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Section 1

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Section 2

WHAT IS VALEES?

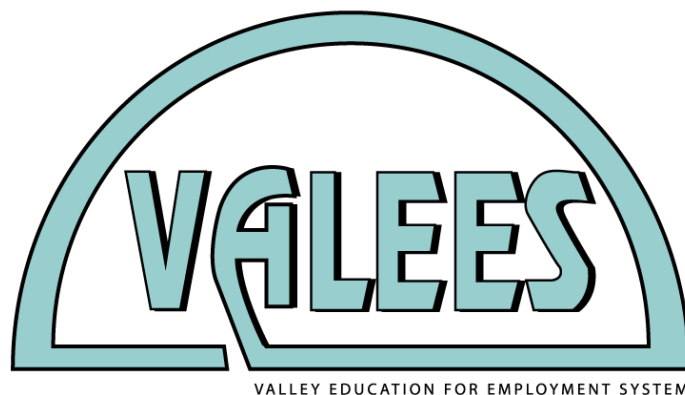
Valley Education for Employment System (VALEES) is a regional delivery system established by the Illinois State Board of Education which serves 17 school districts, two area career/vocational centers, one special education cooperative and Waubensee Community College, covering a five-county area.

We are directed by ISBE to:

- Support career & technical education curriculum and program development
- Provide professional development for teachers, counselors, and administrators
- Assist schools in technology and equipment updates
- Assure efficiency, access and equity in delivery of career and technical education
- Submit and administer career and technical education-related grants and disperse funds to member districts
- Promote local business and industry partnerships with education at all levels

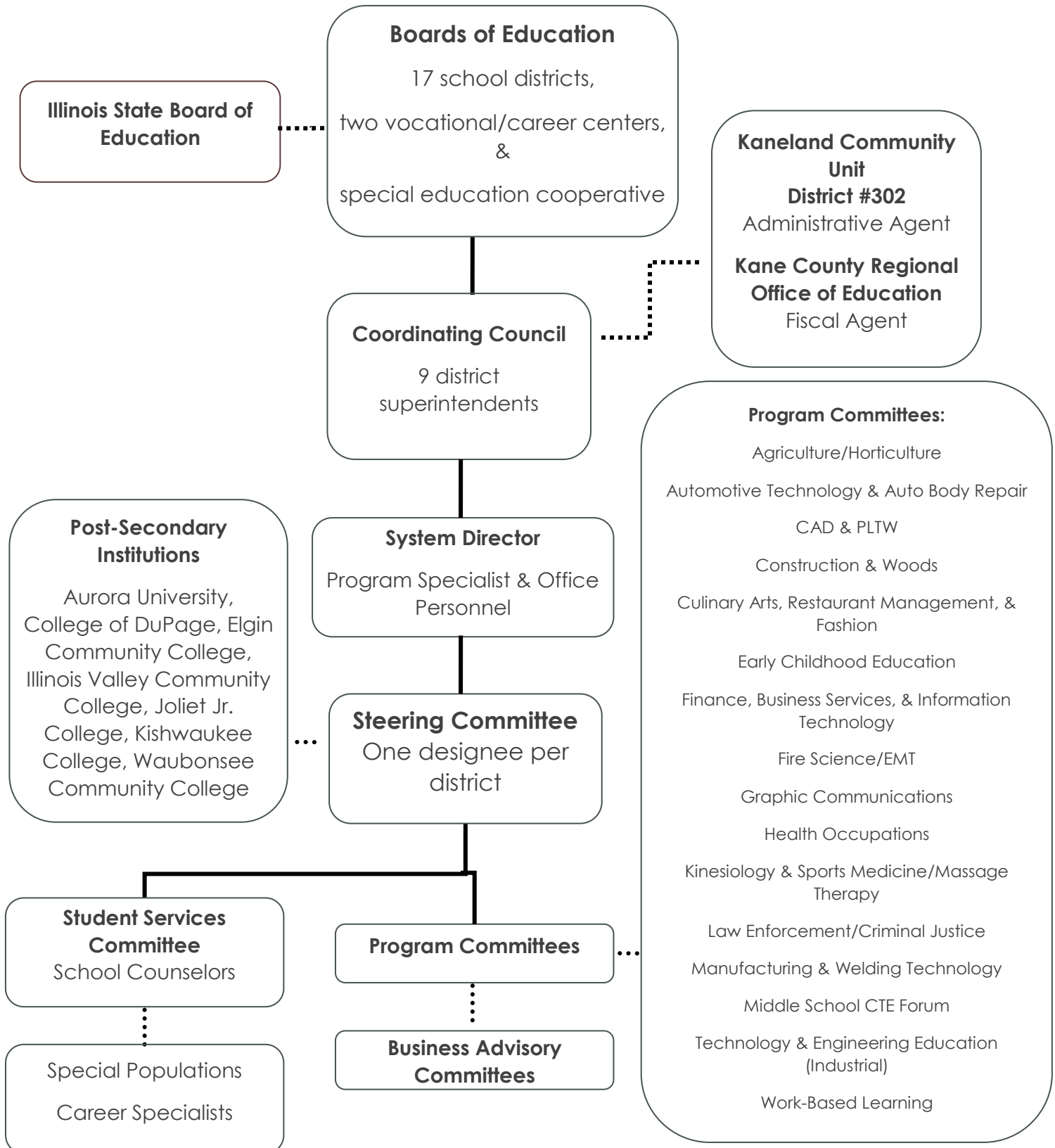
VALEES is divided into three sub-regions:

