



FY'25 Annual Report

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July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

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Regional Superintendent's Message

As the Superintendent of the Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education, serving Iroquois and Kankakee Counties in Illinois, I respectfully present this annual report, which outlines the office's activities from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

This document provides a general summary and does not encompass the full scope of the numerous services our office offers to support the schools and residents of both counties. The content is based on year-end summaries submitted by our programs and departments, along with data from audits conducted by the Office of the Auditor General, to make this report as thorough as possible. We hope it offers valuable insight into the work we do in service of our mission—to meet the needs of all those we serve, with a special focus on putting children first. To learn more about our services, programs, and local schools, we invite you to visit our website at www.i-kan.org.

We would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Iroquois and Kankakee County Boards, the I-KAN Regional Board of School Trustees, the I-KAN Regional Office of Education Advisory Board, as well as the educators, administrators, and support staff of public schools, private schools, and cooperatives throughout both counties. Their partnership and dedication over the past year have been invaluable. The students of Iroquois and Kankakee Counties are genuinely fortunate to have so many committed individuals working on their behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia High
Regional Superintendent of Schools
I-KAN Regional Office of Education

I-KAN Regional Office of Education Mission Statement

The mission of the I-KAN Regional Office of Education is to partner with its educational constituencies and facilitate the efficient and effective accomplishment of their missions with highest priority given to meeting the needs of CHILDREN FIRST.

I-KAN Regional Office of Education Services

HUMAN RESOURCES

Full-time Employees	46
Part-time Employees	13

CERTIFICATION

Educators Registered	922
Licenses Registered	989
Sub License Registered	455
Licenses Issued	2429
Endorsements Issued	262
Paraprofessional Licenses Issued	364

PETITION HEARINGS

Number of petitions for annexation/detachment/dissolution processed between July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025 by Regional Board of School Trustees	1
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SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Districts in Full Recognition	18
Districts Recognized Pending Further Review	0
Districts on Probation	0
Districts Nonrecognized	0

LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Public School Buildings	60
Special Education Facilities	1
Career Centers	1
Alternative Schools	3

(All buildings were inspected and reports filed with the respective Boards of Education and the State Board of Education.)

Building Permits Issued	19
Building Partial Occupancy	1
Building Occupancy Permits	17
Building Permit Project Completions	7
Demolition Permit	0
Temporary Facility Occupancy Permits	13

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

CERTIFICATES

GED Completions	78
HiSET Completions	0
TASC Completions	0

I-KAN ATTENDANCE ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM (AAP)

Students and Families Served	767
Truancy Review Board Referrals	36
Business Sponsors for Attendance Incentives	3

STUDENTS ALL LEARNING

TOGETHER S.A.L.T.

Total Enrollment for 2024-2025	178
9th Grade	6
10th Grade	14
11th Grade	43
12th Grade	43
Received High School Diploma	51
Dropped out of school	8
Returned to regular school	22
Move out of District	1

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CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

GRANT

Children & Youth Served	539
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REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE

ATTENDANCE CENTER (RAAC)

Enrollment for 2024-2025 School Year	56
Student Outcomes	
Improved Behavior	10
Returned to their Home School	8
Graduates	
High School	6

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING

COUNCIL

Media Campaigns	10
Materials Distributed	18,000
Special Events	81
Trainings and Seminars Provided	105
Number of Participants	4978

LIFE EDUCATION CENTERS (LEC)

Number of K-6 Grade Students Served	7,909
Number of Teachers Served	389
Number of Participating Schools	42

7th - 12th Grade Youth Prevention

Education

Students Served	1,378
Teachers Served	23
Participating Schools	12

Prevention of Prescription Drug

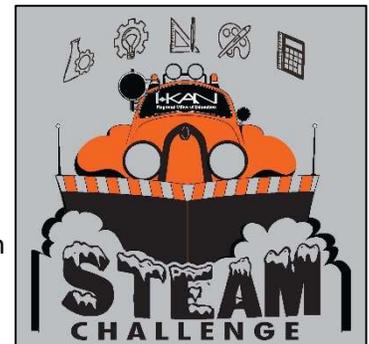
Misuse- Generation Rx

7 th , 8 th , 9 th , and 10 th grade Students served	355
Youth Advisory Council Members	17
Parent Communication Campaign Participants	1,908
Special Events	15

TEEN REACH

Number of Sites	2
Number of Students Enrolled	67
Adult Volunteers	10
Family Involvement (Parents)	20
Students Tracked	40
Promoted to Next Grade Level	100%
Showed Academic Improvement	85%
Reduction in Absences	86%
Special Events	4

- The I-KAN STEAM Challenge was held Dec. 3-5, 2024. The I-KAN STEAM Challenge is an event that challenges students from throughout Kankakee and Iroquois County schools to apply their knowledge in a group setting by exploring solutions or creating a product in response to a question. This competitive event allows students to develop their own ideas and creations to accomplish a solution to a question within the STEAM concept. A total of 23 7th and 8th grade teams, 23 5th and 6th grade teams and 19 third and fourth grade teams participated.



