

Rockford Area Schools
Independent School District No. 883

2025-26 updated 1/20/2026

CONTINUING CONTRACT TEACHER SENIORITY LIST

1. This list is intended to reflect the first day of the most recent continuous service in the district and major and minor licensure filed with the school district office as of December 19, 2025.
2. Time off for leave of any kind authorized by the school district shall not be deemed to be a break in continuous service.
3. Expiration refers to licensure expiration. A license expires June 30 in the year indicated.
4. Per the current Master Agreement, for teachers hired prior to Jan. 1, 2024, means date of board approval with the school board; ties go to the lower File Folder number.
For teachers hired after January 1, 2024, seniority will be defined by the date and time the employee's contract was signed with the school district in a position requiring a license.

Number	Name	First Day	File Folder	Yrs - Rockford as of December 2025	Months	Tier	Current Valid Licensure	Expiration	General Assignment
1	Sprague, Jennifer	9/8/1989	295950	33	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES ADSIS Reading
2	Engebretson, Dawn	8/31/1993	327256	32	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	ADSIS Math
							Coaching (7-12)	2030	
3	Ulen, Cheryl	8/31/1993	341845	32	4	4	Mathematics (7-12)	2030	HS Math
4	Merila, Julie	8/29/1994	350771	31	3	4	English/Language Arts (7-12)	2027	HS English
							Coaching (7-12)	2027	
5	Peterson, Colleen	1/3/1995	305327	30	11	4	Developmental / Adaptive Phy Ed (PreK-12)	2028	ES Physical Education / DAPE
							Physical Education (K-12)	2028	
							Coaching (7-12)	2028	
							Driver and Traffic Safety (9-12)	2028	
6	Hester, Jason	8/29/1995	352743	30	3	4	Life Sciences (7-12)	2028	MS / HS Physical Education
							Physical Education (K-12)	2028	
7	Belanger, Amy	8/29/1995	357508	30	3	4	Specific Learning Disabilities (K-12)	2028	MS Special Education
							Mild to Moderate Mentally Hdcp (K-12)	2028	
8	Nolby, Kristen	9/9/1996	344768	29	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2026	ADSIS Math
							Coaching (7-12)	2026	
9	Madson, Jamie	11/18/1996	355894	29		4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	MS A & I
							Keyboarding For Computer Application (K-8)	2028	
							Coaching (7-12)	2028	
10	Mateyka, Kristine	8/31/1998	350263	27	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2029	MS English
							Coaching (7-12)	2029	

11	Biorn, Holly	8/31/1998	365795	27	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	EXCEL Coordinator
12	Merila, Steven	8/31/1998	373040	27	3	4	Physical Sciences (Physics and Chem) (7-12)	2026	HS Science
13	Johnson, Marty	8/31/1998	377368	27	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2027	ES Grade 2
14	Hendrickson, Jan	4/12/1999	311670	26	8	4	English/Language Arts (7-12)	2028	MS English
							Specific Learning Disabilities (K-12)	2028	
15	Sarsland, Corina	8/30/1999	343208	26	3	4	Life Sciences (7-12)	2028	MS Science
							Coaching (7-12)	2028	
							Principal (K-12)	2026	
16	Wilts, Bonnie	8/30/1999	357434	26	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2030	MS Social Studies
							Coaching (7-12)	2030	
17	Roelofs, Joel	8/30/1999	375615	26	3	4	Coaching (7-12)	2028	MS PE/Health
							Health (5-12)	2028	
							Driver and Traffic Safety (7-12)	2028	
							Physical Education (K-12)	2028	
18	Tauber, Michael	8/30/1999	381683	26	3	4	Social Studies (7-12)	2027	HS Social Studies
19	Sanner, Tracy	8/30/1999	383135	25	3	4	English/Language Arts (7-12)	2027	MS Special Education
							Emotional Behavior Disorders (K-12)	2027	
20	Eliason, Darren	8/28/2000	383855	25	3	4	Vocal and Classroom Music (K-12)	2027	ES CIC (0.5) / Music (0.5)
							Principal (K-12)	2026	
21	Neff, Kevin	8/28/2000	385556	25	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	TOSA Tech Integrationist
							Keyboard For Computer Application (K-8)	2028	
							Mathematics (5-8)	2028	
22	Koste, Anne	8/28/2000	386982	25	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 1
23	Klukas-Weber, Cheri	8/27/2002	352919	23	3	4	Visual Arts (K-12)	2027	ES/HS Art
24	Young, Caroline	8/27/2002	394274	23	3	4	Social Studies (5-12)	2028	HS Social Studies
25	Wirth, Molly	8/18/2003	392152	22	3	4	Secondary Guidance and Counseling (7-12)	2027	MS Counselor
							School Counselor (K-12)	2027	
26	Houghton, Daniel	8/25/2004	394360	21	3	4	Social Studies (7-12)	2027	HS Social Studies

