



Regional Office Of
EDUCATION
HENDERSON, KNOX, MERCER AND WARREN COUNTIES
Serving our schools and communities.

Annual Report

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Regional Office of Education #33 Mission

Our Mission Statement: *"to serve our schools and communities by providing educational resources, partnerships, and opportunities"*

The Role of Regional Superintendent

Since 1865, the Regional Superintendents of Schools have served Illinois with distinction for over 150 years. The Regional Superintendent shall exercise supervision and control over all school districts in the region. "The Regional Superintendent of Schools," is the chief administrative officer of a Regional Office of Education (ROE).

As an intermediate agency between the Illinois State Board of Education and local school districts, the office of the Regional Superintendent performs regulatory functions as directed by the Illinois School Code. Illinois School Code states that the Regional Superintendent of Schools:

Shall act as the official advisor and assistant of the school officers and teachers in this region. In the performance of this duty she/he shall carry out the advice of the State Superintendent of Education.

In addition to coordinating and delivering state and local services, the Regional Superintendent acts as an advocate for education by providing positive leadership and disseminating information for educators, school districts, and the public.



A Message from the Regional Superintendent



As Regional Superintendent of Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren Counties, I am pleased to submit the annual report from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This report provides insight on how the ROE supports our communities, schools and families. I am certain that it will provide you with an overview of the services that are offered by ROE #33, and that it will also give you a better understanding of the tasks that our office undertakes to fulfill our continued mission to serve our schools and communities by providing educational resources, partnerships and opportunities.

Our growth pattern has been a steep one. We continue to expand our services and develop new partnerships throughout our communities. I want to express my appreciation of our outstanding staff members in ROE #33 for their committed and dedicated work on behalf of our students and educators. We have continued providing high quality early childhood programs, after school programs, adult education, alternative school opportunities, truancy and family literacy. We have heightened our focus on school safety and behavioral, and mental health, creating training and providing services around trauma informed practices.

I, as your Regional Superintendent, have had the opportunity to serve as the chairperson for our Licensure committee for the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, as well as our Area Chair. I have served on the Performance Evaluation Advisory Council since 2010 and continue to serve on that council.

Our office continues to work closely with the Illinois State Board of Education to ensure the best support possible for our local school districts. Our continued communication with local legislators also serves us well and we work closely to develop legislation that will aid in the current teacher shortage we continue to face.

On behalf of myself, Lori Loving, Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools, and the entire ROE #33 staff, we want to thank you for your continued support and commitment to the students and families in our region.

Sincerely,

Jodi L. Scott

Regional Superintendent of Schools



Regional Board of School Trustees

The Regional Board of School Trustees is a group of elected officials responsible for hearing cases regarding requests for detachment and annexation.

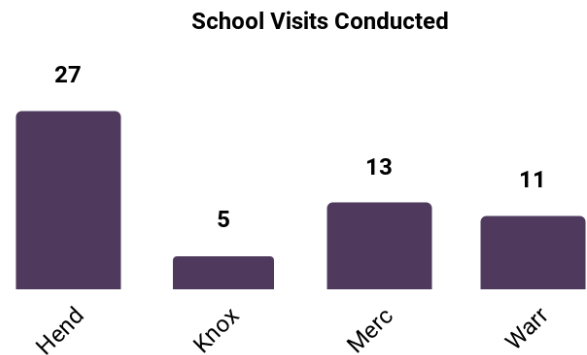
Members of the Regional Board of School Trustees include:

- Rodney Bunch**, *Knox County*
- Barb Chiles**, *Mercer County*
- Deb DeCrane**, *Knox County*
- Richard Lutz**, *Henderson County*
- Charles Peirce**, *Warren County*
- Rick Winbigler**, *Warren County*
- Leland Wight**, *Knox County*

Schools Served

ROE #33 works with schools across 9 districts, as well as 3 parochial schools, across Henderson, Knox, Mercer and Warren Counties. In 2020-2021, a total of 56 school visits were conducted across the region.

The list below provides information on the schools and districts served by the ROE.





