MCHENRY COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #44

FY21 ANNUAL REPORT

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REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MCHENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

As Superintendent of the McHenry County Regional Office of Education, I hereby submit the annual report of activities of this office from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
This report is an overview and is not inclusive of all of the services and collaborative partnerships the Regional Office of Education provides as am educational leader for the benefit of the schools and citizens of McHenry County. This report uses information from end-of year reports from the Illinois State Board of Education website to make this Annual R
report as comprehensive as possible.
We hope it will help you better understand the work our office and the educators of McHenry County provide to ensure our schools are safe and nurturing places of learning where all people are valued and respected. Due to Covid-19, the McHenry County Regional Office of Education programs adapted to the regulations as mandated by Governor J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The mission of the Regional Office of Education #44 is to serve districts and private school to promote regular student attendance, secure the benefits of best practice professional development, ensure a safe and secure environment for student learning, and assure compliance with the regulations of the school code of Illinois representative of an excellent education essential for success in the world of work and in life.

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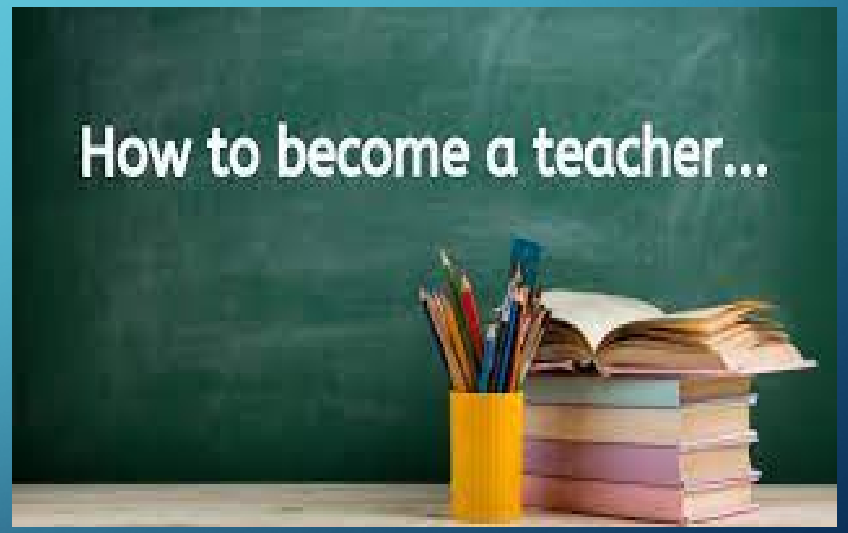
McHenry County Regional Office of Education
Number of Districts: 19
Geographic Area: 603 square miles

WHO WE ARE

• Regional Superintendent	Diana Hartmann Ed. S.
• Assistant Regional Superintendent	Michael Freeman M.Ed.
• Licensure Officer	Annette Jablonski
• Administrative Specialist II	Cathie Fisher
• Truancy Officer	Tim Dempsey
• Assistant Truancy Officer	Misty Lerner
• Drug Free Communities Grant Coordinator	Laura Crain

TEACHER LICENSURE

- The McHenry County Regional Office of Education serves teachers and administrators with all aspects of their credential needs. The office provides instructions on how to access the Educators Licensure Information System (ELIS). The office gives information on how to apply for licenses, endorsements, approvals; how to enter professional development credit hours using ELIS. We answer questions via email, phone and in person.



GRASP LEARN AND GROW

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CLASSES

- 36 Refresher Classes
- 395 Refresher Participants
- 12 Initial Classes
- 114 New Drivers Certified

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FINGERPRINTING

- 729 Individuals/Staff for Districts
- 118 New Substitutes
- 36 School Bus Drivers/Independent

The Regional Office of Education provides fingerprinting services for most McHenry County Schools. Both public and non-public schools along with independent cab companies. The Illinois School Code requires all new employees to have both a State and FBI criminal background check. The electronic submission of fingerprints allows the Schools or the ROE to typically receive results within 24-72 hours, so the employment can start quickly.

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High School Equivalency (GED)

- 82 GED Certificates Issued
- 287 GED Official Transcripts Issued
- 148 GED Verification Received

The GED test is either taken online or at McHenry County College. This test is offered to those who are 17 years of age or older in English and Spanish. The test contains 4 sections:

- Reasoning Through Language Arts: 150 mins
- Mathematical Reasoning: 90 mins
- Science: 90 mins
- Social Studies: 90 mins

The final component of the GED is the passing of The Constitution test.

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The ROE is responsible for annually inspecting all public-school buildings. The Regional Office reviews construction plans for code compliance, issuance of building permit, and upon review, issuance of school occupancy permits.

Life Safety Inspections Conducted: 84
Building Permits Issued: 47
Health/Life Safety Amendments Approved: 15
Certificates of Occupancy Issued: 41

Health and Life Safety

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AT-RISK STUDENT SERVICES

- Letters Sent Out 400
- Regional Hearings 102
- Districts Served 19
- Court Appearances 15
- Home Visits Intervention Cases 3795
- School Visits Intervention Case 2000

As a community, our duty is to ensure our school buildings are safe, nurturing places of learning where all people, young and old, are valued and respected.

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Homeschooling (105 ILCS 5/26-1)

The Regional Office of Education serves as a resource to those parents who are interested in homeschooling their children. Information is shared with the parents to assist them. A request is made for parents to register with the Regional Office as a homeschooling parent and assure that education is being provided to their children. This is at no cost to the families.

- Student Employment Certificates

The Regional Office of Education severs students under the age of 16 with Employment Certificates. The student's parent or legal guardian must fill out a consent form in order to allow the child to work in the state of Illinois.

- 193 Student Employment Certificates were Issued

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANT

- The Drug Free Communities Support Program (DFC) is a federal grant program that provides funding to community-based coalitions that organize to prevent youth substance use. The philosophy behind the DFC program is that local drug problems require local solutions.
- The Regional Office of Education serves as the fiscal agent that received the grant in 2013 with the McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition. The coalition currently has over 300 members and represents over 75 agencies that work together to address substances use issues in McHenry County.