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Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Counties

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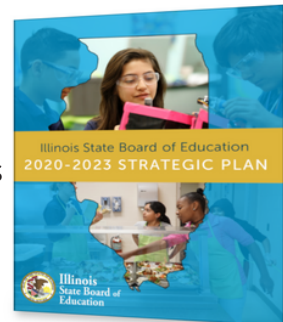
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ISBE's Strategic Plan

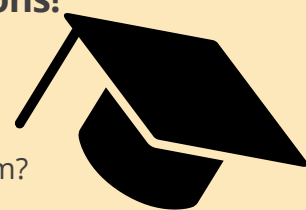
The holidays bring opportunities to celebrate ISBE's Strategic Plan! This plan is a roadmap for Illinois public schools through school year 2022-23. The plan was designed in partnership with all education stakeholders from around the state and deeply informed by their input and feedback.

This partnership was essential in ensuring the plan is responsive to the needs of every student. It is built around three overarching goals, all underpinned by equity: student learning, learning conditions, and elevating educators. These goals are held together by four principles that guide ISBE's work - equity, quality, collaboration, and community - and our responsibility to tirelessly pursue educational equity for all of our students in all of our classrooms, schools, and districts. View the ISBE Strategic Plan [HERE](#).



Golden Apple is now accepting applications!

Help us address the critical teacher shortage in Illinois, especially in hard-to-staff subjects and high-need communities.



Who Is eligible for the Golden Apple Scholars program?

- Students attending Illinois schools who are high school seniors, freshmen/sophomores and community college students
- Illinois residents, U.S. citizens, eligible non-citizens, or Illinois Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students

Standardized test scores are optional and not required for acceptance to the program this year

Golden Apple Scholars receive:

- Up to \$23,000 in financial assistance for college, inclusive of paid Scholar Institutes
- Extensive classroom teaching
- Experience academic and social-emotional support
- Job placement assistance Mentoring from our award-winning teaching faculty

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<https://www.goldenapple.org/scholars>

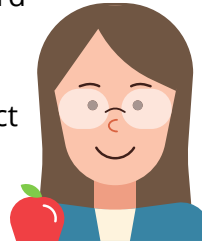


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Educator Licensure

Do you have educator licensure or license renewal-related questions you need answered?

Check out the new "Contact Us" webpage. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Regional Offices of Education (ROEs) and Intermediate Service Centers (ISCs) work closely together to provide you with timely, accurate service. You can locate contact information for your local ROE/ISC [here](#).



Licensure Reminder

The educator license renewal window opens April 1st, 2021. If you are up for renewal this year (FY21) and you have completed the required professional development, you may renew your license after April 1, 2021.

Technology Tips

25 Things You Might Not know Slides can do!

1. [Create an Interactive Table of Contents](#)
2. [Internal Linking \(Linking to Other Slides\)](#)
3. [Create Interactive Learning \(and Student Table of Contents\)](#)
4. [Customize the Size of Your Slides](#)
5. [Download As...](#)
6. [Create an eBook with Google Slides](#)
7. [Create Images with a Transparent Background](#)
8. [Add a Drop Shadow and Format Image Options](#)
9. [Integrate with Google Keep](#)
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11. [Pear Deck](#)
12. [Icons by Noun Project](#)
13. [Unsplash Photos](#)
14. [Publish to the Web](#)
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17. [Customize Video Start & End time](#)
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19. [Insert Audio \(25 Ways to Use Audio in Google Slides Projects\)](#)
20. [Voice Type Speaker Notes](#)
21. [Insert Charts](#)
22. [Link Data and Other Files](#)
23. [Insert Diagrams](#)
24. [Import Slides from Drive or Upload PPT](#)
25. [Stop Motion Animation](#)



Regional Office Of Education #21

Upcoming Professional Development (All events will be virtual)

January 6, 2021
Co-Teaching Strategies

January 7, 2021 Short-term
Substitute Teacher Training

January 8, 2021 Applying The
Flipped Classroom Model to the
In-Person/Remote Learning
Hybrid Schedule Using
Google Tools

January 15, 2020 Instructional
Coaching Cohort #3 Day 4

Upcoming Bus Driver Trainings

(All events must be held in person)

January 9, 2021 Bus Driver
Initial Training held at
Johnston City Project ECHO

February 6, 2021 Bus Driver
Initial Training held at
Metropolis ROE #21 Office

February 23, 2021 Bus Driver
Refresher Training held at
Vienna High School

March 13, 2021 Bus Driver Initial
Training held at Johnston City
Project ECHO

Please visit www.roe21.org
for additional information



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Professional Development

Mental Health Support for Students and Educators

The Illinois State Board of Education is proud to announce a new program to increase mental health supports for Illinois students and educators. Every Illinois educator can access online trainings to recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma and to address students' social-emotional and mental health needs, while fostering your own personal and professional resilience and self-care skills.

During the pandemic, students may be experiencing greater anxiety, depression, substance use, and thoughts of suicide. As educators, we are a critical line of defense in recognizing when a student needs help. Many of you are also experiencing greater levels of stress and burnout.

This online portal features universal trainings on the impact of trauma on children and adolescents, the intersection between race and trauma, crisis response strategies, and school wide trauma-responsive policies and classroom practices to build resilience among students. Critically, the virtual trainings also support educators' own personal and professional well-being and self-care during COVID-19 and beyond. Illinois educators who complete the virtual, on-demand trainings will have the opportunity to receive training credits/Professional Development Hours. For more information Access Virtual Trainings [HERE](#).



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In addition to these new virtual trainings, ISBE has compiled resources to support students' and educators' mental health 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The list includes the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (call 1-800-273-8255 for free and confidential support Access Mental Health Resources [HERE](#)).

