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WHO WE ARE

Our History
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.

Regional Superintendents of Schools have served Illinois with distinction for 150 years (1865-2015). We provide districts with three vital support services relating to safety, support and success of schools.

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.

In 2015, the Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Services Centers consolidated to form the current Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS). In 2017-18, the 38 offices will serve students, educators and communities to insure the Safety, Support and Success of all.
Our Purpose
IARSS supports Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers in Illinois in their efforts to promote quality education for the school children and citizens of Illinois. We also provide educational leadership, impact public policy, and deliver educational services effectively for the benefit of Illinois school districts, other educational entities and educational system clients of all ages.

Our Role
The Regional Superintendent of Schools is the chief administrative officer of a Regional Office of Education, and the only elected education professional office in Illinois. ROEs/ISCs are essential support offices partnering with the Illinois State Board of Education to support local school districts.

As an intermediate agency between the Illinois State Board of Education and local school districts, the office of the Regional Superintendent performs regulatory functions as directed by the Illinois School Code.

The Code states that “the Regional Superintendent of Schools: “In the performance of this duty he shall...
• exercise supervision over all school districts in the region.
• act as the official advisor and assistant of the school officers and teachers in his region.
• carry out the advice of the State Superintendent of Education.”

Our Duties
In addition to coordinating and delivering state and local services, the Regional Superintendent acts as an advocate for education by providing positive leadership and disseminating information for educators, school districts and the public. Specific duties of the Regional Superintendent are stated in the School Code and can be summarized in two major areas, service and assurance to the public.
MAP: Regional Offices of Education & Intermediate Service Centers

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The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools represent 35 Regional Offices of Education (ROE) and 3 Intermediate Services Centers (ISC). These 38 offices are represented by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents (IARSS). The organization serves 6 geographic regions that represent all school districts in the State of Illinois. Each area works together to ensure that all services are offered to schools districts in the state. The ISC’s are operated by a Director that serves the Superintendents of their geographic region.

The ROE’s are designated by a number and may serve more than one county. Working collaboratively with the County Boards, Regional Superintendents work together throughout the state in a bipartisan manner to ensure that all children receive an education in a safe, supportive and successful environment.

Regional Superintendents of Schools are elected by their counties to serve as the chief administrative officers of an ROE. IARSS is proud of the services that we offer to our counties, districts, schools, and communities. Chicago Public Schools are served by IARSS through the ISCs in conjunction with Illinois State Board of Education.
SAFETY

Safety is a premier objective of IARSS. We support the safety in our schools by providing these shared services.

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.
Regional Office of Education
Intermediate Service Center – West Cook

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SUPPORT

Support of our schools is one way we work collaboratively with our districts, schools, parents and communities.

Licensure
Our offices make sure teachers are ready for the classroom. We issue, register and monitor educator licenses for teachers, administrators, substitutes and paraprofessionals. Every educator in a school can work with an IARSS member to renew their credentials.

Professional Development
IARSS is the provider of Foundational Services throughout that state. Every school has access to free, high-quality professional development that is written by the Illinois State Board of Education and delivered through our offices. Our staff works tirelessly on programs to provide educators trainings, conferences and help throughout the year to enhance their skills and provide even 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 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

Success is our goal for all students, in all schools, in all districts, in one state.

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.

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Serving Vermilion County
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