



ROE 35

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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2020-2021 Annual Report

We are an advocate for education by providing positive leadership, coordinating and delivering Federal, State and local services and disseminating information for educators, school districts, and our community.

-Christopher Dvorak, Regional Superintendent

The COVID19 pandemic has touched every aspect of our lives, but it hasn't changed the mission of the Regional Office of Education for LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam counties. No matter the circumstances, our commitment is to provide high-quality services for our communities and education stakeholders. Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can assist you.

I am pleased to present the following Annual Report, which highlights many of the programs and services offered by the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education over the past year. I want to thank the LaSalle County Board, Marshall County Board, Putnam County Board, Illinois State Board of Education, constituents, and Regional Office staff who have offered continual support, collaboration, and encouragement throughout the year. As Regional Superintendent of LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam counties, I hereby submit the Annual Report covering the activities of the office from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Christopher Dvorak

Regional Superintendent

LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam

Regional Office of Education #35

Educational Entities We Serve

Allen-Otter Creek #65, BMP Tri-County Special Education Co-op, Circuit Breaker School, Deer Park #82, Dimmick #175, Earlville #9, Grand Ridge #95, Henry-Senachwine #5, Holy Cross Elementary School, Holy Family School, Illinois Valley Community College, LaSalle Elementary #122, LaSalle-Peru High School #120, L.E.A.S.E., Leland #1, Lighted Way, Lostant #425, Marquette Academy, Marseilles #150, Mendota #289, Mendota High School #280, Midland #7, Miller #210, Oglesby #125, Ottawa Elementary #141, Ottawa High School #140, Peru Catholic School, Peru Elementary #124, Putnam County #535, Regional Safe School, Rutland #230, Seneca Elementary #170, Seneca High School #160, Serena Unit #2, SRAVTE, St. Michael the Archangel School, Streator Elementary #44, Streator High School #40, Tonica #79, Trinity Catholic Academy, Wallace #195, and Waltham #185

Safety • Support • Success

Our Purpose

Regional Offices of Education (ROE) are essential support offices partnering with the Illinois State Board of Education to support local school districts. ROEs provide educational leadership, impact public policy, and deliver educational services effectively for the benefit of the school districts.

Our Role

The Regional Superintendent of Schools is the chief administrative officer of a Regional Office of Education and the only elected education professional office in Illinois. The office of the Regional Superintendent performs regulatory functions as directed by the Illinois School Code. Specific duties of the Regional Superintendent are stated in Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/3. The work of the Regional Office can be summed up in three words: **Safety, Support, and Success.**

Educational Partners

County Board Members

LaSalle County:

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Putnam County:

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Jason Barickman-53rd District, Sue Rezin-38th District, Brian Stewart-45th District, and Win Stoller-37th District

Governor & Illinois State Board of Education

J.B. Pritzker- Governor, Dr. Carmen I. Ayala- State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Christine Benson, Darren Reisberg, Dr. Donna Simpson Leak, Dr. David Lett, Susan Morrison, Dr. Nike Vielle, Rodger Eddy, Jamie Guzman

Professional Development

Focus Training

Our Professional Development department continues to strive to assure that school personnel have the resources necessary to carry out their mission. The Professional Development department offers workshops online to get educators trained with the skills they need to teach remotely.

Focus Training

- Technology Integration
- Mental Health
- Teacher Evaluation
- Differentiated Instruction
- Safety
- Early Childhood
- Literacy
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)



Professional Development Training

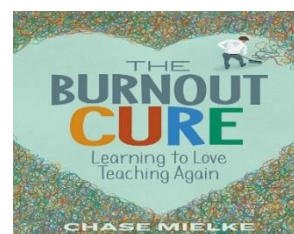
The following workshops and training sessions were offered by the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education this past year:

2020-2021 Administrator Academies and Workshops			
Workshop Session	No. of Sessions	Participants	Training Session Descriptions
Administrator Academies	8	100	Student Growth Evaluation (3 Sections), Teacher Evaluation, Principal Evaluation, Supporting and Evaluating Developmentally Appropriate Practices, Health Life Safety, Special Ed, Creating a Culture of Respect, Illinois Performance Evaluation-Teacher Evaluation Training
Workshops	62	2306	Truancy, Homeless, SCAT, Technology, Tech Integration, Mental Health, Safety, Early Childhood, Science, STEM, and Literacy, Title IX, Differentiated Learning, New Teacher, Growth Mindset, Book Studies, Teacher Burnout
TOTAL	70	2406	

Regional Institute: Celebrating Education and Empowering our Educators

This year, we celebrated 100 years of the event. Chase Mielke led 4 pre-recorded sessions that participants could interact with for six months.

