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FRANKLIN-JOHNSON-MASSAC-WILLIAMSON COUNTIES

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ISBE FALL 2020 LEARNING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Illinois State Board of Education has released the Fall 2020 Learning Recommendations, this document was created with the generous help of 58 educators who shared

their time, energy, and wisdom to create a compass to guide all 852 Illinois districts through the uncharted terrain that lies ahead. The document was created with the collective hope that these recommendations will help mitigate the learning loss suffered by our students and support educators in creating new learning opportunities for students in the fall. Our aim is not only to help students recover unfinished learning from spring 2020, but also to support the development of innovative instructional practices that will reduce or eliminate future learning loss. The ISBE Fall Learning Recommendations can be found at <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Fall-2020-Learning-Rec.pdf>

LORIE LEQUATTE, REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT
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Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick!

- Wash your hands often
- Wear a cloth face cover
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Keep **6 feet** of space between you and your friends

length of 1 jump rope
6 feet

cdc.gov/coronavirus

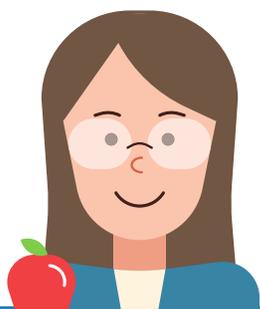
Licensure Updates

Due to SB 1569 being signed by Governor Pritzker, there is now a 1-year extension for educators needing to renew their license by June 30, 2020. You will find details below regarding the renewal extension.

Educator Licenses up for renewal this year, if not renewed by September 1 will be extended for one additional year.

On September 1, instead of lapsing, the license cycle will be pushed forward one additional year. Educators will have one additional fiscal year to complete any PD for the current cycle (which will be a six-year cycle.) When they renew in FY 21, they will receive a new five-year cycle.

License extensions will be automatic and occur September 1, 2020 in place of lapsing; educators DO NOT need to submit any sort of request to ISBE.



****Educators MUST register in ELIS for their year extension.****

Licenses will not lapse if the \$10.00 goes unpaid, but the fee will be required before the educator can renew next year.

Any educator who has completed the required PD should still renew by August 31. The extension is ONLY targeted toward educators who were unable to complete remaining PD hours due to offerings being cancelled during the pandemic.

New EdTech Classroom

How to use Google Classroom for parents!

check out this [video](#) for parents and guardians they can learn everything they need to know in order to best support their students with using Google Classroom. Google Classroom is a digital classroom platform where teachers most assignments, materials, announcements, and more. In this video, you'll learn how to optimize the settings of Google Classroom to best suit the needs of your family, how students can join classes, how students can look up what assignments they still need to complete, as well as what assignments have already been graded. You'll also learn how to use the calendar function to support with time management, how students can ask public and private questions, as well as how to receive email notification about missing and upcoming work directly to your inbox.



Learning Technology Center Virtual Workshops

The Regional Office of Education #21 is partnering with the LTC to offer virtual technology training sessions the first Friday of each month during the 2020-2021 School Year. The topics for each session will be determined by feedback from our needs assessment survey, in addition to your individual feedback. If you have specific technology needs, please email techneeds@roe21.org. We will try to accommodate our upcoming virtual sessions to fit the needs of our region. We will have topics determined for each session by mid-August.

SAVE THE DATE!

All sessions will be held virtually from 9:00am-12:00pm.

- September 4, 2020
- October 2, 2020
- November 6, 2020
- December 4, 2020
- January 8, 2021
- February 5, 2021
- March 5, 2021
- April 9, 2021
- May 7, 2021
- June 4, 2021



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #21

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & BUS DRIVER EVENTS

August 1, 2020 Bus Driver Initial Training held at Johnston City, Project ECHO

August 4, 2020 Google Classroom Training Session held Virtually

August 4, 2020 10:00-12:00 Creating Digital Assessments with Google Forms Held virtually

September 1, 2020 Bus Driver Refresher Course held at Crab Orchard CUSD #3 Gym

September 8, 2020 Bus Driver Refresher Course held at Central Jr. High School Cafeteria

September 10, 2020 Bus Driver Refresher Course held at Central Jr. High School Cafeteria

September 12, 2020 Bus Driver Initial Training held at Metropolis ROE #21 Office

October 3, 2020 Bus Driver Initial Training held at Johnston City Project ECHO

November 7, 2020 Bus Driver Initial Training held at Metropolis ROE Office

Back to  SCHOOL



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BACK TO SCHOOL How to Plan When You Don't Know What to Plan For

What school will look like in the fall is still uncertain for most of the U.S., but teachers can develop flexible plans that work for distance and in-class teaching.

By Katie Hicks, Sarah Schroeder

With so much outside our control, there are a few things teachers can do now. Set up your classroom to operate in all ways: face-to-face, remote, and blended (a combination of both). Remind yourself that you are resilient. Your students are resilient. Be confident that you can be present for your students no matter what. When you are intentional about building in flexible components from the start of the year, students' experiences will be better. Teachers can use the guide below, take a first step toward planning for the year. Start with items that you can control.

