

Meet the Staff

MAUREEN RICHEL, ED.D.

Indistar Specialist

Maureen Kenney Richel is an *Indistar* “shepherd,” providing support for the implementation and optimal use of the online school improvement program for Ohio, Washington, and Wyoming.

Prior to joining the *Indistar* team, Maureen had the privilege of serving K–12 students and teachers for over 36 years as a classroom teacher, reading diagnostician/interventionist. She also directed a reading intervention program, coordinated English as a second language instruction, and served as a district curriculum director. She joined the Illinois State Board of Education as a Reading First consultant. Dr. Richel retired from Illinois’ federal grants and programs division, where she assisted with Title I district and school improvement processes, including Illinois’ Rising Star/Indistar, SIG 1003g grants. She also served on the transition team to coordinate the shift of Illinois’ statewide system of support to the Illinois Center for School Improvement.



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Dr. Richel now cherishes opportunities to share through consultancy strategies to strengthen professional practices that improve student outcomes.

Maureen earned all of her academic degrees in Chicago, a B.A. in education from St. Xavier University, a master’s degree from National Louis University, focusing on early literacy, and her Ed.D. from Loyola University in curriculum and instruction, with an emphasis on early literacy.

When not working, she looks forward to traveling with her family and with a group of women that she has had the great fortune of being friends with since the second grade. Although she concedes she’s a solid 21st-century techie, Maureen is also an avid visitor and supporter of her local library, as, she says, “Nothing quite feels as comforting to me as a real book in my hands!”