



## WHAT IS THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION?

The state of Illinois is divided into 102 counties, and there are 852 school districts within those counties. These counties are grouped together into 38 smaller regions to provide regional access to supports and services. **DuPage County is served by the Regional Office of Education (ROE) #19 and is led by Ms. Amber Quirk**, the Regional Superintendent of Education, who was elected for a four-year term in 2022.

## WHAT DOES THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION DO?

The **DuPage ROE** works with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to carry out the duties required by Illinois law. The ROE also partners closely with DuPage school district superintendents and is often the first point of contact for districts needing assistance or information. Below are some of the duties of the ROE as required by Illinois Code, as well as some of the **DuPage ROE's "Value-Added" services** that were provided during the 2023-2024 school year as a service to school districts, their staff, the community, and the children of DuPage County.

### required services

- **Educator Licensing** | 13,000+ educators aided in obtaining credentials
- **Professional Development** | Research-based academies & workshops | 393 courses held
- **Truancy Intervention** | 631 students served
- **Operation of Regional Safe School & Alternative Learning Programs** | 173 students served
- **Health, Life, & Safety** | 293 building inspections, 546 permits, and 10 Compliance Reviews
- **Oversight of Compliance to State & Federal Laws**
- **Provision of a Homeless Student Advocate** | 3,232 DuPage students identified as homeless

### value-added services

- + **School Safety Training** | Annual Safety Summit
- + **Networking & Collaborative Learning for School Administrators** | 1,500+ participants
- + **Fingerprint & Background Check Services** | 1,725 current & potential employees served
- + **Short-term Substitute Teaching Training** | 125 trainees
- + **Parents as Teachers Program** | 200+ children served
- + **Area 1 Lead Hub** | 5 grants implemented; 81 leaders supported
- + **Area 1 Social-Emotional Learning Hub** | 40 events; 222 participants
- + **Civics Hub** | 42 courses; 300 participants
- + **Bus Driver Instruction** | 140 trainings with 2,500+ trainees
- + **School Improvement Specialists** | Math & Literacy Coaches
- + **Truancy Specific Additions** | Professional Development for Tier 2 instruction and Tier 1 school climate/culture assessments



## Excellence in Education is our Guiding Principle

*The ROE partners with DuPage County schools so every child can succeed—while respecting the rich diversity of cultures and viewpoints our democracy affords us.*

All  
Students  
**139,821**

Public  
Schools  
**256**

School  
Districts  
**42**

**4**  
Special  
Ed Co-ops

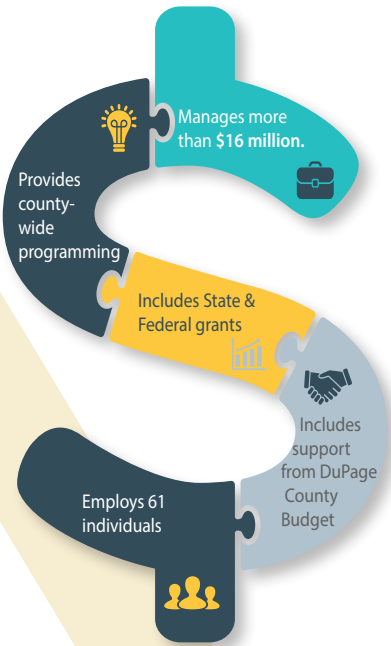
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2023-2024

## Money Matters

# 16M

The DuPage ROE manages more than \$16 million to provide county-wide programming. This number includes **state and federal grants**, as well as **local support** from the DuPage County budget. The ROE **employs 61 individuals** who share the goal of promoting excellence in education throughout DuPage County.



## Local & National Partnerships are Paramount to Achieving our Goals

- College of DuPage: Amplify – Equity and Mental Health Student Leadership Conference
- DuPage County Behavioral Health Collaborative
- DuPage County Health Department
- DuPage County Mental Health Summit & Expo
- DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- DuPage County School Mutual Aid Response Team
- DuPage Credit Union
- DuPage Crisis Recovery Center
- GPS Parent Series
- I Love U Guys Foundation
- Illinois Learning Technology Center
- Illinois Reads
- Northern Illinois University Permanency Enhancement Project
- Prevention Leadership Team
- YWCA of Metro Chicago

# 173

The ROE operates the **Center for Student Success**, a regional safe school and alternative learning site. They served 173 students during the 23-24 school year.

# 488

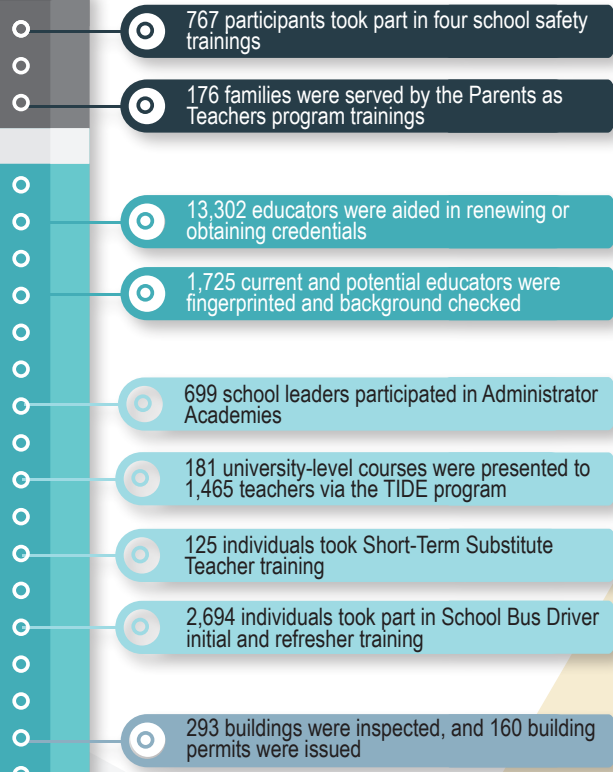
The ROE's homeless liaison trained 488 school and community leaders on how to identify and serve **homeless students**.

# 81

Eighty-one participants were served through these **grants**: Aspiring Leaders: First Year Principals; Early Career to Experienced Principals; and Central Office Support

# 631

The ROE's **Attendance and Truancy** Department served 631 students during the 23-24 school year.



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