- Indian Valley sub-region is comprised of eleven feeder districts to the Indian Valley Vocational Center
- Fox Valley sub-region is comprised of three feeder districts to the Fox Valley Career Center
- River Valley sub-region is comprised of East Aurora, West Aurora and Oswego districts



Section 3

Valley Education for Employment System Partnership Organizational Chart 2020-2021



Section 4

MEMBER DISTRICTS

River Valley Sub-region

East Aurora #131

Oswego #308

West Aurora #129

Fox Valley Sub-region

Batavia #101

Fox Valley Career Center

Geneva #304

Kaneland #302

Indian Valley Sub-region

Earlville #9

Hinckley-Big Rock #429

Indian Creek #425

Indian Valley Vocational Center

Leland #1

Newark #18

Paw Paw #271

Plano #88

Plano Area Special Education Cooperative

Sandwich #430

Serena #2

Somonauk #432

Yorkville #115



Section 5

GRANTS

VALEES receives grant funds from both state and federal sources. The purpose of both grants is to develop the academic, career and technical skills of secondary education students who elect to enroll in career and technical education programs by:

- 1) Strengthening academic and technical skills of students in these programs to meet the Illinois Learning Standards through preparation for high skill, high wage, or high demand occupations in current or emerging professions;
- 2) Promoting the development of services and activities that integrate rigorous and challenging academic, career and technical instruction, and that link secondary education and postsecondary education for participating career and technical education students;
- 3) Providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve career and technical education, including programs of study;
- 4) Providing technical assistance to promote leadership, initial preparation, and comprehensive professional development at the local level that improves the quality of career and technical education teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors;
- 5) Supporting partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, baccalaureate degree granting institutions, area career and technical education schools; local workforce investment boards, business and industry, and intermediaries; and
- 6) Providing activities for support, development and implementation of an organized sequence of career and development learning activities for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

GRANTS

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT (state)

\$1,449,353

Additional allocation

\$70,000

PERKINS (federal)

\$684,307

Federal funds are provided to the regional system by the Illinois State Board of Education based on enrollment and a measure of poverty. Only those districts generating more than \$15,000, per the Illinois State Board of Education allocation, are eligible to receive flow-through funds from VALEES.

TOTAL VALEES GRANT FUNDS (Original Allocation)

\$2,133,660

TOTAL WITH ADDITIONAL CTEI FUNDS

\$2,203,660



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State Board
of Education



Section 6

STANDING COMMITTEES

Coordinating Council

The Coordinating Council is the VALEES board of control and is comprised of nine superintendents, three from each sub-region who meet a minimum of four times each year. All VALEES business is approved by this council.

