
 (TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0230
Study hall	.0545
Auxiliary	.0107
Operation	.0191
Maintenance	.0049
Fixed charges	.0024
General instruction	.0007
General control	.0009
Transportation	<u>.0230</u>
Total	\$0.1392

TABLE VIa

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER VI

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Geometry	\$0.3968		\$0.1392	\$0.5360
English III	.1984		.1392	.3376
Agriculture	.1832		.1392	.3224
Business Arithmetic	.1701		.1392	.3093
Physics	.1488		.1392	.2880
English II	.1253		.1392	.2645
World History	.1191		.1392	.2583
Algebra I	.1035		.1392	.2427
General Science	.1035		.1392	.2427
English I	.0992		.1392	.2384
Psychology	.0850		.1392	.2242
Sociology	.0794		.1392	.2186
Constitution	.0627		.1392	.2019
Spanish	.0595		.1392	.1987

TABLE VIb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER VI

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Geometry	\$108.54	1.5	\$72.36
Agriculture	141.45	3	47.15
English III	136.73	3	45.57
Physics	155.52	4	38.88
English II	169.61	4.5	37.69
Business Arithmetic	146.15	4	36.54
World History	174.36	5	34.87
English I	193.10	6	32.18
Algebra I	188.40	6	31.40
General Science	188.40	6	31.40
Psychology	211.86	7	30.26
Sociology	221.33	7.5	29.51
Spanish	268.25	9.5	28.23
Constitution	258.94	9.5	27.25
		<u>76.5</u>	

TABLE VII

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
 HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER VII
 (TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0429
Study hall	.0474
Auxiliary	.0169
Operation	.0476
General instruction	.0003
General control	<u>.0007</u>
Total	\$0.1558

TABLE VIIa

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER VII

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Manual Training	\$0.2344	\$0.0076	\$0.1558	\$0.3978
Geometry	.2344		.1558	.3902
English II	.2009		.1558	.3567
Biology	.1664		.1558	.3222
Latin I	.1563		.1558	.3121
Orchestra	.0888	.0556	.1558	.3002
Girls' Glee Club	.0832	.0584	.1558	.2974
English I	.1406		.1558	.2964
Business Arithmetic	.1278		.1558	.2836
English III	.1172		.1558	.2730
Domestic Art I	.1109	.0006	.1558	.2673
Algebra I	.1082		.1558	.2640
American History	.1004		.1558	.2562
World History	.0740		.1558	.2298

TABLE VIIb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER VII

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Girls' Glee Club	\$230.00	2	\$115.00
Manual Training	286.45	3	95.47
Domestic Art I	385.00	5	77.00
Orchestra	225.70	3.75	60.20
English III	196.55	4	49.14
Geometry	140.96	3	46.99
English II	149.81	3.5	42.80
Latin I	168.51	4	42.13
Algebra I	205.90	5	41.18
Biology	154.66	4	38.67
English I	177.86	5	35.57
Business Arithmetic	187.20	5.5	34.03
World History	248.14	8	31.02
American History	215.25	7	30.75
		<u>62.75</u>	

TABLE VIII

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER VIII
(TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0245
Study hall	.0273
Vacant periods	.0093
Auxiliary	.0034
Operation	.0500
Maintenance	.0009
General instruction	.0003
General control	<u>.0007</u>
Total	\$0.1164

TABLE VIIIA
 COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
 SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER VIII

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Voice	\$1.2273	\$0.0132	\$0.1164	\$1.3569
Piano	1.2273	.0096	.1164	1.3533
Quartette	.3069	.0069	.1164	.4302
Algebra II	.2455		.1164	.3619
Typing II	.2045	.0025	.1164	.3234
Typing I	.2045	.0024	.1164	.3233
Algebra I	.2045		.1164	.3209
Biology	.1753	.0220	.1164	.3137
Foods I	.1623	.0280	.1164	.3067
English I	.1894		.1164	.3058
Dramatics	.1763		.1164	.2917
Manual Training	.1364	.0030	.1164	.2558
Girls' Glee Club	.1023	.0309	.1164	.2496
English III	.1263		.1164	.2427
Latin I	.1263		.1164	.2427
English II	.1116		.1164	.2280
Geometry	.1116		.1164	.2280
Early European History	.1116		.1164	.2280
American History	.0877		.1164	.2041