Professional Development

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Number of Workshops Offered	10
Number of Participants	212

ADMINISTRATORS' ACADEMY

Number of Workshops	5
Number of Participants	57

DATABASE OF CONSULTANTS

Professional Development Consultants	30
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STARLAB

Number of Days Checked Out	22
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BUS DRIVER TRAINING

Initial Trainings	12
Initial Bus Drivers	126
Refresher Trainings	5
Refresher Drivers	342

INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING PROGRAMS

Districts	12
Schools	12
Number of Participants	109
PD Opportunities within Districts	82

I-KAN STEAM CHALLENGE

I-KAN Steam Challenge	3 Days
Location—Ashkum Early Literacy Center	
3 rd grade – 8 th grade	
Regional competition in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.	
7 th – 8 th Grade Teams	23
Student Participants	102
5 th – 6 th Grade Teams	23
Student Participants	102
3 rd – 4 th Grade Teams	19
Student Participants	84
65 teams and 26 schools participated	
Total Participants	288

INDUCTION/MENTORING

Induction Kickoff	5
Participants	120
Mentor Orientation	3
Participants	69
Number of Participating Districts	9
Protégés Completing 1st Year	34

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

Number of Technology Coordinator/Director Networking Sessions	3
Technology Training	
Technology Sessions	3
Participants	25
1 on 1 Technology Sessions	25
Participants	105

Professional Learning • School Improvement • Instructional Coaching

The I-KAN Regional Office of Education provides quality professional learning and school improvement opportunities, including instructional coaching. Each job embedded coaching session is focused on the teachers' individual goals, classroom, and students. For more information, email rtobey-barrows@i-kan.org.

Revenue Information

(Largely flows through to serve constituents)

PROGRAM	AMOUNT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
County Support Funds	408,919.00	RAAC National School Lunch	10,431.46	ROE School Services – Local (STEAM)	16,275.00
Teacher Certificates & Renewals	41,035.00	RAAC National School Breakfast	10,117.80	Emergency Relief SEL/Trauma Response	70,000.00
TAOEP—State	203,440.00	S.A.L.T. Evidence Based Fund	1,161,169.53	GI –TIBHS (Trauma) I	129,232.00
TAOEP County Support Funds	42,243.00	I-KAN Schools Activity Fund	0.00	Special Projects	4,575.92
TAOEP District Assessment Fees	46,593.00	Generation Rx – DHS (SUPS)	338,756.00	GED Applications & Certificates	2,744.00
TAOEP Business Partnerships	225.00	Drug Free Communities—Federal	125,000.00	Bus Driver Training—Local	5,815.68
Homeless/McKinney Vento	64,377.00	Teen Reach – DHS	122,083.00	Bus Driver Training—State	3,696.00
RSSP —State	228,368.00	LEC—Local		Fingerprinting Fees	12,420.00
Regional Work Experience Career Exploration Program (RWECEP)	18,879.00	Dist. Assessment Fees	39,845.00	Family Violence Council—	49,000.00
RAAC Evidence Based Fund	310,893.68	ROE School Services—State	345,938.00	Family Violence—Local	0.00
I-KAN Schools Tallman Funds	18,283.34	ROE/ISC Literacy Plan	9,655.00	CPDC Project	6,731.00
RAAC—Local	125,800.00	Professional Dev—Local	59,436.00	Commission on Access—Justice	4,854.49
RAAC – IPRF Safety Grant	1,544.00	PD Instructional Coaching	127,155.00	Iroquois Community Mental Health	14,850.00
RAAC State Free Lunch & Breakfast	276.80	Instructional Coaching Local	158,678.00	School Maintenance Grant	50,000.00

Regional Information

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Districts	18
Student Enrollment	20,173
Administrators	99
Educators	822
Buildings	60
Cooperatives	5
Alternative Programs	3
Non-public Schools	7
Student Enrollment	1,861
Square Miles in Region	1,794
Population of Region	134,579

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grace Christian Academy
 St. Paul's Lutheran School
 Bishop McNamara Catholic Schools—
 (Bourbonnais, Bradley, Kankakee)
 Kankakee Trinity Academy
 St. Paul Lutheran School, Iroquois
 St. John Lutheran School
 Christ Lutheran High School

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Bourbonnais Elementary School District #53
 Bradley Elementary School District #61
 Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School District #307
 Central Community Unit School District #4
 Cissna Park Community Unit School District #6
 Crescent-Iroquois Community Unit School District #249
 Donovan Community Unit School District #3
 Grant Park Community Unit School District #6
 Herscher Community Unit School District #2
 Iroquois County Community Unit School District #9
 Iroquois West Community Unit School District #10
 Kankakee School District #111
 Manteno Community Unit School District #5
 Milford Area Public Schools District #124
 Momence Community Unit School District #1
 Pembroke Community Consolidated School District #259
 St. Anne Unit District #24
 St. George Community Consolidated School District #258

COOPERATIVES

Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative
 Kankakee Area Career Center
 Kankakee Area Regional Vocational Education System (K.A.R.V.E.S.)
 Iroquois Special Education Association
 Iroquois Area Regional Delivery System

REGIONAL ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

I-KAN Regional Alternative Attendance Center (RAAC)
 Students All Learning Together (S.A.L.T.) - Kankakee Site
 Students All Learning Together (S.A.L.T. II) - Iroquois Site

Governing Boards

I-KAN JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Jessica Andrade, Kankakee Co. Board
 Chad McGinnis, Iroquois Co. Board*
 Steve Huse, Iroquois Co. Board
 Tinker Parker, Kankakee Co. Board
 Carol Webber, Kankakee Co. Board

Meets quarterly
 * Chairman

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

John Gooding, Iroquois (27)
 Ed Brown, Kankakee (31)
 Dawn Russert, Kankakee* (29)
 Scott Johnson, Iroquois (29)
 Don Wagner, Kankakee (27)

Meets quarterly
 * Chairman
 (Term Expiration)