Virtual event	Participants
Registrations	1379
Reflections submitted	542



New Teacher Orientation

In early August of each year, the Regional Office of Education sponsors a New Teacher Orientation Seminar for educators new to teaching or new to our region. Due to the current COVID pandemic, we held this event virtually. Presentations included legal updates from Attorney Walt Zukowski and a presentation from Kassidi Guerrero, a Youth Mental Health First Aid instructor, on mental health awareness, in addition to information from the Regional Office of Education. Information was provided regarding licensure and renewal laws, ISBE legal updates, compliance issues, regulatory issues, and school improvement. Twenty nine teachers attended this event. This event was held on August 10, 2020.



School Bus Education 349 Training Courses



All school bus drivers in Illinois must complete an initial training course (first-time drivers) or a refresher course (renewals) prior to driving a school bus for Illinois schools. The LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education provides this training on a yearly basis at various locations in our counties. This year 26 individuals took the initial bus driver training course and 323 drivers took the refresher course for a total of 349 training courses.

High School Equivalency (HSE/GED) 60 HSE/GED Graduates

The Regional Office has been the authorized administrative office for the General Education Diploma Examinations, commonly known as G.E.D. tests. A change in the statute renamed the process high school equivalency testing (HSE). This program permits people who have dropped out of high school or others who have attained the age of 17 to secure the High School Equivalency Certificate (HSE). The testing of applicants is done by Illinois Valley Community College, in coordination with Cindy Lock, Assessment Center Coordinator. This year 60 participants passed.



Regional Work-Study Program

The Regional Work-Study program (RWS) has been offering students who have dropped out of area high schools an opportunity to earn a high school diploma since 2010. In the first nine years of the program, 172 students completed the requirements for their high school diploma. Classes are held Monday through Friday during the school year at IVCC's main campus in Oglesby as well as the IVCC Ottawa Center and the Mendota Library. Small classes with plenty of one on one assistance create an atmosphere that encourages success. Students can enter the program throughout the school year. Covid affected the number of students entering the program and completing graduation requirements.

Year	Students	Credits Earned	Graduates	Cost Per Student
2017-18	33	192	17	\$2,417
2018-19	48	249	32	\$1,794
2019-20	49	207	28	\$1,448
2020-21	27	95.5	10	\$2,055

Licensure

Educator Licensure

The LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam County Regional Office of Education Licensure Department serves teachers and administrators with all aspects of their credential needs. The office has worked to communicate changes from the State Board of Education by conducting individual and group training. The office provides guidance, documentation, and regularly assists constituents as questions arise. Licensure applications and renewals are now completed online. The Regional Office of Education has an available computer workstation that allows license holders to complete requirements. Staff members are available to assist as needed.

Year	Educators Registered	Licenses Registered	Sub Licenses Registered	Licenses Issued	Endorsements Issued	Para Licenses Issued
FY 17	534	543	124	335	49	85
FY 18	500	514	123	279	95	73
FY 19	598	621	205	360	84	81
FY 20	456	471	169	298	67	67
FY 21	487	499	146	1154	143	99

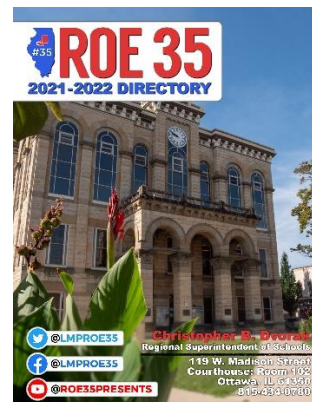
Paraprofessional Training

Paraprofessionals may be considered licensed if they possess one of these options:

- Associate's degree or higher
- 60 semester hours of coursework
- High School Diploma or GED **and** a score of 460 or higher on the ETS Parapro
- High School Diploma or GED **and** the following scores on the ACT Workkeys:
 - Applied Mathematics/Applied Math (with a score of 4)
 - Reading for information/Workplace Documents (with a score of 4)
- Paraprofessional licenses are valid for 5 years, and may be renewed with the payment of registration fees.
- If you hold a Paraprofessional License and have a Bachelor's Degree on file, you are qualified to be a substitute teacher.