BUILD A COMMUNICATION PLAN

Chances are that you experienced communication challenges at some point last year. Reflect on those challenges.

- **Write out a plan:** In stormy seas, your parents, students, and colleagues will look to you to guide the ship into harbor.
- **Broadcast it:** Your plan is a beacon. Remind students and parents how and when you will be communicating. Your plan should set the foundation for all other communication.
- **Keep communication consistent:** Follow through with your plan. Initially, this may involve extra work. However, as soon as something changes, you'll be glad you made the effort.
- **Consider alternatives to email:** Text services like Remind limit characters and focus messaging. Also, texts are a lifeline for families who rely on mobile devices for access.

ORGANIZE CONTENT

Keep in mind that your online learning environment should support your face-to-face instruction—and your face-to-face instruction should support your online learning environment. When they complement each other, both are stronger.

CREATE ROUTINES THAT ARE CONSISTENT ACROSS ALL SPACES

Whether online or face-to-face, build a consistent routine for students with opportunities for choice and self-pacing. Here's a routine for any environment:

Check announcements.

Complete morning check-in.

Open module and begin first task.

With so much uncertainty about what next year looks like, it's easy to be overwhelmed. Start with the pieces you have control over. To read the full article from Edutopia visit:

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-plan-when-you-dont-know-what-plan>



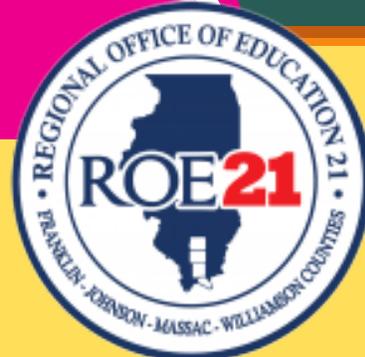
SCHOOL NEWS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE ROE #21 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PLEASE EMAIL: bgrove@roe21.org

We Are Teachers 88 Back-to-School Bulletin Board Ideas from Creative Teachers

Back to school is upon us! Some teachers will be teaching remotely, come in a hybrid model, and others will be heading to the classroom full time. If you will be joining those teachers physically going to school, one thing you'll be putting together is your classroom bulletin boards! There are so very many ideas out there for inspiration, and we've gathered just a few of our favorite back-to-school bulletin board ideas from around the web. Make this your best back-to-school time ever! Find all 88 Back-to-School Bulletin Board Ideas at:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/back-to-school-bulletin-board-ideas/>



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Welcome to Kids and Education!

The Division of Education is responsible for the development and dissemination of educational programs and materials and for training in their use. On Illinois DNR Web site you will be able to find information about educational materials for use in the classroom, grant opportunities, and teacher workshops. For the full list of Illinois DNR Educational information visit

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/AtoZ.aspx>



Check out the Biodiversity of Illinois Species

Many Biodiversity of Illinois species search pages have recently been posted to the IDNR Division of Education's Web page, and many more will be added in the coming months. We are also working to make searching the large number of files easier for you. See what you can learn about the species in Illinois at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/Biodiversity-of-Illinois.aspx>.

NEW! Illinois Birds: Volume V, Shorebirds Poster

The fifth in the Illinois Birds series of posters from the IDNR and the Illinois Audubon Society is now available. Illinois Birds: Volume V, Shorebirds is a two-sided, 24" by 36" poster that features 25 shorebird species that travel through, nest in and/or, for a few species, occasionally overwinter in the state. Shorebirds are often found around water or in places where the soil is wet as most of them feed by probing mud or damp soil with their bill to find small invertebrates to eat. The poster can be ordered from the publications Web page at:

<https://dnr2.illinois.gov/teachkids/>.



Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant Application Form for 2020

Would you like to implement or enhance wildlife habitat on the school grounds or other public place? The IDNR has funding to help you do so. Teachers, youth-group leaders and nature-center



personnel can apply for up to \$1,000.00 for projects such as pollinator gardens, butterfly gardens, prairie plots, bird nesting boxes, tree and shrub gardens and vernal pools. The 2020 application period is open now. There are two application options to select from: Option One for a Standard Pollinator Garden; and Option Two for a wildlife habitat of your choice. The final application deadline is November 30, 2020. The optional preliminary application deadline is October 31, 2020. You will find the application forms, instructions, instructional video podcasts and other information at the following Web site. Funding is provided by the Jadel Family Foundation and the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation of Skokie.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/GrantsSHAG.aspx>

Upcoming ENTICE Professional Development Workshops

Register soon for ENTICE professional development workshops for educators sponsored by the IDNR. ENTICE workshops provide background information, networking opportunities, hands-on lessons, supplemental resources on the topic and the opportunity to work with resources professionals. Professional Development Hours are available. Correlations to relevant Next Generation Science Standards and/or Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards are provided. Shown below is a list of upcoming workshops. Visit <https://www.enticeworkshops.com> for details, the complete list of workshops and to register. Experience ENTICE!