Batavia	Dr. Lisa Hichens (Dr. Brad Newkirk)	Newark	Dr. Edward Boswell
East Aurora	Dr. Jennifer Norrell	Oswego Somonauk	Dr. John Sparlin (Ms. Heather Kincaid) Mr. Jay Streicher
Geneva Hinckley-Big Rock Kaneland	Dr. Kent Mutchler-CHAIR Dr. Travis McGuire-VICE CHAIR Dr. Todd Leden	West Aurora	Dr. Jeff Craig (Mr. Brian Veit)

Steering Committee

School administrators and/or CTE coordinators make up the Steering Committee whose function is to make recommendations on VALEES activities to the Coordinating Council. The committee meets three times per year.

Batavia	Mike Bryant/Brian Gamlin	Plano Sandwich	Jim Seput Tom Sodaro
Earlville	Jenette Fruit	Serena	Lexie Leiteritz
East Aurora	Amy Martensen	Somonauk	Eric Benson
Fox Valley Career Center	Rick Burchell	Waubensee Community College West Aurora	Ne'Keisha Stepney Brian Veit
Geneva	Scott McPeak	Yorkville	Joel Wyeth
Hinckley-Big Rock	Tracey Sanderson		
Indian Creek	K.C. McCarty		
Indian Valley	Joe Barbic		
Vocational Center			
Kaneland	Nicole Larsen		
Leland	Chris Bickel		
Newark	James Still		
Oswego	Dan Okoren		
Oswego East	Robert Kaminski		

STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Counselors and special populations coordinators comprise this committee. The committee meets three times annually and at Summer Counselor Institute.

BATAVIA

Erin Hack
Paige Buttels
Gia Peckhart

EARLVILLE

Pam Marks

EAST AURORA

Josie Adams
Ryan Adamski
Araceli Ascencio
Matthew Graden
Jon Kempf
John Korso
Jessica Mangan
Nicole Sales
Matthew Sheahan
Abigail Shields
Nakita Stewart

FOX VALLEY CAREER CENTER

Vida Martin

GENEVA

Emily Doty
Shari Klatt
Cathy Pool
Tricia Warren

HINCKLEY-BIG ROCK

Matt Kantor

INDIAN CREEK

Alyx Bickel

INDIAN VALLEY VOCATIONAL CENTER

Laura Edwards

KANELAND

Andy Franklin
Anne Kuntz
Colleen Russell
Erin Shore
Cyndi Violett

LELAND

Victor Epperson

NEWARK

Michelle McAnally

OSWEGO EAST

Sharon Bergfeld
Brittan Fatig
Teresa Gebhardt
Melissa Gleason
Laurie Midura
Tiffany Morelli
Michelle Nevarez
Alisa Sloan
Jennifer Twohey
Jessica Ziegler

OSWEGO

Betty Augustine
Jayne Colvin
Michelle Felten
Jamie Gabel
Traci Perez
Amy Rux
Emily Wiencek

PLANO

Lauren Elgersma
Courtney Voise

SANDWICH

Jennifer Docherty
Ashley Norton

SERENA

Jennifer Hoppis

SOMONAUK

Angie Koontz

WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

David Barreto
Faith LaShure
Joy Sanders

WEST AURORA

Meghan Cochran
Susan Fowler
Sarah Vanderveen

YORKVILLE

Jeannine Pacetti
Hannah Fishbeck
Sarah Pottinger
Nicole Wilk



Katy Armstrong and Katie Phillips during one of their many technology workshop presentations.

Section 7

FISCAL AGENT

The Fiscal Agent for VALEES is the Kane County Regional Office of Education per Coordinating Council action affirming fiscal agent on April 19, 2016.



Section 8

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

Kaneland Community Unit School District #302 serves as the Administrative Agent for VALEES, per Coordinating Council action affirming Administrative Agent on April 19, 2016. Kaneland provides the payroll and insurance functions for VALEES. VALEES reimburses all expenses assumed by Kaneland for this purpose.