TABLE VIIIb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER VIII

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Piano	\$ 70.64	.6	\$117.73
Typing II	116.44	1	116.44
Typing I	232.78	2	116.39
Quartette	30.79	.4	77.43
Manual Training	310.82	4.5	69.07
Algebra II	162.86	2.5	65.14
Algebra I	173.31	3	57.77
Voice	51.29	.9	56.99
Biology	197.68	3.5	56.48
Foods I	193.21	3.5	55.20
English I	165.13	3	55.04
Dramatics	183.79	3.5	52.51
English III	196.56	4.5	43.68
Latin I	196.56	4.5	43.68
Geometry	225.72	5.5	41.04
English II	225.69	5.5	41.04
Early European History	225.69	5.5	41.04
American History	257.12	7	36.73
Girls' Glee Club	26.96	1.2	22.47
		<u>62.1</u>	

TABLE IX

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT
HOUR FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN SCHOOL NUMBER IX
(TEACHING AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	Cost per student hour
Administration and supervision	\$0.0195
Study hall	.0386
Vacant periods	.0057
Auxiliary	.0061
Operation	.0416
Maintenance	.0106
General control	<u>.0001</u>
Total	\$0.1222

TABLE IXa

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL NUMBER IX

Subject	Teaching cost	Special cost	Other current expense	Total
Voice	\$0.2917	\$0.0074	\$0.1222	\$0.4213
English I	.1667		.1222	.2889
Algebra I	.1548		.1222	.2770
Trigonometry	.1354		.1222	.2576
French II	.1296		.1222	.2518
Manual Training	.1204	.0009	.1222	.2435
Geometry	.0985		.1222	.2207
English II	.0972		.1222	.2194
Modern European History	.0833		.1222	.2055
Sociology	.0686		.1222	.1908
Typing I	.0537		.1222	.1759
General Science	.0507	.0007	.1222	.1736
Biology	.0507	.0007	.1222	.1736
English III	.0507		.1222	.1729
Constitution	.0433		.1222	.1665

TABLE IXb

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT IN THE DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL NUMBER IX

Subject	Cost of the class	No. of units of credit given	Cost of a unit of credit
Voice	\$113.75	1.25	\$91.02
Manual Training	295.85	4.5	65.74
Typing I	166.23	3.5	47.49
English I	136.50	3.5	39.00
Algebra I	130.88	3.5	37.39
Trigonometry	139.11	4	34.79
French II	152.97	4.5	33.99
Geometry	163.87	5.5	29.79
English II	177.72	6	29.62
Modern European History	194.20	7	27.74
Sociology	167.42	6.5	25.76
Biology	246.08	10.5	23.44
General Science	222.64	9.5	23.44
English III	268.42	11.5	23.34
Constitution	279.28	12.5	22.34
		<u>93.75</u>	

TABLE X
MEAN AND MEDIAN COSTS IN THE NINE SCHOOLS

School	Cost of student hour of instruction		Cost of unit of credit	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
No. I	\$0.1934	\$0.1985	\$38.17	\$41.86
No. II	.2867	.3066	48.41	43.94
No. III	.3284	.3317	45.76	40.925
No. IV	.3294	.32305	48.85	45.195
No. V	.2437	.25855	35.24	38.815
No. VI	.2481	.2505	33.48	33.525
No. VII	.28335	.2969	47.41	42.465
No. VIII	.2738	.3058	52.17	55.20
No. IX	.2063	.2194	30.45	29.79

