



AUGUST 2021
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Franklin, Johnson, Massac, Williamson Counties

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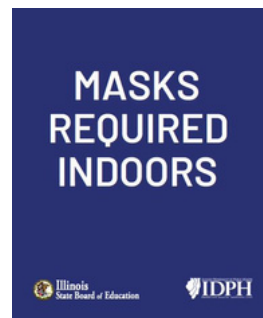
An Evening with Gerry Brooks

You are invited to a FREE event to celebrate our educators! This event will be held on September 9, 2021 at Castle Ridge in Centralia, IL. Light appetizers & live music will be on the patio starting at 6:00pm. Gerry Brooks will present in the Grand Ball Room from 6:50pm-8:30pm. Due to limited seating for this event, a ticket will be required to attend. Please notify your district, prior to August 31st, if you would like to attend.



Universal Mask Wearing Inside Schools

Governor JB Pritzker announced an Executive Order that supports safe in-person learning and requires all educators, staff, students and visitors to K-12 schools to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. The CDC strengthened their guide last week to universal mask wearing inside schools. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has published an [updated guide](#) to reflect this change. In addition, all schools in the State of Illinois now have access to free COVID-19 testing through IDPH.



ROE #21 has a new PACT Truancy Interventionist!

It is our pleasure to welcome Mr. Luke Saeger to join our Partners Against Chronic Truancy (PACT) program. Luke will be housed in the Franklin County ROE #21 office and will assist the ROE #21 Truancy Program by providing services to our districts and communities in both Franklin and Williamson Counties.



ROE #21 has a new McKinney-Vento Assistant Program Director

It is our pleasure to welcome Mrs. Lisa Drury to join our McKinney-Vento Homeless program. Lisa will be housed in the Williamson County ROE #21 office and will assist the McKinney Vento Program by providing services to our districts and communities in Franklin, Johnson, Massac and Williamson Counties.



Educator Licensure

Short-Term Approvals for Teachers

Requirements:

Content Knowledge Pathway

- Hold a bachelor's degree in a teaching content area or a bachelor's degree in any area AND 32 semester hours of content area coursework from a regionally accredited institution
- Pass the applicable licensure content test
- District must also maintain a weekly mentoring and coaching log, and submit the log annually to its ROE/ISBE, using ISBE Form 83-82

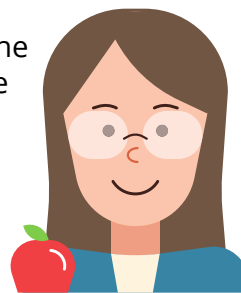
Short-Term Approval for Teachers at All Grade Levels

- Hold a valid PEL endorsed in a teaching field
- Complete ONE of the following:
 - 9 semester hours of coursework in the applicable content area
 - A passing score on the applicable content area test

Career and Technical Education

- Hold a PEL with a teaching endorsement OR hold one of the ELS-CTE licenses and have one year of teaching experience
- Have completed 240 hours (6 weeks full-time) of work experience OR hold professional certification in the content area sought

Short-Term Approvals for Teachers Flyer can be found [HERE](#)



Professional Development

Professional Development Partnerships!

Need help making sense of your IAR or SAT assessment scores, or even your local assessment data? Does your school need training in a specific learning strategy or content area? We are here to partner with you and facilitate conversations on how to close achievement gaps and help with unfinished learning. Check out our new fee-for-service partnership package [HERE](#)! Any package may be customized to fit the needs of your school!

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Professional Development Partnership Packages

We are excited at ROE #21 to partner with you to support your district needs!

Professional Development Options	Options for Delivery
Staff training in any of the following areas (or a combination of topics): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy• Math• Science• Response to Intervention (RTI)/ Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS)• Social Improvement Planning• Data Analysis• Family Engagement• Social Emotional Learning (SEL)• Classroom Management	Staff training in any of the following areas (or a combination of topics): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Illinois Priority Learning Standards (PLS)• Full Illinois Learning Standards• Subject Specific Standards Forces (i.e., writing, social-emotional learning, etc.)• Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Resources• SAT Suite of Assessments• Curriculum Evaluation Tool (CET)
Presentation Model: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour of professional development presentation (3000)• 1 day of professional development presentation (8000)• Full day of professional development presentation (15,000)	Presentation Model with Coaching Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 hours of professional development presentation and coaching support (\$2,000)• 20 hours of professional development presentation and coaching support (\$4,000) (i.e., facilitating grade-level conversations, observing lessons, PLC collaboration, etc.)

*Hours may be utilized at one time or spread across the school year in the format of your choice (i.e., school improvement days, faculty meetings, Professional Learning Communities, etc.)

**Additional hours may be added

Professional development and coaching support can be customized for each district/school.