Section 9

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Program committees and focus groups for sixteen (16) VALEES programs comprised of secondary and post-secondary instructors and administrators meet regularly to address the following goals:

- Review and revise current curriculum with the business advisory members
- Articulate secondary courses to post-secondary institutions
- Plan and implement professional development opportunities for teachers

Program areas addressed this year include:

Agriculture/Horticulture

Automotive Technology & Auto Body Repair

CAD & PLTW

Construction & Woods

Culinary Arts, Restaurant Management & Fashion

Early Childhood Education

Finance, Business Services & Information Technology

Fire Science/EMT

Graphic Communications

Health Occupations

Kinesiology & Sports Medicine/Massage Therapy

Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice

Manufacturing & Welding Technology

Middle School CTE Forum

Technology & Engineering Education (Industrial)

Work-Based Learning

Section 10

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The purpose of business and industry advisory committees is to assist school administrators and instructors in offering quality, relevant occupational education programs. The Valley Education for Employment System and Waubensee Community College maintain joint advisory committees.

A business and industry advisory committee should consist of five to fifteen members, not including ex-officio members, who are employed in or who have experience in occupations served by a program. Ex-officio members may include program teachers, students, and VALEES and WCC administrators.

Members named to an advisory committee shall reflect the composition of the communities served by the program. Factors to be considered in the selection of nominees shall include, but not be limited to, geographical distribution in the program service area, representation from various age groups, levels of education, program graduates, minority groups and both genders. A program advisory committee shall focus on the following issues to assure program quality and relevance to current occupational standards and practice.

- Training needs and placement opportunities for the program assigned
- Curriculum, instruction and minimum standards
- Regulations and safety in program related occupations
- Facility, equipment and supply standards
- Related academic and occupational information required
- Community based training, production and projects used in instruction
- Publicity and public relation
- Student and faculty recruiting standards
- Counseling, guidance and placement of students
- Professional development of program teachers

VALEES regularly schedules on-site visits to business and industry partners in order to enhance teachers', administrators' and counselors' knowledge of current workplace practices and necessary employability skills.

ESTABLISHED BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Development of business and industry advisory committees is an on-going process for the VALEES program committees. Current and former business and industries contributing their knowledge and expertise to VALEES regional CTE programs are listed below.

Agriculture/Horticulture

Agriculture and Horticulture Science
Department, Joliet Junior College

Chicago Botanic Garden

Green Earth Institute, Naperville

Kane County Farm Bureau

Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee
Township

Monsanto, Waterman Seed Physiology Lab

Seibert Landscaping, Bartlett

Tate & Lyle Food Systems, Sycamore

Keith's Car Care, Oswego

Lee Bumper to Bumper, Sandwich

Matco Tools, Orland Park

Mercedes Benz, Itasca

Midwest Learning Performance, Itasca

NAPA Auto Parts, Oswego/Elburn/Sandwich

Navistar, Naperville

Nicor, Aurora

O'Reilly Auto Parts, Montgomery

Plano Collision, Plano

PPG Industries, Naperville

Rich's Auto Service, Sugar Grove

Russell Automotive, Elburn

Snap-On, Kenosha, WI

Speedway Automotive, Joliet

Thompson Auto Supply, St. Charles

Wheatland Automotive, Naperville

Automotive Technology & Auto Body Repair

Auto Machine, St. Charles

Batavia Avenue Mobil

Carquest, Aurora

Dempsey Chrysler, Plano

Fox Valley Auto Parts, Aurora

Gerald Ford, North Aurora

Hyundai Motor Training Center, Aurora

I-55 Auto Salvage, Channahon

KB Collision, Sugar Grove

Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management & Fashion

Aldi Corporation, Batavia

Bridgeport Arts Center (Human Thread and
Fashion Design Center), Chicago

Chicago Fashion Incubator at Macy's on State
Street

College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn

Columbia College's Fashion Studies design floor
and garment collection, Chicago

Cooking Skills Academy, Itasca

Colonial Café, St. Charles

Creative Sewing, Geneva

Elgin Community College

Fashion Studies, College of DuPage

FONA International, Geneva

Joliet Junior College

Monsanto, Elburn

Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles

Von Maur, Oak Brook

Early Childhood Education

Brokaw Early Learning Center, Oswego

Children of America, North Aurora

Children's Museum, Naperville

The Compass School, Naperville

Dupage Children's Museum

Fox Valley Montessori School

Fox Valley United Way

The Goddard School, Aurora

Hometown Child Care, Aurora

Loving Arms Child Care, Aurora

Mansio Montessori

Natural Beginnings Pre-School, Yorkville

One Hope United, Chicago

Red Oak Nature Center, North Aurora

SciTech, Aurora

Two Rivers Head Start, Aurora

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Patterson &
McDaniel Family Center, DuPage Co.