TABLE XI

COST OF INSTRUCTION PER STUDENT HOUR BY SUBJECT IN THE NINE SCHOOLS AND THE MEDIAN COST OF EACH SUBJECT

Subject	School No. I	School No. II	School No. III	School No. IV	School No. V	School No. VI	School No. VII	School No. VIII	School No. IX	Median cost of subject
Piano								1.3533		\$1.3533
Voice								1.3569	\$.4213	.8891
Domestic Art II						\$.6492			13509	.6492
Quartette								.4302		.4302
Foods I	\$.3514	\$.4280	\$.4464			.5818		.3067	<u>217783</u> 8891	.4280
Economics						.3933				.3933
Typing II					\$.4385			.3234		.3800
Algebra II								.3619		.3619
Mechanical Draw						.3419				.3419
Normal Training Arith.						.3419				.3419
Stenography				.3251						.3251
Latin II		.3226								.3226
Physics		.3364		.4163	.2561	\$.2880				.3122
Business Arith.					.3933	.3093	\$.2836			.3093
Clothing I	.2708	.3082	.3915							.3082
Geometry	.2114	.3066	.3466	.4006	.2033	.5360	.3902	.2280	.2207	.3066
Normal Training Grammar					.3051					.3051
Manual Training I	.2473		.4467	.4616	.3051		.3978	.2558	.2435	.3051
Latin I		.3226		.3005	.1874		.3121	.2427		.3005
Bookkeeping				.2991						.2991
Orchestra				.2955			.3002			.2979
English I	.1985	.3661	.3279	.3080	.1374	.2384	.2964	.3058	.2889	.2964
Dramatics								.2917		.2917
Public Speaking				.2907						.2907
Foods II	.2895									.2895
General Science			.3355	.3479		.2427			.1736	.2891
Agriculture		.2880			.1874	.3224				.2880
Biology	.1612		.2572	.3839			.3222	.3137	.1736	.2855
Algebra I	.2383	.3661	.3607	.3303	.1516	.2427	.2640	.3209	.2770	.2770
Civics			.2763							.2763
International Relations			.2763							.2763
Physiology		.2735	.2763		.5551					.2763
Typing I	.1601	.2756		.3028				.3233	.1759	.2756
English III	.2256	.2494	.3091	.3210	.3251	.3376	.2730	.2427	.1729	.2730
Domestic Art I				.3163	.2022		.2673			.2673

TABLE XII

THE COST OF A UNIT OF CREDIT BY SUBJECT IN THE NINE SCHOOLS AND THE MEDIAN COST OF EACH SUBJECT

Subject	School No. I	School No. II	School No. III	School No. IV	School No. V	School No. VI	School No. VII	School No. VIII	School No. IX	Median cost of subject
Domestic Art II					\$194.76					\$194.76
Piano							\$117.73			117.73
Foods I	\$63.25	\$102.72	\$108.71		162.88		55.20			102.72
Typing II				\$52.62			116.44			84.53
Quartette							77.43			77.43
Domestic Art I				75.91	60.65		\$77.00			75.91
Boys Physical Ed.	43.39	227.78		75.23						75.23
Voice							56.99	\$91.02		74.01
Clothing I	48.74	73.97	93.96							73.97
Manual Training I	44.52		107.25	110.78	73.22		95.47	69.07	65.74	73.22
Algebra II								65.14		65.14
Mechanical Drawing					61.53					61.53
Girls Physical Ed.	40.12			82.65						61.39
Orchestra				56.74			60.20			58.47
Boys Glee Club	57.98			51.09						54.54
Dramatics								52.51		52.51
Foods II	52.11									52.11
Girls Glee Club	43.31			54.03			115.00	22.47		48.67
Physics		56.52		69.94	34.57	\$38.88				47.70
Typing I	29.78	66.15		47.24				116.39	47.49	47.49
Economics					47.20					47.20
Agriculture		48.39			24.10	47.15				47.15
Bookkeeping				43.09						43.09
Biology	29.91		46.65	64.49			38.67	56.48	23.44	42.66
Geometry	41.86	36.79	41.59	48.07	24.39	72.36	46.99	41.04	29.79	41.59
Algebra I	48.26	43.94	43.28	39.64	19.02	31.40	41.18	57.77	37.39	41.18
Normal Training Arith.					41.02					41.02
English III	40.61	29.92	39.74	38.52	42.92	45.57	49.14	43.68	23.34	40.61
Stenography				39.00						39.00
Latin I		38.71		36.06	22.49		42.13	43.68		38.71
Latin II		38.71								38.71
Mixed Chorus	37.98									37.98
English II	33.96	33.06	41.59	40.88	28.35	37.69	42.80	41.04	29.62	37.69
English I	35.74	43.94	39.35	36.96	16.49	32.18	35.57	55.04	39.00	36.96
American History			37.98	40.88	24.57		30.75	36.73		36.73