Abingdon-Avon CUSD #276

Mike Curry, *Superintendent*
www.d276.net

Costa Catholic Academy

Father Jacob Rose, *Principal*
www.costacatholicacademy.org

Galesburg Christian School

Bob Nutzhorn, *Administrator*
www.galesburgchristian.org

Galesburg CUSD #205

John Asplund, *Superintendent*
www.galesburg205.org

ICS

Randy Frakes, *Principal*
www.immaculate-conception.net

Knoxville CUSD #202

Joe Burgess Jr., *Interim Superintendent*
www.bluebullets.org

Mercer County School District #404

Scott Petrie, *Superintendent*
www.mercerschools.org

Monmouth-Roseville CUSD #238

Ed Fletcher, *Superintendent*
www.mr238.org

R.O.W.V.A. CUSD #208

Joe Sornberger, *Superintendent*
www.rowva.k12.il.us

United CUSD #304

Jeff Whitsitt, *Superintendent*
www.u304.org

West Central CUSD #235

Paula Markey, *Superintendent*
www.wc235.k12.il.us

Williamsfield CUSD #210

Tim Farquer, *Superintendent*
www.billtown.org





ROE #33 Budget Information

ROE #33 manages a total of 63 grant programs, on local, state, and federal levels.

Financial Audit for 2020 Year End

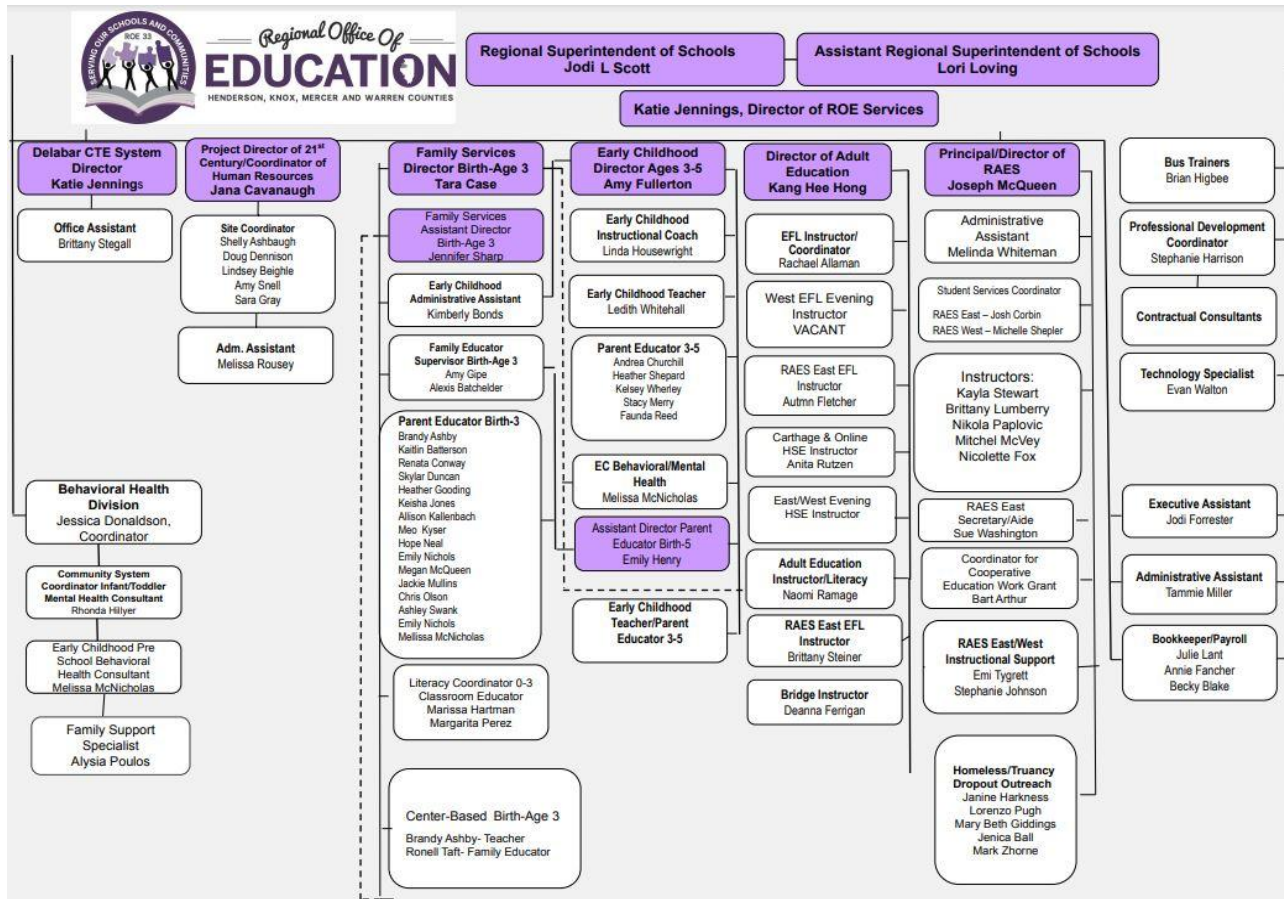
Funding Source	Amount	% of Total
Local Sources	\$891,132	8.34%
State Sources	\$8,630,233	80.79%
Federal Sources	\$1,160,875	10.87%
Total Revenues	\$10,682,240	100.00%