Finance Business Services & Information Technology

Americhem, Aurora

APS DATA Technologies

Aurora Specialty Textiles, Yorkville

Bakers Marketing Group, Aurora

Batavia Container

BFC Inc, Batavia

Burgess-Norton, Batavia

Cabot Microelectronics, Aurora

CG Cookie, Geneva

Diamond Envelope, Aurora

Dukane Precast, Aurora

Flexicorps, Batavia

FONA, Geneva

IBM, Chicago

IMEC, Peoria

Junior Achievement, Chicago

Keson, Aurora

Kishwaukee Health System, DeKalb

MCC Technology, St. Charles

MP Global Ventures, Naperville

MTH Pumps, Plano

Northeastern Illinois University

Oberweis Dairy, North Aurora

ReV3 Innovation Center, Naperville

Smith and Richardson, Geneva

Weblinx, Oswego

Youthful Savings

Fire Science/EMT

Aurora Fire Department
Aurora Township Fire Prevention District
Batavia Fire Department
Bristol-Kendall Fire Protection District
Elburn and Countryside Fire Protection District
Sugar Grove Fire Department

Graphic Communications

Aurora University
Aurora FastPrint
BFC Print, Geneva
Bakers Marketing Group, Aurora
Castle PrinTech, DeKalb
Chicago Portfolio School
Creative Design, Plano
Critical Mass, Chicago
Cubicle Ninjas, Glen Ellyn
Fine Line Design, Aurora
FUSE, Aurora
IDEA Marketing Group, Chicago
Impact Engine, Chicago
Kane County Chronicle
Kelmscott Press, Aurora
Prefer Pack, North Aurora
PTG Design, Chicago
Rule 29, Geneva
Weblinx, Inc., Oswego

Health Occupations

Clinical Laboratory Science, College of Nursing,
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb
Delnor Medical Group, Geneva
Dreyer Medical Clinic, Aurora
Kishwaukee Health System, DeKalb
School of Nursing, Northern Illinois University,
DeKalb
Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago
Nursing Learning Lab, College of Nursing,
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb
Rush Copley Hospital, Aurora
The Holmstad, Batavia
Walgreens Corp., Deerfield

Kinesiology & Sports Medicine/Massage Therapy

Elements Massage
Fox Valley Park District (Vaughn Center)
Hand and Stone Massage, Oswego
Limitless Fitness
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb
Physical Therapy Advantage
Rush Copley Healthplex, Aurora

Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice

Aurora Police Department
Batavia Police Department
DeKalb Co. Sheriff's Department
Elburn Police Department

Geneva Police Department
Kane County Sheriff's Office
Kendall County Sheriff's Office
Montgomery Police Department
North Aurora Police Department
Oswego Police Department
Police Training Institute
Plano Police Department
Sandwich Police Department
Suburban Law Enforcement, College of DuPage
Sugar Grove Police Department
Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department
Yorkville Police Department
U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Chicago

**Technology & Engineering
(Industrial)/Manufacturing & Welding
Technology/Construction & Woods**

Americhem Systems, Aurora
ASIP Local 150
ATMI Precast, Montgomery
Aurora Specialty Textiles, Yorkville
Batavia Containers
BFC Print, Batavia
B-O-F Corporation, Aurora
Brookfield Zoo, Brookfield
Burgess-Norton, Batavia
Clean Edge Construction
Custom Aluminum, Genoa