TABLE XII Continued

Subject	School No. I	School No. II	School No. III	School No. IV	School No. V	School No. VI	School No. VII	School No. VIII	School No. IX	Median cost of subject
Normal Training Grammar					\$36.61					\$36.61
Business Arith.					47.20	\$36.54	\$34.03			36.54
General Science			\$40.26	\$41.75		31.40		\$23.44		35.83
Public Speaking				34.88						34.88
World History	\$64.24	\$30.85		43.15		34.87	31.02			34.87
Trigonometry								34.79		34.79
Physiology		32.82	34.74		66.61					34.74
French II								33.99		33.99
Civics			33.16							33.16
International Relations			33.16							33.16
Vocations	32.24									32.24
Psychology	50.52				30.72	30.26				30.72
English IV	30.16									30.16
Early European History					18.96		\$41.04			30.00
Sociology		50.18				29.51		25.76		29.51
Spanish						28.23				28.23
Modern European History								27.74		27.74
Constitution	26.24	26.67		43.15	50.33	27.25		22.34		26.96

TABLE XIII

DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS PER STUDENT HOUR
FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES IN THE NINE SCHOOLS(TEACHING COSTS
AND SPECIAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED)

Object of expenditure	School No. I	School No. II	School No. III	School No. IV	School No. V	School No. VI	School No. VII	School No. VIII	School No. IX	Mean	Median
Administration and supervision	\$.0190	\$.0379	\$.0441	\$.0336	\$.0074	\$.0230	\$.0429	\$.0245	\$.0195	\$.0280	\$.0280
Study Hall	.0181	.0341	.0576	.0383	.0381	.0545	.0474	.0273	.0386	.0390	.0386
Vacant Periods	.0091	.0255	.0163	.0233				.0093	.0057	.0149	.0128
Auxiliary	.0008	.0058	.0171	.0066	.0059	.0107	.0169	.0034	.0061	.0081	.0061
Operation	.0341	.0467	.0588	.0398	.0331	.0191	.0476	.0500	.0416	.0412	.0416
Maintenance	.0056	.0054	.0049	.0046		.0049		.0009	.0106	.0053	.0049
Fixed Charges	.0024			.0137		.0024				.0024	.0062
General Instruction	.0006	.0006	.0002	.0010		.0007	.0003	.0003		.0005	.0006
General Control	.0005	.0018	.0070	.0011		.0009	.0007	.0007	.0001	.0016	.0008
Transportation				.0277		.0230				.0254	.0254
	.0902	.1578	.2060	.1897	.0845	.1392	.1558	.1164	.1222	.1402	.1392

TABLE XIV

COMPARISONS BETWEEN TEACHING COSTS AND TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES IN EACH OF THE NINE SCHOOLS