27	Mattson, Kathryn	8/25/2004	417063	21	3	4	Communication Arts/Literature (5-12)	2030	HS English, Learning & Innovation
28	Russell, Beth	8/29/2005	422934	20	3	4	Communication Arts/Literature (5-12)	2026	MS Digital Skills
							Library Media Specialist (K-12)	2026	
29	Ferdig, Jerald	8/29/2006	387299	19	3	4	Instrumental and Classroom Music (K-12)	2028	HS Band
30	Hedeen Childers, Tamara	7/20/2009	372018	16	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES Grade 2
							Reading (K-12)	2027	
31	Trandahl, Polly	5/17/2010	321227	15	6	4	Elementary Guidance & Counseling (1-6)	2027	HS ADSIS Math/Reading/AVID
							Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	
							Middle School Guidance & Counseling (MS)	2027	
							Reading (K-12)	2027	
32	Yakesh, Rachel	1/31/2011	381543	14	10	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES ADSIS Reading
33	Milton, Jennifer	8/22/2012	448595	13	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	ES Title Math
							Communications Arts/Literature (5-8)	2030	
							Social Studies (5-8)	2030	
34	Pennings, Benjamin	7/15/2013	397319	12	5	4	Social Studies (5-12)	2028	HS Social Studies
35	Gregory, McKenzie	8/26/2013	472437	12	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	ES Grade 3
36	Hammer, Kylene	9/26/2013	468971	12	2	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 2
37	Farmer, Laura	9/26/2013	472919	12	2	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	ES Grade 3
							Early Childhood Ed (B-Grade 3)	2030	
38	Bakken, Amanda	1/2/2014	439306	11	11	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	ES Grade 2
							Social Studies (5-8)	2030	
39	Rygg, Diane	8/25/2015	286035	10	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2030	ES ELL
							English as a Second Language (K-12)	2030	
40	Stariha, Paul	8/25/2015	330571	10	3	4	Coaching (7-12)	2026	HS Special Education
							Social Studies (7-12)	2026	
							Academic Behavioral Strategist (K-12)	2026	
							Autism Spectrum Disorders (B-12)	2026	
41	Ellos, Laura	8/25/2015	403568	10	3	4	Speech Language Pathologist (PreK-12)	2028	ES Speech
42	Gordee, Jill	8/25/2015	478967	10	3	4	School Counselor (K-12)	2030	HS CIC (0.5) / IB Grant (0.5)
							Principal (K-12)	2029	

43	Nelson, Leah	8/25/2015	485440	10	3	4	English as a Second Language (K-12)	2026	HS Spanish (0.5) / EL (0.5)
							Spanish (K-12)	2026	
44	Morgan, Becca	8/25/2015	486398	10	3	4	Public School Nurse (PreK-12)	2026	School Nurse
45	Cosgrove, Stephanie	8/25/2015	486663	10	3	4	Science (5-8)	2026	HS Science
							Chemistry (9-12)	2026	
46	Kaufman, Abbey	1/2/2016	491479	9	11	4	Social Studies (5-12)	2027	MS Social Studies
47	Anderson, Mali	1/11/2016	479545	9	11	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES Kindergarten
48	Gunderson, Sarah	8/22/2016	408072	9	3	4	Visual Arts (K-12)	2030	MS Art
49	Oliverius, Hannah	8/22/2016	490995	9	3	4	Science (5-8)	2027	MS Science
							Life Science (9-12)	2027	
50	Probst, Alexandra	8/22/2016	493290	9	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 1
51	Vasseei, Alex	8/22/2016	495419	9	3	4	Math (5-12)	2027	HS Math
52	Schnettler, Lanaya	12/19/2016	498571	8	11	4	Academic & Behavior Strategist (K-12)	2028	MS Special Education
53	Wawrzaszek, Madison	5/21/2017	501271	8	6	4	Learning Disabilities (K-12)	2028	HS Special Education
							Developmental Disabilities (K-12)	2028	
							Emotional Behavior Disorders (K-12)	2028	
54	Folger, Katie	8/24/2017	404801	8	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	ES Grade 1
							Communication Arts / Literature (5-8)	2028	
55	Oeding, Brenda	9/18/2017	485882	8	2	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES Kindergarten
56	Tensen, Cara	9/18/2017	491213	8	2	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES Grade 1
							Early Childhood Education (B-Grade 3)	2027	
57	Laidly, Suzanne	9/18/2017	496681	8	2	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 1
58	Udalla, Janee	2/1/2018	466871	7	10	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12)	2028	MS English
						4	Reading	2028	
59	Schneider, Corissa	8/21/2018	415346	7	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	TOSA SpEd Assessment
							Autism Spectrum Disorders (K-12)	2030	
							Developmental Disabilities (K-12)	2030	
							Communication Arts / Literature (5-8)	2030	