Directory

A Directory of the LaSalle, Marshall, & Putnam County Schools is prepared each year by our office. All school information submitted by the schools is compiled, entered, and finalized by our staff. Local business ads are placed in the directory to cover the cost of printing and the Excellence in Education banquet expenses. The directory includes a listing of all schools, administrators, teachers, support staff, and school board members of each school.



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Honoring Excellence

Excellence in Education

Due to the ongoing pandemic crisis, the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Office of Education did not hold the annual Excellence in Education Banquet. Instead, the ROE assisted districts in staff recognition pizza lunches to honor their work. Additionally, the office gifted plaques to 39 retiring teachers, 16 retiring support staff, and 12 retiring board members. Four posthumous plaques were also provided to districts.

On the date that would have been the 33rd annual Excellence in Education Banquet, the Regional Office of Education premiered a short documentary on the ROE 35 Presents YouTube channel. This documentary, A New Normal, showcases the lengths our districts went to educate students during an impossible year. Go to Youtube.com/ROE35Presents to view A New Normal.

THE **NEW** NORMAL



Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Regional Office of Education in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa. Unfortunately, the 2020-2021 Regional Spelling Bee was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Student Excellence

Each month from October through May, the Regional Office of Education in cooperation with the LaSalle County Board recognizes students from two schools chosen for the Student Excellence Award. Schools are selected on a rotating basis. Students are selected by the schools based on the following criteria:

- Must have demonstrated and/or contributed community service in their respective school district.
- Should portray an image of social and civic responsibility within their school community
- Should possess an attitude conducive for a good work ethic and representative of an image the school district finds commendable

The student, parents, and administrators from the school are invited to the monthly LaSalle County board meeting where the student is presented with a plaque and information about that student's achievements is read to all in attendance. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students received a copy of the write-up read during the county board meeting and a plaque honoring their achievements. We encouraged recipients to "tune-in" online to the county board meeting to be recognized virtually.

2020-2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

October

Mason Videgar (8th), Oglesby, Albiona Useini (8th), Oglesby, Evan Mann (Senior), Marquette Academy

November

Morgan Hoscheid (8th), Dimmick, Levi Maierhofer (Senior), Seneca High school

January

Weston Averkamp (8th), Milton Pope, Samuel Lawrence (Senior), Mendota High school

February

Jillian Younger (8th), Mendota, Abigayle Claus (Senior), OTHS

March

Levi Laasch (8th), Grand Ridge, Mya Thrall (Senior), Leland

April

Brodrick "Brody" Faivre (Senior), Serena

May

Ava Rosengren (8th), Serena, Devyn Kennedy (Senior), Earlville

Scholarships

Over \$2 Million Awarded Since Inception

\$19,850 Awarded in 2020-2021

Students may apply for several scholarships offered through the Regional Office of Education. Approximately \$19,850 from the Joseph J. Hohner trust provided 29 scholarships with grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 for students from LaSalle County Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are screened by the Regional Superintendent and scholarship committee members as outlined in the will of Dr. Joseph J. Hohner. To date, more than \$2,000,000.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Other scholarship applications are available from the Regional Office of Education at our website www.roe35.org.

Food Cooperative

11% Savings in Food Costs

The LaSalle County Area Purchasing Cooperative was created during the 1989-90 school year. Eighteen school districts originally joined the cooperative, which bids and orders food and supplies for district-operated school cafeterias. Today, 71 school districts representing LaSalle, Bureau, Champaign, Clark, DeKalb, Grundy, Iroquois, Kendall, Knox, Lee, Livingston, Macoupin, Marshall, McLean, Ogle, Peoria, Putnam, Sangamon, Vermillion, Warren, and Woodford counties are members of the co-op. The current total annual expenditures for the cooperative are estimated at 5.5 million dollars. The Regional Office of Education serves as the administrative agent for this successful program which employs one full-time employee. The cooperative is totally self-supporting from a nominal fee charged to member districts. The benefits of belonging to the cooperative are:

