



Lake County Regional Office of Education



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Health Life and Safety & Compliance Visits



HLS

- All public schools in Lake County are inspected annually

Building Permits

- ROE issues building permits for all school building projects subject to the requirements of Administrative Code
- ROE architect reviews the plans, communicates with the district and the Health/Life Safety team.

Compliance

- Audits are conducted in rotation on four-year cycles.
- Audits include:
 - Demographics
 - Students
 - Staff/ Personnel Training
 - Policy Governance
 - Health/ Life Safety
 - Instructional Programs

Other Areas We Assist

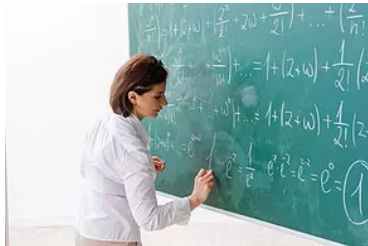


- School Maintenance Project
- Public School Calendar
- Health Life Safety Surveys
- Gender Equity in Athletics Waiver
- Site-Based Staff Development Reimbursement
- Remote Learning Plan
- ALOP Programs
- Submit Annual Financial Report
- Review School Treasurer Bonds
- County Wide Spelling Bee
- NBCT Liaison
- Work Permit & Age Certificate
- Reading Recovery

Licensure, Fingerprinting & GED/HSE

Licensure/Fingerprinting

- Assist retired, current and prospective educators in any way that we can with your licensure needs, and act as your link to ISBE.
- Fingerprint/Background checks for Lake County Substitute Teachers, and for new employees/student teachers/volunteers for select school districts, by appointment only.



GED/HSE

- The Regional Office of Education assists individuals who are seeking to earn their GED or High School Equivalency Certificate.
- The Regional Office of Education also maintains and issues GED and High School Equivalency Certificates.



Bus Driver Trainings

- There are over 1,500 school bus drivers in Lake County servicing public and non-public schools.
- Experienced drivers must take a 2-hour refresher course annually, while all new drivers must take an 8-hour course in school bus driver safety and first aid, prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education, and administered by the Regional Office of Education.
- The Regional Office of Education is responsible for the appointment of instructors who conduct the required training.
- The Secretary of State's Office is responsible for the issuance of school bus driver permits, and the administration of behind-the-wheel testing.



Attendance & Truancy Division

The Attendance and Truancy Division is Lake County's truancy and dropout prevention program funded by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) since 1985 and administered by the Lake County Regional Office of Education.



- Transportation
- Mental Health
- Tutoring
- Credit Recovery
- Mentoring
- Job Coaches
- And more

Educational Services Division



Provide a wide variety of professional learning opportunities that are action-oriented and focused on measurable results.

- Countywide Institute Day
- Safety Conference
- Administrative Academies
- Workshops
- PD for school Districts
- Lake County Leadership Academy
- Women In Power
- Ditched Con
- Multi County PDs
- ED-RED Mini Summit
- SEL HUB
- Trauma Informed Resources
- K-12 educational materials

Homelessness/Pre School



- The ROE provides support for the 67 school district liaisons and their districts in Lake and McHenry Counties in administering the McKinney-Vento Homeless Children Act federal Law.
- About 2000 students are identified each year in the two counties with Lake County accounting for 2/3 of the total.
- We assist the identified children by providing school supplies and eliminating any barriers that may prevent the McKinney-Vento students from becoming successful students.
- The Coalition represents 584 childcare and preschool programs in Lake County, both private and school based.
- For the past ten years Matt Tabar and Jim Menzer have been members the Coalition, representing the Regional Office of Education, serving as Treasurer and Advocacy Chair respectively.
- Work with School Districts to submit PFA grants
- Partnered with Start Early and Erickson to provide PD and endorsement opportunities

Regional Safe School Program



The Regional Safe School Program of Lake County serves students in grades 6 – 12 who have received multiple suspensions, are eligible for expulsion, or have been expelled from a local school district in Lake County, Illinois.