60	Bauer, Britta (on leave)	8/21/2018	473372	7	3	4	Instrumental and Classroom Music (K-12)	2029	MS Band
61	Beattie, Amber	8/21/2018	501261	7	3	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12)	2028	MS ADSIS Reading
62	Zastoupil, Calli	8/21/2018	505483	7	3	4	Spanish (5-12)	2028	HS Spanish
63	Von Kaenel, Robert	6/17/2019	427849	6	5	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12)	2027	HS English
64	Gruber, Kaytlyn	6/17/2019	500854	6	5	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	ES Kindergarten
65	Korzendorfer, Cassandra	7/8/2019	424447	6	5	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12)	2026	MS English
66	Bird, Krista	8/19/2019	424909	6	3	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-8)	2026	ES / MS ELL
							Elementary Education (K-6)	2026	
							EL (K-12)	2026	
67	Bloom, Samantha	1/16/2020	1004868	5	10	4	School Counselor (K-12)	2028	HS Counselor
68	Penick, Kacie	8/28/2020	441129	5	3	4	ECSPed (B-Age 6), ECE (B-Grade 3)	2029	ECSE
69	Carlson, Kerry	6/21/2021	439815	4	5	4	Spanish (K-12)	2029	MS Spanish/CCP/AVID
70	Desmarais-H, Jennifer	9/20/2021	350885	4	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	HS Media Specialist (0.5)
									HS Avid (.34)
71	Kenady, Andrew	9/20/2021	486325	4	2	4	Communication Arts/Literature (5-12)	2028	HS English
72	Ellie Engstrom	2/15/2022	1015407	3	10	4	School Counselor (K-12)	2030	HS/MS Counselor
73	Allison Leistico	2/16/2022	1015638	3	9	4	School Counselor (K-12)	2030	ES Counselor
74	Katherine Reynolds	8/16/2020	1018055	3	6	4	School Counselor (K-12)	2030	ES Counselor
75	Bratsch, Derek	7/1/2022	501036	3	5	4	Mathematics (5-12)	2028	HS Math
76	Budde, Abbilyn	7/15/2022	517026	3	5	4	Science (5-8)	2028	MS Science
							Life Science (9-12)	2028	
77	Veldhuizen, Abbey	8/16/2022	433223	3	3	4	Speech-Language Pathologist (PreK-12)	2030	District Speech/Patho
78	Rickart, Aaron	8/16/2022	513911	3	3	4	Physical Ed (K-12), Health (5-12), DAPE (PreK-12)	2030	Elem PE/DAPE
79	Reeves, Alyson	8/16/2022	1016909	3	3	4	Early Childhood Education (B-Grade 3)	2030	MS Special Education

80	Stall, Allyson	8/16/2022	1017222	3	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	ES Grade 3
81	Miller, Kelly	10/27/2007	1016265	3	3	4	Social Studies (5-12)	2030	MS Social Studies
82	Seabright, Lindsey	06/06/2022	1016695	3	2	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2030	ES Kindergarten
83	Sindelir, Erin	4/12/2023	453851	2	8	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2026	Student Support Spec.
							Science (5-8)	2026	
84	Douglas, Suzanne	5/12/2023	510031	2	7	3	Learning Disabilities (K-6)	2026	ES Special Education
85	Siltala-Habib, Brenna	6/20/2023	502326	2	5	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	ES Grade 4
86	Thell, Elizabeth	06/21/2023	1003968	2	5	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	ES Grade 4
87	Schoeller, Elizabeth	7/17/2023	472121	2	4	4	Science (5-8)	2028	HS Science
							Life Science (9-12)	2028	
							Chemistry (9-12)	2028	
88	Beard, Emily	7/18/2023	472322	2	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2029	ES Grade 2
89	George, Anne	8/21/2023	442064	2	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2029	ES Grade 4
							Communication Arts/Literature (5-8)	2029	
90	Sehlin-Goneau, Brenda	8/22/2023	292674	2	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2026	HS Special Education
							Emotional Behavior Disorders (K-12)	2026	
							Learning Disabilities (K-12)	2026	
							Autism Spectrum Disorders (K-12)	2026	
							Mild to Moderate Mentally HDPC (K-12)		
91	Andring, Christina	11/20/2023	389768	2		4	Mild to Moderate Mentally HDPC (K-12)	2030	District Special Education
							Teacher Coordinator WBL (9-12)	2030	
92	Nelson, Stephen	04/08/24	471130	1	8	4	Academic & Behavior Strategist (K-12)	2029	HS Special Education
							Life Science (9-12)	2029	
93	LeAnn Marudas	11/04/2024	422324	1	1	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2029	ES Title English
							Age 3 - PreK	2029	