

Race to the Top Steering Committee Overview

Purpose: The purpose of the Race to the Top Steering Committee is to provide the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Governor, and legislators with an independent perspective on the implementation of Rhode Island's Race to the Top plan.

Primary Functions: The Race to the Top Steering Committee has three primary functions: 1) Engage a variety of stakeholders in reviewing the implementation of the Race to the Top plan over the four years of the grant and make recommendations for improvement; 2) Identify strategies for sustaining momentum and engagement statewide; and 3) Issue a yearly progress report on the status of Race to the Top implementation in a manner that can be easily understood by all Rhode Islanders. The work of the committee should serve to build deeper understanding of, and support for, the role of Race to the Top in preparing all Rhode Island students for success in college, careers, and life.

Membership: Committee membership consists of designated representatives from the education field, state and local leadership, the business community, student organizations, parent organizations, higher education, community and/or child advocacy organizations, and others who will extend support for the reforms described in Rhode Island's Race to the Top plan. Participation on the committee is voluntary. No remuneration is provided.

Responsibilities of the Members: Committee members attend scheduled quarterly meetings, review briefing documents and progress reports on Race to the Top implementation, identify and assist in implementing specific strategies for engaging the public and specific constituents on Race to the Top initiatives and implementation, identify specific information that would assist in the review of Race to the Top implementation, and attend any special events related to Race to the Top, as needed or as able.

Time Commitment: The work of the committee requires approximately five to six full days of work per year, which include attending meetings and reviewing materials in preparation for meetings.

Support: The work of the steering committee is supported by designated RIDE staff.