***CONTACT us at ROE #21 with any questions or additional needs of professional development services. We look forward to partnering together to support your school, staff, and students!

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Upcoming Professional Development & Events

August 19-20, 2021

Administrator Academy# 2000
Initial Principal
Evaluation Training
(Virtual)

August 20, 2021

Dealing with Burnout and Stress
(In Person)

August 30, 2021

Remote Learning for
Paraprofessionals
(Virtual)

September 8, 2021

Advanced Uses of
Google Classroom
(Virtual)

September 9, 2021

Gerry Brooks Evening Session
(In Person)

September 10, 2021

Stewards of Children
(In Person)

September 17, 2021

Instructional Coaching Cohort #4
(Hybrid)

Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

(All events must be held in person)

August 31, 2021 Refresher

Crab Orchard School
Marion, IL

September 7, 2021 Refresher

Central Jr. High West
Frankfort, IL



Please visit www.roe21.org
for additional information

Professional Development

Southern Illinois Google Level 1 Certification Prep Cohort

Starting September 21 & 24, 2021

- Grow your professional learning network
- Attain the skills and knowledge needed to pass the Educator Level 1 certification exam
- Two virtual cohort options to fit your schedule
- Earn up to 15 PD hours
- And best of all - it's FREE to join!



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September 21, 2021 Cohort A (Tuesdays) - Register [HERE](#)

September 24 Cohort B (Fridays) - Register [HERE](#)

Hosted by: Joe Cipfl RETC South P: (618) 534-4825 E: jcipfl@ltcillinois.org

Trees Create Habitats for Wildlife Professional Development



Location: Cache River Visitors Center, Cypress

Date: November 6, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

During this workshop, we will discover how trees provide important habitats for many wildlife species. We will discuss common trees in the area and how they provide benefits to specific animals. Learn how you can use trees on your school grounds to help you study wildlife with your students. Although targeted to teachers of grades prekindergarten through four, educators of other grade levels are welcome to register for the workshop but may need to adapt the information and activities, as appropriate. Correlations to relevant Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards will be provided and discussed. Professional Development Credit is available. Sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, this workshop is part of the ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) program.

| [Register for this Workshop](#) |

Classroom Resources

Illinois Historic Sites Field Trip Grant

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Division of Education offers grants to support taking students of grades prekindergarten through 12 on field trips to visit select Illinois state historic sites. Applications are being accepted now.

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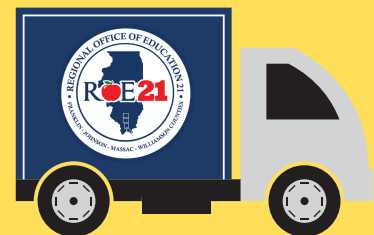
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/GrantsIHSFTG.aspx> to access the application form and instructions. The application deadline for the 2021-2022 school-year grants is September 30, 2021.



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You can now find up to date Employment Opportunities on our website at:
<https://www.roe21.org/jobs/>

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The Williamson County
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Back to School

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90 Back-to-School Bulletin Board Ideas from Creative Teachers

Back to school is nearly here and it's time to start thinking about those classroom bulletin boards! There are so many ideas out there for inspiration.



Make this your best back-to-school ever! Psst...want to get your students involved in creating your bulletin boards? Check out Board Ideas [HERE](#)



Not Again! How to Keep From Overextending Yourself This Year

Experts say it's important to set clear limits and prioritize certain tasks early on in the school year to help prevent stress and burnout later.

When asked to take on a new project or role at her school, Kasey Short's first thought is always "YES!" That's usually the case for teachers, who, like Short, a sixth-grade humanities teacher in North Carolina, often add to their regular workload by enthusiastically saying yes to extra duties and extracurricular at the beginning of the school year. But taking on too many responsibilities and being overly ambitious leaves many teachers burned out by October—the infamous fall slump. Read the full article [HERE](#)

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First Day Back Tips for Teachers



The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time, but it can also be quite anxiety-provoking for many students. Some students are attending school for the first time and others are moving into a new classroom with a teacher and peers they do not yet know. This school year, beginning of the year anxieties may be magnified, as many students and their teachers will be returning to the classroom for the first time in more than a year. Here is a list of five things that teachers should consider doing on the first day of class. Experts say it's important to set clear limits and prioritize certain tasks early on in the school year to help prevent stress and burnout later.

- Ensure that the classroom is warm and inviting physically and psychologically.
- Use the day to get to know your students; it is important to make personal connections with each of them.
- Help the students get to know each other; they need to feel safe with you AND with their peers.
- Introduce students to the classroom routines in fun and interesting ways. Even students returning to school will need to be re-socialized to the academic environment.
- Do not feel that you need to jump into academic subjects right away. Keep academic demands to a minimum with an emphasis on what students have already covered, recognizing that there will be learning loss for many.



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