Expenditure Type	Amount	% of Total
Salaries and Benefits	\$4,763,231	45.54%
Purchased Services	\$715,765	6.84%
All Other Expenditures	\$4,980,086	47.61%
Total Expenditures	\$10,459,082	100.00%

Organizational Chart

ROE #33 has a total of 162 employees in 9 departments. In 2020-2021, the ROE held 10 staff meetings, with 741 total participants.

The chart below shows the organizational structure of the ROE.





Programs and Services for Students

Behavioral Health Services

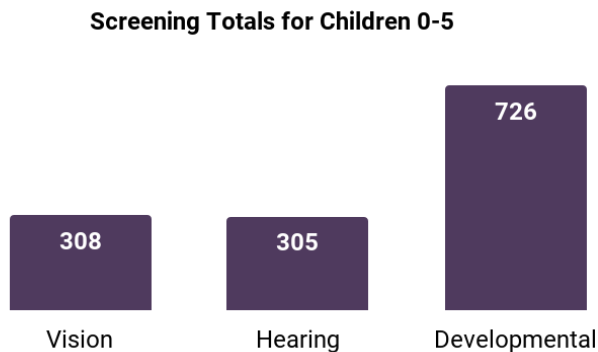
The Regional Office of Education #33's behavioral health team believes in supporting the whole family and community. We offer services to help families and professionals build their capacity to support and sustain healthy social emotional development and mental health. The focus of the team is to help increase skills and reduce family and educator stress surrounding behavioral health needs.

In 2020-2021, the four staff members of the Knox County 708 Board of Mental Health served 27 individual students and 101 families and 345 educators.

This year, there were 52 School Crisis Assistant team members, and one call received.

Early Childhood Education

The Early Childhood Preschool for All serves ages three to five, assists in developmentally age appropriate experiences that focus on social/emotional language and pre-literacy development. While meeting individual needs first, all children have the opportunity to participate in authentic learning experiences that enhance their innate love of learning.



In 2020-2021, the Early Childhood Education department **managed 32 classrooms across nine districts** within Henderson, Knox, Mercer, and Warren Counties.

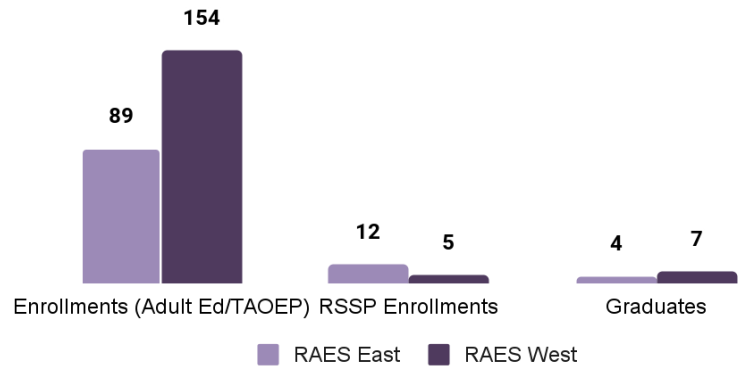
A total of **1,339 vision, hearing, and developmental screenings** were conducted for children ages zero to five in 2020-2021.



