



## ROE and ISC Fact Sheet

Illinois has 35 Regional Offices of Education (ROEs) and three Cook County Intermediate Service Centers (ISCs) that generally act as programmatic and fiscal intermediaries between the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and local school districts. ISBE serves directly as the ROE for Chicago Public Schools District 299.

The 35 ROEs are overseen by regional superintendents, who are locally elected officials serving four-year terms. The three ISCs are located exclusively in Cook County and are each governed by an 11-member board that employs an executive director to oversee the work of that ISC. The executive directors of ISCs have the same powers and responsibilities as a regional superintendent. As such, the terms “ROE” and “regional superintendent” are often used to encompass all 38 offices.

Regional superintendents and ISC executive directors supervise all school districts in their regions, act as official advisers and assistants to the school officers and teachers in their regions, and help facilitate the flow of information to and from the Illinois State Board of Education.

The specific duties and powers of ROEs and ISCs are enumerated in School Code and administrative rule and include the following:

- Teacher and administrator licensure
- Educator training and professional development
- General monitoring of school district compliance with requirements specified by law
- Health/Life/Safety building certification
- Operation of alternative school programs
- Financial oversight of districts

The salaries for regional superintendents, assistant regional superintendents, ISC executive directors, and ISC assistant executive directors are paid by ISBE out of the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund.

Funding for ROEs and ISCs can come from state, federal, and local sources. ROEs also receive support from the counties in their region. Counties must provide free building space but may also provide in-kind or on-behalf payments and direct funding of staff. Pursuant to Section 2-3.17a of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.17a], audits of ROEs and ISCs are the responsibility of the auditor general. ROE/ISC audits dating back to 2003 can be accessed [here](#).

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