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Regional Office of Education #21

Franklin, Johnson, Massac, Williamson Counties

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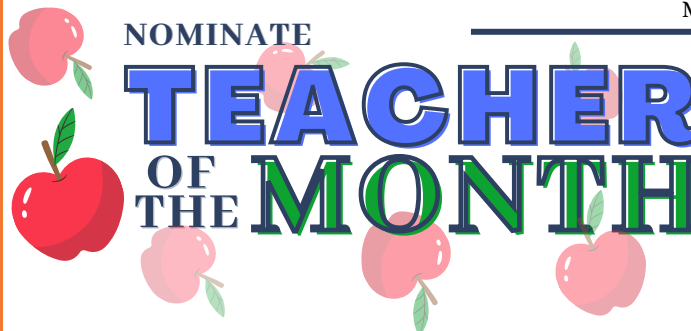
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ROE #21 HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed 12:00-1:00
for lunch



Please visit us at
www.roe21.org



Teachers play a vital role in the lives of children, young adults, families, and society. The Regional Office of Education #21 would like to promote positivity and help create awareness of the amazing things that take place on a regular basis in our Southern Illinois Schools. Each month, ROE #21 will recognize one outstanding educator and highlight his/her achievements. We invite community members, administrators, teachers, colleagues, and other school personnel to nominate a Teacher of the Month. For the month of September, we will spotlight Franklin County Teachers! Nominations must be submitted by September 20, 2022.

Visit roe21.org for more information and click [HERE](#) to nominate a deserving teacher of your choice!

WELCOME BACK ADMINISTRATORS



ROE #21 Back to School Administrator's Meeting

We kicked off the school year with our Back-to-School Administrator's Meeting on August 3, 2022! Dr. Lionel Allen and Sara Boucek presented to our group of administrators to motivate and inform everyone as we transition back to school.



Project ECHO Alternative School & STARQuest Academy has a new Dean of Students!

It is our pleasure to welcome Jason Spannagel into his new position as Dean of Students! Jason will provide support for Project ECHO Alternative School and STAR Quest Academy Regional Safe School.



Project ECHO Alternative School & STARQuest Academy has a new Secretary!

It is our pleasure to welcome Julie Hillard into her new position as a Secretary at Project ECHO Alternative School and STARQuest Academy Regional Safe School. Julie will provide support for Students and Staff!

Suicide Prevention Week September 4- 10



The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) recognizes the month of September as National Suicide Prevention Month: a moment in time in which we rally the public to create awareness of this leading cause of death, and inspire more and more people to learn how they can play a role in their communities in helping to save lives. Alternatively recognized as National Suicide Prevention Week (generally the week after Labor Day) and World Suicide Prevention Day (September 10), AFSP takes advantage of the full month to offer understanding and guidance for the public through special events, personal stories and perspectives, shareable social graphics and other materials designed to help people know what they can do if they or someone they know is struggling, and how to have authentic, caring conversations about suicide and mental health. You can read more at nspw.afsp.org.



Upcoming Professional Development & Events

September 2, 2022

The Power of Positive Leadership AA #3927
(In Person)

September 9, 2022

SEL Is it Sensory or is it Behavior
(In Person)

September 14, 2022

Subs for Subs
Short-Term Substitute Training
(In Person)

September 15, 2022

Care but Don't Own Their Trauma
(In Person)

September 23, 2022

Instructional Coaching Cohort
#5 Session 1
(In Person)

September 28, 2022

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Training
(In Person - Kokopelli Golf Course)



Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

September 6, 2022

Bus Driver Refresher Training
(In Person - CJHS West Frankfort)

Closed

Please note, all ROE #21 offices will be **closed** September, 5, 2022 in honor of Labor Day!

Licensure

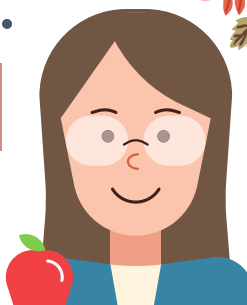
Licensure Registration

In order to be valid for employment, all educator licenses must be registered in ELIS. The fee is \$10 per year per license. Additional regions may be added at no cost.

When do you register your license?

1. When your license is first issued - your license is not valid until it is registered.
2. When you complete your renewal cycle and enter your professional development. This will occur every 5 years for most licenses. Make sure you are aware of your validity period as it is the license holder's responsibility to maintain their license properly.

If you are a teacher or a substitute teacher in Franklin, Johnson, Massac or Williamson County, please ensure that your license is registered in the Regional Office of Education #21.



Attendance Awareness Month



September is attendance awareness month! Our truancy interventionists, Mr. Jeff Bink, Mr. John Cox, and Mr. Luke Saeger have begun visiting school districts this year. They have been sharing the truancy process and ROE #21's role in supporting teachers and administrators, who are the first line of defense. A quote from attendance works, "When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating."