Regional Alternative Education Services (RAES)

The Regional Alternative Education Services (RAES) is a ROE #33-run alternative school for students that serves Henderson, Knox, Mercer, and Warren counties. We serve students who, for a variety of reasons, need an alternative educational setting to be successful academically. Students may attend RAES due to truancy, behavioral, or academic issues.

RAES Data, by Location



RAES offers a comprehensive and robust selection of academic programs. Its Day High School Diploma Program is located in both Galesburg and Monmouth and serves students from 6th through 12th grade. Our programs use a combination of online curriculum through Edgenuity and I-Pathways, and teacher-led instruction, to meet the diverse learning styles of our students. Our RAES staff recognizes the individual and unique student needs in our programs and strive to meet those needs.

The school operates as one collective entity although it has two locations to better serve our students and **employs 14 staff members**. RAES East is located in Galesburg and serves Galesburg, Knoxville, Williamsfield, R.O.W.V.A., and Abingdon/Avon school districts. RAES West is located in Monmouth and services Monmouth/Roseville, Mercer, United, and West Central school districts. **Student enrollment and graduation rates are shown in the bar chart above. Additional indicators are displayed in the table below.**

Indicator	Total
RAES East Credits Earned	40.75
RAES West Credits Earned	58.75
Students Served With Edgenuity (TAOEP)	243
Students Served With Edgenuity (RSSP)	17
RSSCEP Students Participated/Jobs Received	30

In 2020-2021, twenty High School Equivalency diplomas were issued. The HiSET test was administered three times, and the Pearson VUE GED was given eighteen times; there were twenty-one first-time test takers during this year.



Student Services

Ken Russell 5th Grade Outdoor Education Day

Ken Russell has been a district fish biologist in west-central Illinois for over 53 years and was recently honored at the 2018 Fifth Grade Outdoor Education Day for Knox County where the event was renamed in his honor.

The Ken Russell Outdoor Education day is an annual event that gives students an opportunity to get out of the classroom and enjoy the outdoors. A variety of “hands-on” educational wildlife stations are provided for the students. Some of the many stations include fishing, butterflies, geocaching, recycling, aquatics, outdoor adventure, and nutrition.

In 2020-2021, the Knox County Ken Russell Outdoor Education Day was not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Student Work Permits

Child Labor Law regulates the employment of workers under 16 years of age. The law protects children by requiring employment certificates. ROE #33 evaluates student applications and issues appropriate Student Work Permits. The certificate confirms that a minor is old enough to work, physically capable to perform the job, and that the job will not interfere with the minor's education and complies with Child Labor Laws.

In 2020-2021, eleven student work permits were issued.

Programs and Services for Families and Community Members

Adult Education Programs

ROE #33 offers Adult Education Programs through RAES and for community members ages 16 and older. Students who are seeking their GED or High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate can enroll in evening HiSet/GED courses (located in Galesburg, Monmouth, and Carthage). Students who are non-native English language speakers can enroll in English as a Second Language (ESL) courses that are developed to educate non-speaking students how to speak, read and write English (located in Galesburg and Monmouth).

In 2020-2021, 75 students enrolled in the HSE program, and 165 students enrolled in the ESL program.

The Adult Education program also runs an Adult Volunteer Literacy program, in which community members can volunteer to tutor adult students enrolled in the HSE or ESL program.

In 2020-2021, 58 volunteers and one staff member participated in this program.