Diamond Envelope, Aurora
Dukane Precast, Aurora
EN Engineering, Warrenville
Fermilab, Batavia
Flexicorps, Batavia
FONA International, Geneva
Freudenberg Household Products, Aurora
Henderson Engineering, Sandwich
Henry Pratt, Aurora
HQC, Incorporated, Oswego
IBEW 461, Aurora
IMEC, Peoria
Kelmscott Press, Aurora
Keson, Aurora
Kishwaukee College, Malta
Leopando Co.
LIUNA 592
Meadowvale, Yorkville
Met-L-Flo, Sugar Grove
Monitor Technologies, Sandwich
MTH Pumps, Plano
OAS, LLC, Elgin
O'Malley Welding and Fabrication, Aurora
Pentair, North Aurora
Perfection Servo, Batavia
Phoenix Closures, Naperville
Pipefitters Local 597
Plano Molding
Richards Wilcox, Aurora

Sauber Manufacturing, Virgil
Smith & Richardson, Inc., Geneva
Tech-Weld, Elburn
Tox Pressotechnik, Warrenville
Unilock, Aurora
US Department of Labor, OA, Chicago
Valley Fastener, Aurora
Valley Industrial Association, Geneva
Weldstar, Aurora

Work Based Learning

Americhem, Aurora
Aurora Specialty Textile, Yorkville
Batavia Container
BFC Inc, Batavia
Burgess-Norton, Batavia
Diamond Envelope, Aurora
Dukane Precast, Aurora
FONA International, Geneva
IMEC, Rockford
Keson, Aurora
Meadowvale, Sandwich
Monitor Technologies, Elburn
MTH Pumps, Plano
Oberweis Dairy, North Aurora
Smith and Richardson, Geneva
Valley Industrial Association, Geneva



Photo: Welding students at a Learning Loss Recovery event at Indian Valley Vocational Center.

Section 11

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

25 program committee meetings including 13 business advisory events

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

13 advisory committee meetings

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2 steering committee meetings

STUDENT TARGETED EVENTS

2 week long career exploration events and 1 student competition

IN-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1 all-day in-service activity

STUDENT SERVICES MEETINGS

3 student services meetings

COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS

4 coordinating council meetings

GRADUATE CLASSES

1 graduate class

MISCELLANEOUS PRESENTATIONS

19 instructional technology workshops

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS

-Number of Professional Development Hours

Total: 2622.5

-Number of Professional Development Hours from Program Committees not including committee meetings during the in-service

Total: 624.5

-Number of Professional Development Hours from the VALEES February In-service (see section 12 for more information)

Total: 628 claimed hours

-Number of PD hours from all other offerings

Total: 1370

Section 12

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR AMERICA’S FUTURE

February 26, 2021

Building Partnerships was held fully remote for 2021. Approximately 250 participants registered and attended this all-day in-service. Keynote speaker Amanda Bastoni examined where and how students engage in “deeper learning.”



Photo: Amanda Bastoni, courtesy of www.CAST.org

Breakout Sessions included:

5E Lesson Writing & CTE

EL Learners in CTE

Introduction to Trauma with Strategies for Building a Compassionate Classroom

Preparing Your Students for Success in an Accounting Program

Remote Strategies for CTE Teachers

Who’s Going to Read This? Creating Student Voice and Authentic Audience in Your Classroom

Picture the Process: Application of UDL Principles

Using Labor Market Data to Inform Career Counseling

Strong CTE is More Than Coursework

Applying UDL to Support Perkins V Special Populations Students

Converting F2F Lessons to Hybrid or Online Format

Dual Credit Curriculum Conversations

Naviance User Group - Work Based Learning

Xello, CCRI, Endorsements & WBL Tool

Automotive Technology Program Committee

Business, Marketing, and Accounting Program Committee

CAD and PLTW Program Committee

Construction and Woods Program Committee

Criminal Justice Business Advisory

Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management Program Committee

Early Childhood Business Advisory

Fire Science, EMT - Basic, and EMT - Paramedic Business Advisory

Graphic Communications Program Committee

Growing the Cybersecurity Workforce in the Waubensee Region

Health Occupations Program Committee

Instructional Technology Reunion

Massage Therapy Business Advisory

Manufacturing & Welding Program Committee

Work-Based Learning Program Committee



Photo: Instructional Technology Workshop

Section 13

PROGRAM COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic all meetings, professional development, and student events were conducted virtually for the 2020 – 2021 school year. VALEES will continue to follow all CDC and local guidelines for future meetings and events.

AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY & AUTO BODY REPAIR

CAD & PLTW

CONSTRUCTION & WOODS

CULINARY ARTS, RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT & FASHION

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

FINANCE, BUSINESS SERVICES, & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

FIRE SCIENCE/EMT

GRAPHICS COMMUNICATIONS

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

KINESIOLOGY, SPORTS MEDICINE & MASSAGE THERAPY

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

MANUFACTURING & WELDING TECHNOLOGY

MIDDLE SCHOOL CTE FORUM

STEERING

STUDENT SERVICES

TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING EDUCATION (INDUSTRIAL)

WORK-BASED LEARNING

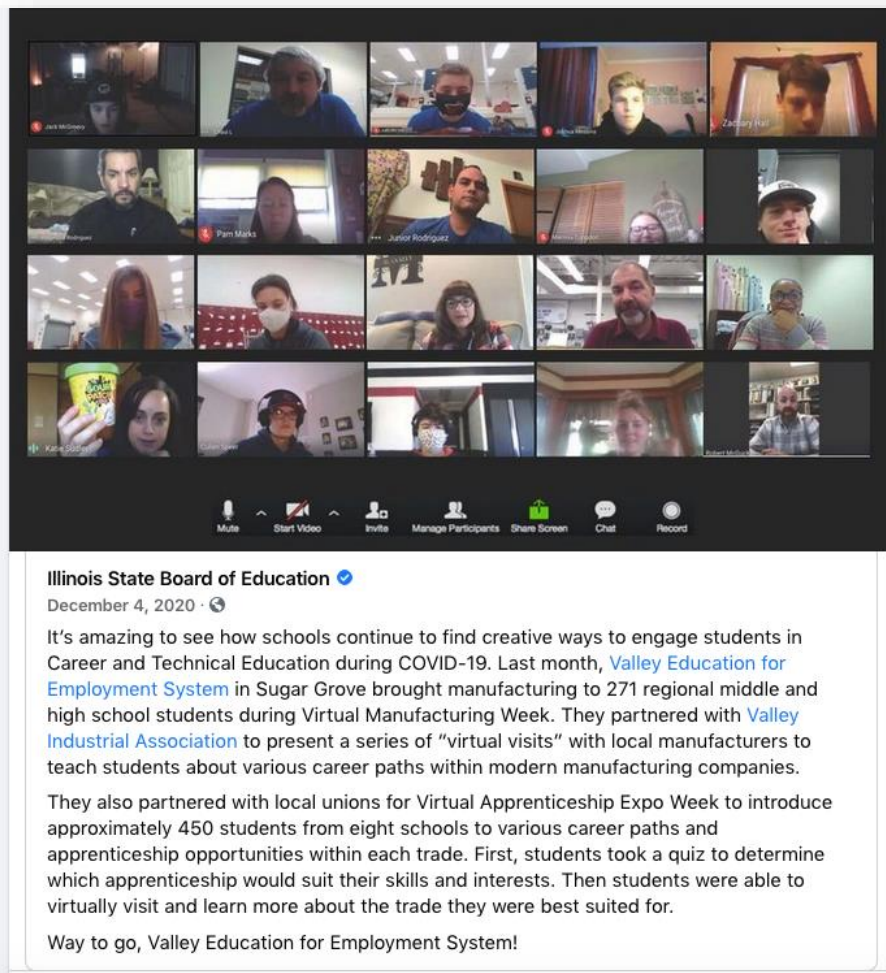


Photo: Facebook post by the Illinois State Board of Education recognizing the success of the virtual Apprenticeship and Manufacturing Weeks.

Section 14

TEACHER LICENSURE

VALEES is an ISBE approved provider of professional development and offers several ways for teachers to earn professional development hours toward renewing their teaching licenses including active participation in regional program committees, attending professional development workshops and conferences throughout the year.