- Distributor bidding is done for you
- Financial savings
- Networking among fellow members
- Updates on training opportunities
- Access to Kohl Wholesale Dietitian / Menus
- Regular communication on food program requirements
- Assistance complying with requirements

LaSalle/Putnam County Educational Alliance for Special Education (L.E.A.S.E)

The Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill 1407 in 1965, which mandated special education for children with disabilities. Implementation of this legislation became effective July 1, 1969. Prior to July 1, 1969, this Regional Office submitted a plan to meet the requirements of this legislation. Many committees of school administrators and lay citizens aided in formulating the plan, which was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. Our cooperative, known as L.E.A.S.E., serves 29 school districts, 28 from LaSalle County, and Putnam County District #535.

The Special Education Committee employed Ms. Kathy Fox as its Executive Director of Special Education to oversee operations of the cooperative. The special education programs grew quickly to meet the needs of students with physical and mental disabilities, as well as a variety of other types of disabilities, in LaSalle & Putnam Counties. L.E.A.S.E. works in conjunction with many other agencies in the county to ensure the success of the programs offered.

Health/Life-Safety

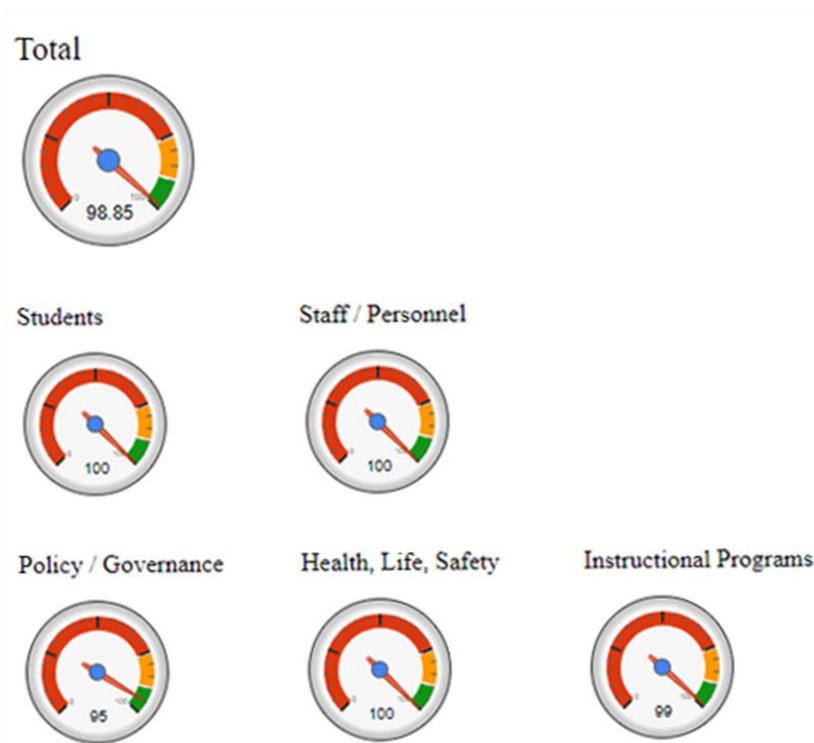
Duties

- Visit and inspect each public school annually
- Supervise school buildings for health and safety

District Compliance

The Regional Offices of Education are entrusted with assessing compliance of local school districts and recognized non-public schools in the state of Illinois. This process consists of a systematic review of district documentation and recording compliance with state and federal laws and the Illinois School Code. The resulting designation is reported on the state website and as part of the Illinois Report Card. The compliance process is seen as an opportunity to improve operations and support the programs that deliver quality educational experiences to students.

The Regional Office of Education makes recommendations for the improvement of each school district. Compliance visits for the 2021-2022 school year include: Deer Park Elementary #82, Midland CUSD #7, Oglesby Elementary #125, Ottawa Elementary #141, Putnam County CUSD #535, Seneca Township High School #160, Seneca Elementary #170 & Waltham Elementary #185.



