



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS



History (Since 1865)

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Regional Superintendents of Schools have served Illinois with distinction for 150 years (1865-2015). We provide schools around Illinois with three vital tools – **Safety, Support – and Success.**

The Regional Superintendent of Schools was created under state law to serve as the chief administrative officer of a Regional Office of Education and the only elected education professional in Illinois. ROEs are essential support offices partnering with the Illinois State Board of Education to support local school districts.

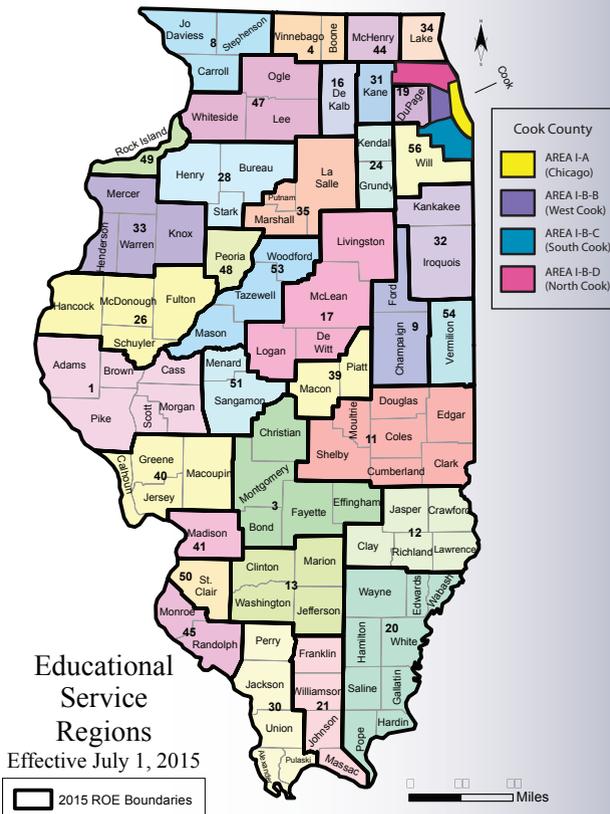
Illinois law gives the Regional Superintendent of Schools:

- Supervision over all school districts in the region
- Duties of the official advisor and assistant of the school officers and teachers in the region

For 150 years, Regional Superintendents of Schools have provided positive leadership and served as a source of information for educators, school districts and the public. We keep students and school buildings safe, handle legal issues such as consolidations and ensure education in the classroom meets state standards. We work together with our schools to provide the best education possible for millions of Illinois students.

Serving Illinois Schools

The map of Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers as of summer 2015



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About Us

Who are the Regional Superintendents of Schools and Regional Offices of Education? What do they do? The simple answer: *We provide the administrative backbone for Illinois schools.*

In mid-2015, 35 Regional Offices of Education and three Intermediate Service Centers will serve schoolchildren in every county in Illinois from Waukegan to Cairo, providing the top-notch service and support our schools have come to depend on for 150 years. Much of our work is done behind the scenes, and it is as important as it was in Abraham Lincoln's day. Whether we are providing safeguards for children or helping teachers improve their work in the classroom, the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools is a vital partner for preparing children for successful careers and fulfilling lives.

Safety



Health Life Safety

We inspect each of Illinois' 4,000 public school and school-related buildings annually to ensure they meet minimum health and safety standards under state law. We make these annual inspection results available through each ROE. When schools remodel or build new buildings, or use temporary classroom units, we're there to ensure they are safe for students and teachers.

Bus Safety

Our bus safety training is required for all new drivers before they get behind the wheel, and for any drivers renewing their permits each year. We keep students safe to and from school through an eight-hour course for new drivers and two-hour refresher for those who already have been on the roads.

Background Checks

Our schoolchildren must be protected in the classroom. Our offices make sure every educator is fingerprinted and a background check is conducted on them before they ever enter the classroom.

Support



Licensure

Our offices make sure teachers are ready for the classroom. We issue, register and monitor educator licenses, both for new teachers and those renewing current credentials.

Professional Development

Our staff works tirelessly on programs to provide educators trainings, conferences and help throughout the year to enhance their skills and provide ever-improving classroom guidance. Our professional development emphasis keeps teachers up-to-date on the latest state standards and how to help students succeed under them and offers a needed ear to deal with real-world challenges.

Compliance

Schools must work with our offices to ensure they are meeting state and federal guidelines and standards. Our systematic review results are part of the Illinois Report Card, and they serve to improve operations and support top-quality programs for student educational experiences.

Success



High School Equivalency

Some students do not make it through high school. Their second chance at a more successful career path comes later, through the GED or High School Equivalency Certificate. Our offices issue these certificates to students who have completed the GED exam.

Safe School Programs

Students who are suspended/expelled from their schools can get back on track through our Safe School programs. We meet the specific needs of disruptive students by providing individual attention in alternative learning environments that turn around many lives each school year.

School Recognition

Schools must submit their calendar, show their assessment and instruction plans and meet ISBE Quality Assurance guidelines to receive recognition and approval through ROEs each year. We make hundreds of visits to schools throughout the year to ensure they are providing the education called for under state law.