



## Becoming a Network Member

### Advanced Coursework Network Information for District & School Leaders

*The Advanced Coursework Network is designed to support districts and schools in creating opportunities for Rhode Island students to access advanced coursework and conceive of their individualized graduation pathway at no cost to the school or district.*

This document is intended for District and School Leaders interested in joining the Network as Network members to provide these opportunities to their students.

### Why Become a Network Member

As Network members, schools and districts will enable students and their families to choose to enroll in formerly unavailable high value academic- and career-focused courses while they remain enrolled at their public school.

### Network Member Coordinating Responsibilities

Any school or district that chooses to join the network must designate a staff member or members to ensure the consistent communication between your school and the Network coordinators. The school or LEA designated staff can be the main the point of contact for:

- Advising students on courses that match their interests and meet their graduation requirements
- Communicating the available opportunities, benefits and risks to students and families
- Assisting students with course registration
- Confirming enrollments with the Network Coordinators
- Ensuring final grades are coordinated with the Network Coordinators
- Reporting all Advanced Coursework Network data to RIDE as needed

### Network Course Costs

The Rhode Island Department of Education will support the costs of Network coursework through state discretionary funds for students not enrolled as full time students at the Network Provider. No funding will be repurposed from the funding formula to support the Network. There will be no cost to the District, School or Family. The cost of books and course materials will be covered by state funding via per student tuition payments to Network Providers.

While many options will be available in blended or virtual formats, some courses will be face to face. Students and their families are responsible for transportation the student to the course at the Network Provider's location. The school or district may choose to support transportation of their students.

### Join Now

To complete your memorandum of agreement to become a Network member, please visit [www.ride.ri.gov/advancedcoursework](http://www.ride.ri.gov/advancedcoursework) or contact: Stephen Osborn, Chief of the Division of Accelerating School Performance at the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Email: [stephen.osborn@ride.ri.gov](mailto:stephen.osborn@ride.ri.gov) or Phone: 401-222-8485