School	Total current expenditure	Total teaching cost	Cost of a dollar's worth of teaching	Per cent of expenditure for teaching
No. I	\$3749.96	\$2466.00	\$1.52	66
No. II	2935.03	1970.00	1.49	67
No. III	4232.89	2626.88	1.61	62
No. IV	4604.51	2882.80	1.60	63
No. V	3717.42	2970.00	1.25	80
No. VI	2561.35	1687.50	1.52	66
No. VII	2975.17	1989.00	1.50	67
No. VIII	3239.95	2274.55	1.42	70
No. IX	<u>2855.08</u>	<u>1845.00</u>	1.55	65
Total	\$30871.36	\$20711.73	Mean 1.49	Mean 67
Mean	\$3430.15	\$2301.30		

CHAPTER VI

INTERPRETATION AND SUMMARY

The first problem in this study was to find the cost of a student hour of instruction for each subject in each school, with the total cost distributed to the various functions of expenditure: teaching, special costs, administration and supervision, study hall, vacant periods, auxiliary costs, operation, maintenance, fixed charges, general instruction, general control, and transportation. Table I gives the student hour costs for all the functions mentioned above, except teaching cost and the cost of special supplies, for School No. I. The student hour cost of administration and supervision in that school was found to be \$0.0190, the study hall cost \$0.0181, vacant period cost \$0.0091, auxiliary cost \$0.0008, operation \$0.0341, maintenance \$0.0056, fixed charges \$0.0024, general instruction \$0.0006, general control \$0.0005, total \$0.0902. Table II gives the same information concerning School No. II, Table III for School No. III, etc. In case a function is omitted from any table it is because there was, in the corresponding school, no expenditure for that function. A summary of Tables I to IX will be found in Table XIII, and will be discussed later in the chapter.

The cost of instruction for each subject taught, and the special cost of each subject if there was any, in School No. I is given in Table Ia. The most expensive subject taught in School No. I was World History with a teaching cost of \$0.2667 per student hour. There was no special cost for this subject. The student hour cost of all other expense was

\$0.0902 (Table I), which gave a total cost for this subject of \$0.3569 per student hour. All other subjects taught in this school for which credit was given are listed in Table Ia. In the same manner the cost of each subject in School No. II may be found in Table IIa, for School No. III in Table IIIa, etc.

The answer to the question "Was there a significant difference in the cost in the different schools?" can be found by referring to Tables X, XI, and XIII. Table X gives the mean and the median costs of a student hour of instruction, and of a unit of credit, for each school. The mean cost of a student hour of instruction is found to range from \$0.1934 in School No. I to \$0.3294 in School No. IV. This shows the mean cost of a unit of instruction to be 70 per cent greater in one school than in another. The mean cost per unit is almost as great in School No. III as in School No. IV. The median costs per unit are also given as another mode of comparison. They range from \$0.1985 in School No. I to \$0.3317 in School No. III. The median cost per unit of instruction is 67 per cent higher in School No. III than in School No. I.

Table XIII shows a considerable difference in the current expenditures per student hour of instruction for some functions. The costs of administration and supervision range from \$0.0074 in School No. V to \$0.0441 in School No. III. The mean cost per unit of administration and supervision is \$0.0280, and the median cost per unit the same.

Administration and supervision cost approximately six times as much in School No. III as in School No. V.

Study hall casts show less variation. They range from \$0.0181 in School No. I, to \$0.0576 in School No. III, per student hour of instruction. The mean cost per unit of study hall is \$0.0390, and the median cost per unit is \$0.0386. Study hall costs in School No. III are approximately three times as much as in School No. I.

Vacant period costs show a great variation. They range from nothing, in three of the nine schools, \$0.0057 per student hour in a fourth, to \$0.0255 in School No. II. The mean unit cost for the six schools having vacant periods is \$0.0149, and the median cost \$0.0128.

Auxiliary costs show considerable variation. The range is from \$0.0008 in School No. I to \$0.0171 in School No. III. The mean unit cost is \$0.0081, the median cost \$0.0061. School No. III spent 21 times as much per unit for auxiliary costs as School No. I.