Finances

Distribution of Funds

The Evidence-Based Funding for Student Success Act became a law on August 31, 2017. This law enacts evidence-based funding (EBF) and comprehensively changes the way school districts receive the bulk of state funds. EBF sends more resources to Illinois' most under-resourced students. EBF takes the necessary first steps toward ensuring all schools have the resources they need to provide a safe, rigorous, and well-rounded learning environment for all students. EBF demonstrates new mindsets for understanding the relationship between equity, adequacy, and student outcomes.

In fiscal year 2022, \$7.4B was allocated to EBF; this includes an additional \$300M. All organizational units and specially funded units will receive their Base Funding Minimum which is equal to their FY 2020 EBF gross distribution as well as new dollars based on EBF calculations.

District	Total FY19	Total FY20	Total FY21	Total FY22
Safe School- LaSalle ROE	\$310,964.82	\$346,891.26	\$346,891.26	\$370,109.95
Leland CCUS #1	\$332,717.71	\$345,310.74	\$345,310.74	\$351,640.53
Community USD #2	\$866,725.92	\$868,171.96	\$868,171.96	\$868,800.21
Earlville CCUS #9	\$1,348,027.41	\$1,381,721.00	\$1,381,721.00	\$1,393,462.98
Streator Twp HSD #40	\$4,357,137.23	\$5,092,260.67	\$5,092,260.67	\$5,192,697.57
Streator ESD #44	\$9,662,268.72	\$10,039,617.96	\$10,039,617.96	\$10,323,720.19
Allen Otter Creek CCSD #65	\$62,376.42	\$62,564.20	\$62,564.20	\$62,641.82
Tonica CCSD #79	\$593,940.75	\$605,157.59	\$605,157.59	\$605,289.14
Deer Park #82	\$102,360.71	\$102,523.31	\$102,523.31	\$102,578.76
Grand Ridge CCSD #95	\$247,071.81	\$247,503.00	\$247,503.00	\$247,687.60
LaSalle-Peru Twp HSD #120	\$1,736,456.26	\$2,250,845.64	\$2,250,845.64	\$2,400,501.71
LaSalle ESD #122	\$5,498,123.17	\$5,881,392.74	\$5,881,392.74	\$6,327,235.83
Peru ESD #124	\$1,676,386.14	\$1,768,679.42	\$1,768,679.42	\$1,821,346.53
Oglesby ESD #125	\$2,105,108.14	\$2,275,351.17	\$2,275,351.17	\$2,315,471.24
Ottawa Twp HSD #140	\$2,307,917.17	\$2,559,240.35	\$2,559,240.35	\$2,612,744.14
Ottawa ESD #141	\$6,213,325.83	\$6,824,510.66	\$6,824,510.66	\$6,987,767.43
Marseilles ESD #150	\$2,828,672.89	\$2,933,359.76	\$2,933,359.76	\$2,978,166.13
Seneca Twp HSD #160	\$303,368.79	\$304,378.67	\$304,378.67	\$304,803.46
Seneca CCSD #170	\$436,538.75	\$437,499.54	\$437,499.54	\$437,921.20
Dimmick CCSD #175	\$213,591.48	\$213,917.63	\$213,917.63	\$214,066.22
Waltham CCSD #185	\$156,047.57	\$165,769.34	\$165,769.34	\$165,949.09
Wallace CCSD #195	\$319,133.23	\$333,687.32	\$333,687.32	\$344,672.88
Miller TWP CCSD #210	\$192,189.29	\$201,087.39	\$201,087.39	\$205,077.36
Rutland CCSD #230	\$72,456.81	\$72,608.01	\$72,608.01	\$72,672.36
Mendota Twp HSD #280	\$1,574,824.54	\$1,791,505.37	\$1,791,505.37	\$1,840,687.46
Mendota CCSD #289	\$3,562,908.18	\$3,740,371.62	\$3,740,371.62	\$3,816,859.99
Lostant CCSD #425	\$178,268.23	\$178,508.54	\$178,508.54	\$178,601.87
Henry-Senachwine CUSD #5	\$659,289.07	\$684,701.63	\$684,701.63	\$696,964.22
Midland CUD #7	\$1,134,246.85	\$1,176,806.63	\$1,176,806.63	\$1,205,201.24
Putnam County CUSD #535	\$863,422.99	\$900,211.98	\$900,211.98	\$900,935.74