Early Childhood Prevention Initiative

The Early Childhood Prevention Initiative Program works alongside families and children from prenatal to Age 3 in Henderson, Knox, Mercer & Warren counties. Family Educators visit with families weekly, in their homes to empower parents to be their child’s first teacher through goal setting and child development activities that focus on each individual child’s needs. Our program collaborates with partnering agencies, communities and schools to maximize each child’s potential.

PI 0-3 Testimonials

“I have been enrolled in the Regional Office of Education #33 Prenatal to Age 3 program for two years now. The support I receive from my family educator has helped me learn new ways to encourage my daughter’s development as well as work on family goals, such as graduating high school. I received my high school diploma last May and now work a full-time job.”

–Brooke Batchelder

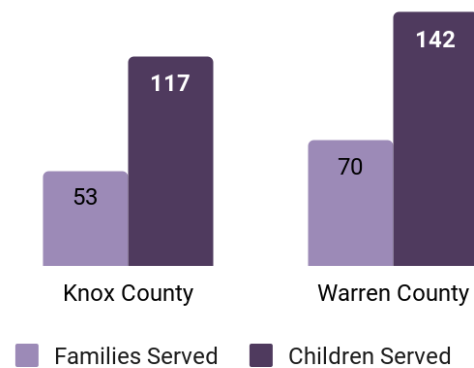
“Overall, the Regional Office of Education #33 home-visiting program has made a positive impact on my family. Our family educator, Emily, helped us make a smooth transition when it was time for us to enroll Ramsey (4) into preschool. Emily brought activities to our visits that engaged both my 5-month-old as well as my preschooler. Home visits have helped me set aside time in my busy schedule to focus on my children’s growth and development.” –Megan McGuire

In 2020-2021, the Prevention Initiative served 210 students and 32 prenatal families.

Family Literacy Program

The Regional Office of Education’s Family Literacy Program is funded through the Illinois Secretary of State Penny Severns Family Literacy grant. We serve both Knox and Warren Counties in collaboration with the Galesburg Public Library and the Warren County Public Library. We also collaborate together with our school districts. This five component family program offers English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education programs for adults. Enrolled children receive child education. Parenting education and Parent-Child Together Time (PACT) activities are provided for the entire family including Warren County’s 0 to 3 classroom. Families receive library cards and learn how to access the library’s resources.

Families and Children Served by Family Literacy Programs



In 2020-2021, Knox and Warren County each had two dedicated employees.



Programs and Services for Teachers, Staff, and Administrators

Certification and Licensure Support

ROE #33 works in close collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide support for Educator Licensure. We assist with questions related to substitute, paraprofessional, educator, administrator and alternative licenses.

Workshop/Meeting	Total Number
Administrator Certificate Consultations	5
Teacher Licensure Consultations	424
Educators Registered	360
Licenses Registered	368
Certification/Licensure Meetings	11
Substitute Licensure Meetings	96
Public School Administrators Employed	55
Public School Teachers Employed	1,136
Teacher Retirement System Conferences	0
Parapro Tests Administered	19

Professional Development (PD)

The Regional Office of Education #33 is part of a Professional Development Consortium with the Regional Office of Education #26. The PD Consortium offers the professional development tools to succeed through its workshops, face-to-face trainings, conferences, and partnerships to offer online opportunities. **Sessions held in 2020-2021 are listed in the table below.**

Workshop/Meeting	Number of Sessions Held	Number of Participants
ROE #26/ROE #33 Professional Development	75	1,309
Administrator Academies	14	174
Consortium Workshops	81	1,383
Individual School Workshops	12	434
ROE #26/ROE #33 Consortium Meetings	7	51



In addition to the totals listed in the table above, ROE #33 also offered two initial courses for bus drivers, serving 8 participants, and 11 refresher courses for drivers, with 195 participants.

The ROE also participated in 39 superintendent meetings and two principal meetings in 2020-2021. 4 PD Advisory Committee meetings were held with 32 participants. Additionally, 3 needs assessments conducted in 2020-2021 had totaled 300 participants.