The cost for operation is much more uniform. It ranges from \$0.0191 for School No. VI to \$0.0588 for School No. III. It may be remarked in passing that the low operation cost in School No. VI was due in large measure to the fact that there natural gas was used as the fuel, with a cost for the semester of only \$35.60. The mean cost per unit in the nine schools was \$0.0412, the median cost \$0.0416.

Two of the nine schools had no expenditure for maintenance. The cost per unit for the seven schools ranged from \$0.0009 to \$0.0106. The mean cost per unit was \$0.0053, the

median cost \$0.0049.

Three of the schools had expenditures for fixed charges, and two for transportation. Two schools had no expenditure for general instructional supplies, and one had no costs of general control.

It is evident from a study of these tables that there is a significant difference in the cost in the different schools.

The question "Were there any subjects that were consistently high?" may be answered by referring to the tables for each school, which give the cost of a student hour of instruction (Tables Ia, IIa, etc.). Foods I, taught in five of the nine schools, is the most expensive subject in three of the five, ranks next to the highest subject in a fourth, but falls to near the median in the fifth. The subject can therefore be said to be consistently high. The subject with the highest unit costs in any school is Voice, as taught in School No. VIII; closely followed by Piano, in the same school. It may be well to state here that this school gives individual instruction in these subjects, which accounts for the extremely high costs. Domestic Art II, taught in one school, has very high unit costs. Economics, taught in one school, has a high unit cost, due to the small enrollment in the class. Typing II, given in two schools, is next to the highest subject in one and in the upper quartile in the other. Algebra II, mechanical drawing, normal training arithmetic, and Latin II, taught in one school each, are in or near the upper quartile. Manual training I, taught in seven of the schools, is the most costly subject in three, is in the

second quartile in two, almost down to the median in one, and slightly below the median in the last. It may thus be said to be consistently high in cost per student hour.

Clothing I, taught in three schools, falls in the upper quartile in two and in the second quartile in the third, having a tendency to rank high in cost.

Geometry, taught in all the schools, is the most costly subject in one, next to the most costly in another, in the first quartile in another, second quartile in another, at the median in three, in the third quartile in one, and in the fourth in the last. It can hardly be said to be consistently high. Among other subjects not consistently high are: All years of English, algebra I, typing I, biology, physics, general science, and business arithmetic. World history, taught in five schools, has the highest cost per unit on one, the lowest in another, median in a third, second quartile in another, and fourth quartile in another. Its high cost in the one school is due to the small enrollment in that class--the smallest in the school. The exact reverse is true in the case of the school wherein this subject has the lowest unit cost.

Other subjects consistently low in cost per student hour of instruction include domestic art I, American history, glee clubs, physical education, Latin I, French II, and Spanish I. Each of the two latter is taught in but one school.

In Tables Ib, IIb, IIIb, etc., may be found the cost of

a unit of credit in each subject for each school studied. A great range is shown between the lowest cost and the highest. In School No. V a unit of credit in English I costs \$16.49, while in School No. II a unit of credit in boys' physical education costs \$227.78. Next to the lowest in cost comes a unit of early European history in School No. V at a cost of \$18.96, while next to the highest comes a unit of domestic art II in the same school at \$194.76. Considerable variation is found in the cost of a unit of credit in a certain subject in the different schools. For instance, manual training, taught in seven of the schools, has a range from \$44.52 in School No. I to \$110.78 in School No. IV. The cost of a unit of geometry ranges from \$24.39 in School No. V to \$72.36 in School No. VI. The cost per unit of English I ranges from \$16.49 in School No. V to \$55.04 in School No. VIII. Table XII gives the cost per unit of credit for each subject in all nine schools, and the median cost of the different subjects.

The question "Was there a significant difference in the cost in different schools?" may be answered from Table X. The mean cost of a unit of credit, comparing schools, ranges from \$30.45 in School No. IX to \$52.17 in School No. VIII. The cost per unit in the latter school represents an increase over School No. IX of 71 per cent. "Graduates from these two schools", says J. J. Hendrix,¹ "are admitted to the state institutions of higher learning on an equal basis. When measured by this standard the value of a unit of credit from one is equal to that from the other; yet the mean cost of a

unit of credit was nearly twice as much in one as the other."