Photo: Students at the Learning Loss Recovery Week at Indian Valley Vocational Center.

Section 15

JOINT ACTIVITIES

The following activities were a result of a collaborative partnership among VALEES and the entities listed.

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Carpenters CHICAP

ComEd

IBEW 461

Insulators Local 17

Ironworkers Local 393

Operators ASIP 150

Painters District Council 30

Pipefitters Local 597

MANUFACTURING DAY TOURS

Valley Industrial Association (VIA)

Aurora Specialty Textiles

Batavia Containers

Custom Aluminum

Diamond Envelope

Dukane Precast

FONA

Smith & Richardson

Tox Pressotechnik

Wise Plastics

Section 16

SPECIAL PROJECTS/SERVICES

ILLINOIS STATE COURSE SYSTEM (ISCS)

VALEES approves CTE courses for member schools. Data on student course enrollment is reviewed for accuracy and any anomalies are resolved with the member districts. Data reported yearly to ISBE from the Student Information System (SIS) determines the level of career and technical education funding for each district.

MINI-GRANTS

Mini-grants totaling \$45,710 were awarded to support Career and Technical Education Improvement initiatives focusing on the regional priorities of (1) Career Pathways and Programs of Study, (2) Integrating Common Core Standards in CTE, (3) Strengthening Employability Skills, and (4) Career and College Readiness.

BURGESS-NORTON SCHOLARSHIPS

VALEES assists Burgess-Norton by facilitating the application, interview and award process for two annual scholarships of \$2,500. The scholarships are awarded to students in the VALEES region entering a college degree program in a Manufacturing field.



Photo: Graphic student at a Learning Loss Recovery Grant Activity at Indian Valley Vocational Center.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

This year VALEES hosted a virtual Apprenticeship Week with Painters District Council 30 and IBEW 461. During the week of November 9 – 13, 2020, VALEES partnered with eight local Unions to present a series of virtual visits intended to introduce students to various career paths and apprenticeship opportunities within each trade. This event served approximately 450 students from seven schools in the VALEES region.

MANUFACTURING WEEK

During the week of October 26 – 30, 2020, Valley Education for Employment System (VALEES) partnered with Valley Industrial Association (VIA) and 9 local manufacturers to present a series of virtual visits intended to introduce students to various career paths within modern manufacturing companies. This event served just over 350 students from 6 schools in the VALEES region.

CAREER READINESS

VALEES supports career readiness through software licenses, business and industry connections and classroom support.

GRAPHIC STUDENT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Regional graphic teachers invited their top student(s) to participate in the annual VALEES Graphic Student of the Year Competition. Each participating student submitted a digital portfolio that was reviewed and judged by a group of professional graphic designers, college graphic arts program coordinators, and Waubonsee Community College Graphics staff.

Section 18

COLLEGE CREDIT ARTICULATION

Articulation Agreements are in place between VALEES and Waubonsee Community College; Elgin Community College, Kishwaukee College and Joliet Junior College for:

Accounting	Agriculture
Auto Body Repair	Automotive Technology
Business & Technology	CAD/Drafting
Construction	Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts/Food Service	Early Childhood Education
Fire Science	Graphic Design
Health Occupations	Horticulture
Welding	Web Page Development

Specific courses that articulate are listed on the VALEES website, www.valees.org. Articulated credit is specifically targeted at Waubonsee new student orientation sessions. VALEES also worked with WCC's Educational Television department to create an instructional video to help students and educators understand the process for claiming Articulated Credit at Waubonsee Community College. The video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YA1bkb1mZX8>.

Section 19

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA

www.valees.org

The VALEES website links member schools to Waubensee Community College, to the Regional Office of Education, and to the Illinois State Board of Education. The website contains informative items about VALEES such as general information, calendar, program committees, various forms, course information, professional development opportunities, student organizations, articulation information, Programs of Study, and career and technical educational resources.

VALEES also has social media accounts including Facebook, SmugMug, Twitter, and YouTube. The social media accounts are used to connect with regional schools, business partners and the wider community.

