Lake County Regional Office of Education



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• ROE/ATD/ESD/RSSP

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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 fouryear cycles.
- Audits include:
 - Demographics
 - o 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, ESD 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.



Provide a wide variety of professional learning opportunities that are action-oriented and focused on measurable results. We collaborate with educators and school leaders to implement research-based best practices in education that support the development of 21st century skills in students. Through partnerships with Lake County school districts, we develop and facilitate engaging workshops as well as on-site training that aligns to district goals.

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.
- Our primary focus is to ensure that the children of homeless families get enrolled in school. Most of our efforts are in training the LEA liaisons and other school district staff in how to identify and assist homeless students.
- 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.
- Matt Tabar and Jim Menzer are consultants to the Coalition representing the ROE and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Children Act program that serves preschoolers that are members of homeless families.
- The Coalition supports childcare agencies by advocating for legislation that allows low income families to access childcare through presentations to legislators, news releases, and a video produced this year.
- The Advocacy Committee surveys the childcare agencies each year to determine goals and direction for the Coalition.

Regional Safe School Program

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The Regional Safe School Program of Lake County serves disruptive students in grades 6 – 12 who have received multiple suspensions, are eligible for expulsion, or have been expelled from school in Lake County, Illinois. The students we serve often face long-term issues such as domestic violence, poverty, and drug and alcohol abuse, which influence their behavior in the classroom.

B.A.S.E. Program (NEW)

The Behavior, Academic, Social, and Emotional (B.A.S.E.) Program is a new alternative to long-term student suspensions that will soon be offered by the Regional Safe School of Lake County. For the past few years, Dupage County has offered a similar program titled Project Rebound.

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.



Regional School Board of Trustees

- The Lake County Regional Board of School Trustees is an elected board comprised of seven members.
- This elected board hears petitions for annexations, detachments, and changes in school district boundaries.
- The Regional Superintendent acts as the Ex-Officio Secretary to the Board.
- The Regional Office maintains all records of petitions filed in the region.

Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy



- Credit Recovery Options
- Enrichment Options
- Synchronous Live Learning
- Whole-class hybrid learning
 - Full classes of students in a brick and mortar school taking a course not offered at their school with the teacher online and a facilitator in the room
 - Addresses teacher shortages
 - Expands course offerings
 - Advanced MS students may access high school material from their local school
- Whole-school/program blended learning
- Franchise' model where local school teachers, trained by IVSA, teach IVSA courses, online.
- Full-time virtual learning
 - Students remain enrolled in their home district but take full course-load through IVS/ILVA

Highlights of 21-22 School Year

- Educator of the Year Ceremony
- Lake County SPLASH
- Lake County Educator Job Fair
- Lake County Safety Conference

- ROE Shared Drive
- Free Virtual Field Trips for Districts
- Monthly Newsletters

New Initiatives 22-23 school year

- Birth to 5 Initiative
- Lake County School Safety Quarterly

Meetings

- Lake County ROE Leadership Academy
- Teacher Programs & Certifications

- Project Search
- ROE Foundation Initiatives
- Improved Truancy Services
- Early Childhood
- Teacher Programs & Certifications
- YouthBuild Systems
- CTE

Summer 23 Programs for Lake County

- Virtual Courses
- Virtual Stem Activities
- Mental Health Supports

• Assisting with In-Person District Programs

Jump Into Summer Program

• Free for any Lake County Student entering K-5



K-8 Summer Activities

• Free for any Lake County Student entering K-8

Math Acceleration

Enrichment Activities

STEM innovators Camp

ROBLOX Coding Camp

Money Matters Camp

Mental Health, Safety, Violence 23-24

- Countywide Mental Health Supports
 - o Access to Care for all Students if needed

- Violence Prevention
 - CBI, Conflict Resolution, De Escalation Trainings
- Safety
 - Apps for Districts in Need
 - 0 Countywide Notification System

School Safety Application

- Free for all Lake County School Districts
- Will help with a countywide notification system
- Assist local school districts if experiencing a lockdown



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
- PRP Panel
- Lake County Opioid Initiative
- Mothers Trust Foundation