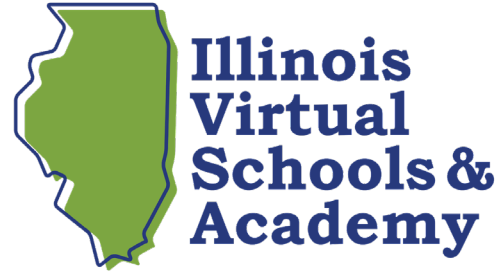
B.A.S.E. Program

The Behavior, Academic, Social, and Emotional (B.A.S.E.) Program is our alternative to long-term student suspension program.

The B.A.S.E program is a suspension intervention program, which provides short-term services to middle and high school students across Lake County in lieu of out-of-school suspension. Students who attend the program will work alongside licensed teachers to complete coursework as well as participate in reflective conversations regarding behavior. Upon completing the program, transition meetings are held with students, families, members of the B.A.S.E. Program, and district staff to review the placement, identify concerns regarding re-entry, and plan for support services if needed.



Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy



- Credit Recovery Options
- Enrichment Options
- Synchronous Live Learning
- Whole-class hybrid learning
 - Addresses teacher shortages
 - Expands course offerings
 - Advanced MS students may access high school material from their local school
- Whole-school/program blended learning
- Full-time virtual learning K-12
 - Students remain enrolled in their home district but take full course-load through IVS/ILVA
- Partnering with the University of Illinois System for the next 3 years

ReferralGPS Initiative

- <https://referralgps.com/>
- All students, families, and educators have free navigation care services
- This is for the 23-24, 24-25, 25-26 school years
- Created a treatment fund for students in need of care due to insurance or income limitations



ReferralGPS
Connecting People to Treatment

We are committed to creating a culture of well-being of students, staff, parents, and community. In an effort to continuously support this commitment, the Lake County Regional Office of Education has entered an agreement with ReferralGPS.

ReferralGPS is a web-based service focused on assisting our students, staff, and community in finding local mental-health and substance use related treatment. The service compliments the districts existing systems of support as a tool for student service teams and families to connect with treatment. Along with a searchable database of treatment options, ReferralGPS provides Care Navigation to assist families in triage, appointment setting, and follow up care.

School families may access ReferralGPS in two ways:

- 1) Contact Student Services for the Lake County school the child attends (social workers, psychologists, counselors) to seek out treatment options.
- 2) Visit this link at <https://referralgps.com/find-help/LAKE> to search for treatment resources or connect with a Care Navigator anonymously.

ReferralGPS takes into account all types of private and public insurance including PPO, HMO, Medicaid, Medicare, and families who are uninsured or underinsured. The platform also filters by age, gender, zip code, and special requests.

ReferralGPS is available for use by district students, staff, and families at no cost. All information entered on the ReferralGPS tool is completely confidential and securely stored.

If you are interested in seeking counseling-related services at this time, please consider visiting <https://referralgps.com/find-help/LAKE> or reaching out to the Student Services team.



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ReferralGPS Update

District Organizational Detail

19,066 Treatment Searches Conducted



2,945 Treatment Profiles Viewed



757 Treatment Websites Viewed



179 Treatment Phone Numbers Viewed



4,536 Treatment Resources Shared Via Email



598 Treatment Resources Shared via SMS



1,357 Cobranded Public Site Accessed



78 Families Self Referred to Care Navigation



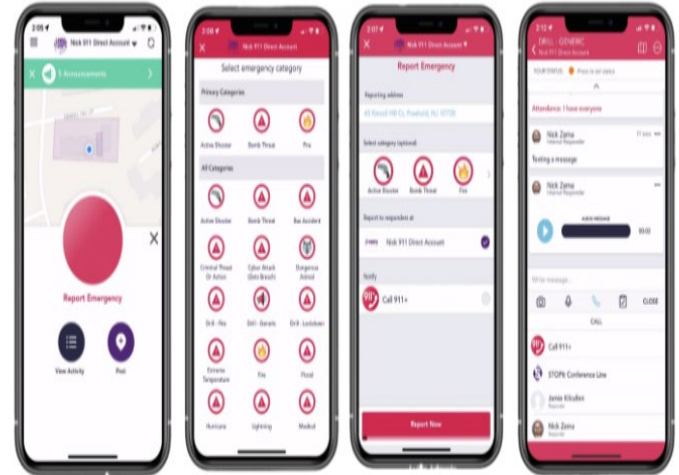
663 Families Referred to Care Navigation through District Staff