Department of Student Services

800 Students Referred for Services

In our efforts to best serve the students of LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam counties, ROE 35 has combined all direct service areas under the banner of STUDENT SERVICES. Our team, composed of Tyler Amm, Kassidi Guerrero, Sam Halm, Zach Shaw, Trevor Witek, and Ginna Campbell, is available to assist with matters related to truancy, registration and compliance assistance, homeless assistance, and homeschool resources. The primary focus of the program is to provide intervention and remediation services to truants, chronic truants, potential dropouts, dropouts, and McKinney-Vento identified students in grades K-12, to increase attendance and academic achievement with a long-term objective of high school graduation. Each school year approximately 800 students are referred for services. Chronic truants are offered a truancy prevention hearing with the Regional Superintendent, or designee, acting as hearing officer. A contract for attendance, academics, and oftentimes counseling is entered into by all parties involved with the student. Chronic truants and/or their parents in need of county court intervention may be referred to county ordinance, juvenile, or criminal court.

Mental Health Services

Kassidi Guerrero, Deputy Director of Student Services, holds an M.S. in social work and is certified to teach Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid. Facilitation of Mental Health First Aid was interrupted due to COVID19 restrictions. However, Ms. Guerrero was able to facilitate two Mental Health First Aid trainings during the 2020-2021 school year.

Additionally, Ms. Guerrero facilitates the Regional Office of Education's Early Intervention Drug & Alcohol program. Eight students participated in this program during the 2020-2021 school year.

Grants

The Regional Office of Education was awarded a competitive TAOEP (Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program) grant for the 2021-2022 school year. We will receive funding for this grant for three years. The TAOEP grant assists with funding the Optional Education Classrooms and helps the ROE to provide services to truants, chronic truants, potential dropouts and dropouts. Over 800 students were referred during the 2020-2021 school year.

ROE 35 also received McKinney/Vento funding for the 2020-2021 school year. This grant provided assistance to homeless students. School Districts apply to the ROE for funding. Once the request is approved, the school district spends the approved dollars and is then reimbursed for those expenses through the ROE. Requests may include school supplies, tutoring, excess transportation, clothing, gas cards, food, shoes and other services. We also keep backpacks on hands to distribute to students. The backpacks contain school supplies and personal hygiene items. As of this date 223 students have been identified as homeless in the three counties. We anticipate that this number will rise by the end of the year, since last year there were 274 identified homeless children.



LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Safe School Program (RSSP)

Student Eligibility

Students who are in the Safe School Program must meet the following criteria:

- Suspended at least twice for a period of 4-10 days for gross misconduct
- Expelled or eligible for expulsion
- Arrested by the police and/or remanded to the courts for acts related to school activities
- Involved in misconduct that can be demonstrated as serious, repetitive, and/or cumulative

Social Work Service

Our program provided a full-time social worker during the 2020-2021 school year that served students daily with character support intervention.

2020-2021 Statistics

- LMP Regional Safe School served 34 students from 19 schools (14 junior high; 20 high school)
- TAOEP/Truancy Program served 29 students from 13 schools (14 junior high; 15 high school)
- There were 63 total students enrolled for the year; 9 referrals for expulsion; 14 students graduated 8th grade & 6 students graduated high school
- 2020-2021 attendance for SAFE School and TAOEP: 73.7%; junior high: 71.7%; and high school: 75.1%
- We will start the 2021-2022 school year with 8 Safe School high school students, 7 Safe School junior high students, and 5 TAOEP high school students, 6 TAOEP junior high students
- Since 1997, we have served 1,775 students

College/Career Development

9 students participated in Career Tech Education; 4 students actively worked.

Business Employment Skills Team (B.E.S.T) presented remotely. Team members presented information on career exploration, goal setting, job searching, and professional responsibilities in addition to bringing in a career panel.

Thank You COVIA!

The Regional Office of Education would like to thank Covia for their generous snack and Christmas gift donations to the Safe School during the COVID-19 pandemic!



**“WE’RE MORE THAN JUST A COMPANY;
WE’RE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITIES, AND OUR COVIA FAMILY TAKES PRIDE IN THAT CONNECTION.”**

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“The work of ROE#35 gives us great examples of how local student engagement/attendance/truancy policies and programs help schools identify and reach out to student in need of great support.

*- Dr. Carmen Ayala
State Superintendent
April 7, 2020 ISBE Newsletter*