The cost of a unit of credit seems consistently high for some subjects. Manual training has the highest cost per unit in one school, has next to the highest in three others, is still in the first quartile in two more, and falls as low as the second quartile in only one school. Foods I, taught in five of the schools, is the highest subject per unit in one school, is next to the highest in three others, and falls to the median in one school. Domestic art I, taught in three schools, and clothing I, also taught in three, each have a cost per unit that falls in the first quartile in two of the schools, and in the second quartile in the third. Physics falls in the first quartile three times, and in the third quartile one time. Typing I falls in the first quartile three times, is median one time, and has next to the lowest cost in another school.

Several subjects, each taught in only a few schools, tend to be high. Boys' physical education has the highest cost per unit in one school, is in the first quartile in another, and in the second quartile in a third. Domestic art II and piano, each offered in one school, have the highest unit cost for their respective schools. Typing II, voice, algebra II, orchestra, foods II, and boys' glee club all have a cost above the median. In general, such subjects as manual training, foods, clothing, domestic art, typing, physics, boys' physical education, and all music except girls' glee club and mixed chorus, tend to have a high cost

per unit of credit. Reference to page 69 will reveal that there physical education is listed with the subjects consistently low in cost, while on page 71 boys' physical education is listed as tending to have high unit costs. This apparent discrepancy disappears upon observing that in the former instance the low cost is based upon student hours of instruction, while in the latter the high cost is for units of credit. For such activities as athletics and music, slowly making their way into the regular curriculum, it appears that the tendency is to give a smaller amount of credit, for the amount of time devoted to the subject, than is given for the so-called "solid" subjects.

Reference to Table XIV shows that with the exception of a single school the cost of a dollar's worth of teaching is quite uniform. For the eight schools the range is from \$1.42 to \$1.61. For School No. V the cost of a dollar's worth of teaching is \$1.25. If actual classroom teaching is the principal objective for which school money is expended, it would appear that School No. V is the most efficient.

Expressing the same fact in another manner, the percentage of the total expenditure which goes for classroom teaching ranges, with the exception of School No. V, from 62 per cent to 70 per cent. School No. V expends 80 per cent of its total current cost for teaching.

It is pertinent at this time to inquire why some schools have higher costs than others, why some subjects cost more per student hour of instruction, and why the cost of a unit

of credit should vary as it does. Examination of the class schedules of the different schools reveals a few facts that throw some light upon this question. The high cost per student hour of instruction for world history in School No. I, and its extremely low cost in School No. VII, have already been explained. Foods I and foods II, in School No. I, rank next to world history in student hour cost. The class enrollment in foods I is five, in foods II, seven. The average class enrollment in this school is 13.3. The effect of a large class enrollment may be found by observation of the size of the class in constitution, which in this school is 24. Reference to Table Ib shows that this subject has the lowest student hour cost of any subject in that school.

Correlation of the class enrollments in each subject in School No. I, by the rank-difference method, with the costs per student hour of instruction, gives $r = .9818$, with a P. E._r of .0061. It may be assumed from this that there is a direct relation between the class enrollment and the cost per unit of instruction. As the number of units of credit given must necessarily depend on class enrollment, there will exist a like relationship between class enrollment and the cost per unit of credit given.

Other significant facts discernible are:

1. School No. IV, a high cost school (Table X), employing five teachers, could teach all subjects offered with four teachers by eliminating all their vacant periods, as other schools studied have done.