Note

Statistics above represents data from the start of the program to Feb 8 2025

School Safety Application

- Free for all Lake County School Districts
- Countywide notification system
- Assist local school districts if experiencing a lockdown





Navig8Lake

- Over 4,200 students attended
- Over 100 industry partners participated





Educator of the Year Ceremony 24-25

- Lake County Fairgrounds
- Wednesday, May 7th, 2025
- 1,040 attendees

SchoolLinks

- Free WBL Platform for LC High Schools
- 24-25, 25-26
- Working with Lake County Workforce Development and Lake County Partners



Manage **WBL Requirements** & **Workflows** at scale

Ensure all students have access to local work-based learning opportunities that help them connect the classroom to the real world. SchoolLinks' work-based learning platform allows districts to smoothly manage complex workflows at scale to ensure students are meeting state and local requirements.



Consolidate Internships & Opportunities in a Single Place

Capture everything - requirements, students, companies, internships, forms, etc. - in a single place.



Capture Opportunities from Multiple Sources

Keep track of internships no matter if they are district-sourced, student-sourced, or company-sourced.



Matching Students with Opportunities

Rather than relying on students to find the right internships for themselves, districts can match students with employers within SchoolLinks.



Form and Requirement Tracking for WBL Opportunities

Internships and apprenticeships require a lot of management and paperwork. SchoolLinks digitizes that entire process by offering a way to easily create forms as well as upload PDFs for compliance reporting.



Manage Student Competency and Skill Evaluations

Our intuitive evaluation tool allows both students and companies to score students on skills they are supposed to learn during these experiences. Set up program or pathway-specific evaluations based on state learning standards. Evaluations can be assigned to students as self-assessments, to employers, and to instructors.



Experience Hour Tracking

Track students' experience outside of the classroom - volunteer hours, part-time work, internships, or perhaps organizing their work towards a job readiness portfolio.




Credential and Digital Badge Management

Load students' industry-recognized credentials and badges issued by the district into SchoolLinks. Workflow support for district syncing, student logging and employer/staff verification



Enhanced Industry Partner Database

Update your Industry Partner Database with the ability to add your own custom fields, track background checks, manage contact affiliations with companies, and post comments on contacts to collaborate with other district staff members. Industry Partners' interaction with your district in scheduled events and internships will automatically create entries in your database, reducing the need for manual tracking.



Highlights of 21-24 School Year(s)

- Project Search
- ROE Foundation Initiatives
- Improved Truancy Services
- Early Childhood
- Teacher Programs & Certifications
- CTE Assistance
- ROE Shared Drive
- Free Virtual Field Trips for Districts
- Monthly Newsletters
- Lake County SPLASH
- Lake County Educator Job Fair
- Lake County Safety Conference



Future Planning for 25-26

- ALOP Opportunities
- IVSA
- Grow Your Own Opportunities
- Workbased Learning Opportunities
- Birth to 5
- Supports
- School Safety

Other Roles/Committees



- SEDOL Board
- Lake County Tech Campus Board
- Lake County Workforce Development Board
- LCWD Youth Task Force Chair
- Lake County Area Planning Council
- Live Well Lake County Action Team Leader
- Birth to 5 Action Council
- Lake County Start Early Team
- IARSS Legislative Committee
- IARSS Educator Shortage Committee
- ISBE State Education Equity Committee
- University Partnership Committee
- Lake County Juvenile Justice Council
- ISBE PRP Panel
- Lake County Opioid Initiative
- Mothers Trust Foundation
- United Way
- ROE Foundation

ROE Foundation

- Raised funding for 581 students who lost their scholarships
- Continuing to support around Ready to Learn Initiatives



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BOOKS
INTO THE HANDS
OF ENOUGH
CHILDREN"
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