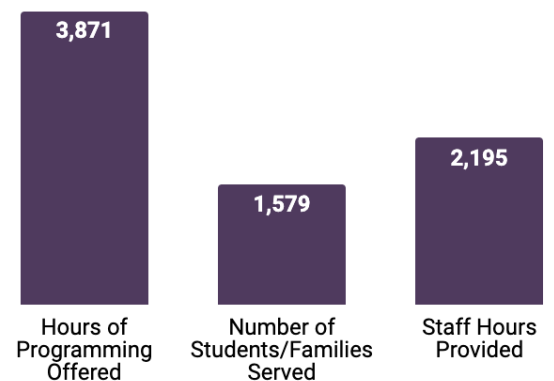
Programs and Services for Schools and Districts

21st Century Community Learning Centers

The Regional Office of Education #33 has received federal funding through a competitive grant process through ISBE for Mercer County High School, Monmouth-Roseville Junior High School, Monmouth-Roseville High School, Galesburg High School, Abingdon-Avon High School and United High School to offer program support of 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

These centers are to provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for district students. The intent of these programs are to help students meet state and local standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating youths. Students may expand their learning beyond the normal school day to better prepare for future jobs or college coursework whatever their chosen pathway leads them to successful life-long learning.

21st Century Learning Center Totals





Career and Technical Education (CTE)

The Delabar CTE System is a regionally organized system that delivers career and technical education (CTE) programs to its member schools. We work with local schools to plan, deliver, and evaluate instructional programming and support services for CTE students. State and federal funding is coordinated through Delabar to provide resources for successful implementation of programs and professional development of CTE instructors.

CTE Meetings and Events	Total Number
CTE Teacher Meetings	1
CTE Professional Development Activities/Events	3
Regional Collaborative Meetings/Events	9
Advisory Committee Meetings Attended	5
CTE Program of Study Consultation with Member Districts	14
State/Regional CTE Meetings Attended	6
Meetings/Projects with Industry Partners	4
Education Pathway Grant student-to-teacher ratio	5: 1

Health, Life Safety Compliance

Regional Offices of Education are responsible to annually inspect schools to assure compliance with the minimum standards necessary to ensure the health and safety of public school students in Illinois. Additional reviews assess district and school level compliance with school laws and code.

In 2020-2021, Life Safety inspections were conducted and Health/Life Safety Plans were processed and reviewed for 40 schools. There were also 2 approvals for Health/Life Safety Funds and zero completion inspections conducted.

Truancy & Homeless Education

ROE #33 provides Truancy Intervention and Prevention to potential truants, truants, and chronic truants. Truancy staff identify students through a system of referrals by participating school districts and take corrective action through a series of steps. In 2018, ROE #33 put in place the Truancy Review Board to deter truancy and correct truant behavior. Upon the 15th unexcused absence, the student and parent/guardian will be sent a Legal Notice to Appear before the Truancy Review Board in the County they reside. **The number of interventions conducted in 2020-2021 are listed in the table below.**



Truancy Intervention	Total Number
Letters sent	1,379
School visits	47
Home visits	190
Tickets issued	7
Hearings by Regional Office/State's Attorney	177
Project Stay-In referrals	1,379

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 provides federal money for homeless shelter programs. Unaccompanied Homeless Youths include young people who have run away from home, been thrown out of their homes, and/or abandoned by parents/guardians or caregivers. Unaccompanied youths have the same rights as other students experiencing homelessness and face unique barriers to enrolling and succeeding in school.

In 2020-2021, 619 homeless children were served, and 4 staff members were trained on McKinney-Vento. No homeless hearings were held.

ROE #33 Operations

In addition to the programs and services highlighted in this report, ROE #33 performs other activities and services to support local schools and their communities.

Meetings and Operational Deliverables	Total Number
Detachment/Annexation Hearings/Inquiries	1
Reorganization Hearings and Meetings	0
Criminal Background Checks Conducted	348
State and Regional Meetings	117
Regional Board of Trustee Meetings	1
Community Involvement/Meetings	231
Inquiries/Requests from the Public	127
District Documents Reviewed/Approved	34
Excellence in Education Meetings Attended	0
Homeschool Registrations Received	18



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