2. The schools with no vacant period costs are not among the high cost schools.

3. The school having the greatest vacant period costs is a high cost school.

4. The school giving the greatest number of units of credit is a low cost school.

TABLE XV

PARTIAL SUMMARY OF DATA

School	No. of tchrs.	No. of subj.	Subj. per tchr.	Av. enr. per sub- ject	No. of units cred.	Units per tchr.	Cost adm.	Cost stu- hall	Cost vac- per.
I	4	21	5.25	13.3	98.25	24.56	\$369	\$351	\$176
II	4	17	4.25	7.7	60.62	15.15	383	349	261
III	4	14	3.50	13.4	92.5	23.12	568	742	210
IV	5	24	4.8	10.3	94.25	18.85	470	535	326
V	4	22	5.5	9.8	105.5	26.38	113	481	0
VI	3	14	4.67	10.9	76.5	25.5	238	563	0
VII	3	14	4.67	11.2	62.75	20.92	450	497	0
VIII	4	19	4.75	7.2	62.1	15.52	290	323	110
IX	3	15	5	15.7	93.75	31.25	270	534	79

Table XV gives a summary of data dealing with the number of teachers in each school, the number of subjects offered, the average number of subjects per teacher, the average enrollment per subject, the number of units of credit given, the number of units of credit given per teacher employed, the cost of administration and supervision, the cost of study hall, and the cost of vacant periods.

Correlations between the mean cost of a student hour of instruction (Table X) and these various factors which enter into costs have been made. The method of rank-differences is the form of correlation used, as it is regarded as the most suitable for use where the number of cases is small. A correlation of $r = .5176$ is found between the mean cost of a student hour of instruction and the number of teachers employed, showing that a marked tendency toward relationship exists.

There is no relation between the mean cost of a student hour of instruction and the number of subjects offered.

A correlation of $r = .6883$ exists between the mean cost of a student hour of instruction and the average number of subjects per teacher, showing that a strong relationship exists. The lower the average number of subjects per teacher the higher the costs.

The relationship between the average enrollment per subject and the mean cost of a student hour of instruction is not marked.

Between mean costs of a student hour of instruction and the number of units given by the school there exists a marked tendency toward relationship, $r = .4158$.

Between mean costs of a student hour of instruction and the average number of units of credit per teacher there exists a strong tendency toward relationship, $r = .70$. The higher the cost the lower the number of units granted per teacher employed.

There is a strong correlation between the cost of administration and supervision and the mean cost of a student hour of instruction, $r = .7654$. The higher the cost of instruction the higher the cost of administration and supervision.

Practically no relationship exists between the cost of study hall and the mean cost of a student hour of instruction.

Between the cost of vacant periods and the mean cost of a student hour of instruction there exists a strong relationship, $r = .5861$. The greater the cost of vacant periods the higher the cost of instruction.

It seems evident from these correlations that the small rural high school with the following characteristics will tend to be a low cost school:

1. It will offer a large number of subjects per teacher employed.
2. It will give a large number of units of credit.
3. It will give more units of credit per teacher employed.
4. It will limit the cost of administration and supervision by requiring the principal to teach full time.
5. It will eliminate vacant period costs by requiring teachers to teach classes or keep study hall during every period of the day.

If, in addition to these distinguishing features, it reduces its teaching staff to a minimum for the number of sub-

jects offered; expends the minimum amount possible for the maintenance of its buildings and equipment; and does not elect to furnish transportation for its students, the district supporting such school may expect the costs to be not excessive, when compared with other schools of the same type.

In general, this study seems to show that there is a wide range in the mean and the median costs of a student hour of instruction and of a unit of credit in the nine schools. There appears to be a considerable difference in the cost of a student hour of instruction and of a unit of credit in different subjects, with a tendency for some subjects to be consistently high. If efficiency is measured by the per cent of the current expenditure paid for classroom teaching, the efficiency of this group of schools seems rather uniform.

This study also reveals that equality of educational opportunity is not being realized for the boys and girls who are attending the rural high schools of Kansas, if these are representative schools. It would seem that, as education is a recognized function of the state, the state should erect and maintain standards by which expenditures for education would be more nearly equalized.

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