Begin your journey to becoming a National Board Certified Teacher during the 2022-2023 school year!

The state fall subsidy window opens September 1st and closes on October 11, 2022! This subsidy pays for all fees related to the certification process. There is a \$75 nonrefundable registration fee, this is the only cost a teacher or counselor will incur. Click [here](#) to learn more about the subsidy. Free support is available throughout the certification process and support sessions are anticipated to begin in the middle of September.

For more information, view [this presentation](#) and brief [video](#) from National Board Certified Teachers.

Informational webinars will be held on various evenings in September. Participants may register [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to the National Board Resource Center at (309) 438-1835 or nbrcc@illinoisstate.edu.

AREA VI



ROE #21 Social Emotional Learning Cohort #2 forming now!

As the Area VI Wellness Hub, ROE #21 is excited to invite a new cohort (Cohort #2) of educators to be a part of our Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Response Grant.

This grant opportunity will help build capacity and meet the wellness needs of students and staff and also provide resources and structured supports to all.

Cohort #2 will be offered at no charge and will include:

- A stipend for each school leader to participate.
- 6 Full day in-person sessions to be held at our Marion ROE #21 Training Center.
- Training and professional development sponsored by ISBE, REACH, and ROE #21.
- Creating a school reach team for your school.
- An evidence-informed needs assessment (TRS-IA) for your school.
- Creating a plan of action for your school

Please contact Dr. Christine Wiggs for information.
cwiggs@roe21.org

ROE #21's Four Strategic Priorities

ROE #21 has identified four strategic priorities to focus on over the next three years to help improve its mission effectiveness and address significant challenges facing the ROE#21 education community. ROE #21 will not only secure and invest financial and human resources, but will build and maintain strong relationships and partnerships with districts and communities and contribute to lasting, systemic change for the region

1 Increase awareness of ROE#21 and its programs and services

ROE#21 stakeholders participating in the compression planning session held January 18, 2022 identified as the single most important focus for ROE#21 over the next three years: To enhance and improve ROE#21 communications and marketing regarding ROE programs and services to school districts and constituents.

3 Expand professional learning opportunities and district continuous improvement processes

Southern Illinois schools haven't escaped the nationwide learning loss and need for continuous school improvement due to the pandemic. Quality school leadership is a key component of any reform effort directed at improving student achievement. Research has established that school and student performance are both positively linked to the effectiveness of the principal and teachers.

2 Become a leading voice and advocate for southern Illinois schools

ROE#21 harnesses resources and facilitates collaboration to help schools and districts address evolving needs. The Needs Assessment conducted in the Fall of 2022 identified two critical challenges the ROE#21 education communities are facing:

- 1) Teacher/staff shortage; and
- 2) SEL/Mental Health supports.

4 Develop systems and processes for evaluating programs and services

Research indicates that organizations that evaluate their programs in order to determine if they're making a difference (i.e., achieving outcomes) as well as to continuously improve their program models and designs, are two to three times more likely to sustain and grow. These organizations also have a more accurate understanding of their cost-per-outcome and can better manage their programs and services. Organizations need to have the capacity to evaluate their success, including being able to gather process data and community/district impact data. ROE #21 can then leverage that data for their work and measure the success of their efforts.



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Community Resources.....

Community Prevention Resources Returns to the New School Year with Communication Campaigns to Help Prevent Substance Use in Local Communities!



This year, Community Prevention Resources is using The Elephant in the Room, Use Your Cube, and Not the Vibe communication campaigns to educate and empower healthy behavior in students.

- **Use Your Cube** is a campaign that is designed specifically for local middle school students to prevent underage alcohol use.
- **The Elephant in the Room** is also created locally with a focus on preventing underage drinking, but takes a different perspective in an effort to support the parents of middle school students.
- **Not the Vibe** is a campaign designed by the state to help high school students better understand the risks of vaping.

These campaigns are funded in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. For more information on these programs, visit whoiscpr.com.



Subs for Subs is Back!

Registration is now open for the September SUBS FOR SUBS Event!

On September 14, 2022, Regional Office of Education #21 will host SUBS FOR SUBS in an effort to help the substitute teacher shortage.

During this time individuals will complete their short-term substitute training, get licensed and complete a background check to join the ROE#21 Sublist. ROE #21 is currently looking for local businesses to partner with for the SUBS FOR SUBS lunch. If you are interested in partnering with ROE #21 please contact our office at (618) 998-1283.



Short-term Substitute Training

If you would like to sign up to participate in the SUBS FOR SUBS Event visit our website at <https://www.roe21.org/calendar/>

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OPEN

OUR JOHNSON COUNTY OFFICE IS OPEN!

We are happy to announce that the ROE #21 Johnson County Office is now open on Tuesday & Thursday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. We will offer fingerprinting services by appointment only. The office will be closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00pm

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