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant

Application Form for 2021 Available Teachers of grades prekindergarten through 12 in Illinois, including home-schooling teachers, may apply to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to receive funding to support natural resources-related field trips. Bus transportation and substitute teacher fees are the primary expenses covered. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2021. The optional preliminary application deadline is January 15, 2021. Visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/education/Pages/GrantsIBFTG.aspx> for the application form, instructional video podcasts and complete grant instructions.

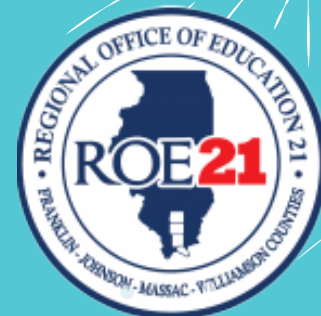


ENTICE Professional Development Workshops

Register soon for ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) professional development workshops for educators sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. 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!

School NEWS!

If you would like to receive the ROE #21 monthly newsletter please email: bgrove@roe21.org



HAPPY

New Year

2021

ROE21

FREE - Virtual Professional Development

THE NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: A STORY OF HUMAN COURAGE THAT MUST BE TOLD January 12, 2021 | 3:30 - 5:00pm CST

For educators in grades 7-12

History tells us that the majority of people, including well-educated professors, scientists, clergy, and common citizens, supported, collaborated with, or even zealously participated in persecution and murder of minority groups including Jews during the Nazi regime.

What was it that enabled a small Christian minority to resist being drawn into the hatred, violence, and genocide we now call the Holocaust?

Participants will explore the challenges, choices, and consequences of nonconformity at a time when being different could cost a person their freedom, or even their life. Teaching this little known history raises important moral and ethical questions about intolerance, peer pressure, personal responsibility, and respect for human life, including the law of conscience. Explore resources to engage students in this important history by means of non-graphic archival

footage, primary documents, holocaust art, and personal survivor experiences and testimonies.

Workshop Includes: Educator Resources

1.5 Clock Hour/CPDU Register by clicking [HERE](#)



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
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Classroom Resources

Supplement your Virtual Field Trip with a Virtual Teaching Trunk for FREE!

Designed for grades K-4, 5-6 and 7-12, our virtual Teaching Trunks include access to e-books and digital texts, award-winning Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center produced films, remote lessons and activities, as well as digital "arte-facts" to help students explore the stories of local Holocaust survivors.

Information and registration for Virtual Teaching Trunks can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#)

Winter Videos for Kids at Home & in the Classroom

All teachers know that with winter, kids become very distracted by the holidays and school breaks. Showing a short video breaks up the flow of class and keeps students interested in their learning. Winter videos can teach students about snow, ice, the seasons, and holidays around the world.

[1. Learn about winter](#)

[2. What makes it snow?](#)

[3. Why does water turn into ice?](#)

[4. Different kinds of ice](#)

[5. Exploring the Arctic](#)

[6. Math in the Winter Olympics](#)

These and more winter learning videos can be found at:

<https://www.boredteachers.com/resources/best-winter-videos>



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New Year's Day

January 1, 2021

Marin Luther King Jr. Day

January 18, 2021

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Holidays

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

If you are virtual, in person, or a hybrid, we have created a complete menu of national and state standard aligned programs for students and educators for 2021. From Virtual Field Trips to Virtual Student Leadership Days, we have everything you need to incorporate lessons on the Holocaust, genocide, human rights, civics and SEL education into your classroom. Our programs are meant to engage, inspire, and motivate students to become engaged citizens and Upstanders in their home, school, or community.

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS INCLUDE:

- [In Our Voices | Karkomi Holocaust Exhibition](#)
- [Thematic Holocaust Live Virtual Field Trips](#)
- [Make a Difference! Youth Exhibition Virtual Field Trips](#)
- [Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#)
- [Mandela: Struggle for Freedom](#)



ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM
& EDUCATION CENTER

Student & Educator Programs

Financial Assistance available through Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center Opportunity Scholarship program.

Amazing Educational Virtual Field Trips

Field trip out of the question? Think again. Thanks to technology, it's now possible for kids to visit all kinds of places from the comfort of their classroom (or home!).

1. **A Planetarium-** Through [Stellarium Web](#), kids can explore over 60,000 stars, locate planets, and watch sunrises and solar eclipses. If you enter your location, you can see all the constellations that are visible in the night sky in your corner of the world.
2. **Yellowstone National Park-** The first established National Park and popular vacation destination is now accessible to virtual travelers. The [interactive maps](#) are a great way to see the Mammoth Hot Springs and Mud Volcano.
3. **Boston Children's Museum-** "Walk" through all three floors of the Boston Children's Museum on this [virtual tour](#). Direct your kids to fun exhibits like Explore-a-Saurus and the Japanese House.
4. **The Smithsonian-** The National Museum of Natural History's [virtual experiences](#) are self-guided, room-by-room tours of permanent, current, and past exhibits. Make sure to send kids to the second floor Bone Hall so they can take a look at all different kinds of skeletons.
5. **360 Cities-** Boasting the world's largest collection of 360° images videos, [360 Cities](#) provides kids with the opportunity to see stunning panoramas across the globe. Their video of black ants walking on the dirt is pretty amazing.
6. **The Great Wall of China** See one of the wonders of the world with this amazing, thousands-year old fortification system known the world over. This [virtual tour](#) has three options for touring the ancient structure: Jinshaling to Simatai, watchtower, and winter.
7. **Son Doong Cave-** National Geographic lets you explore the world's largest cave, located in Vietnam. Use the [interactive map](#) to enjoy the fully immersive experience (sound on!).
8. **Back Through Time-** [Virtually visit](#) Turn Back the Clock, a museum exhibit that ran for two years at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago.



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