

Transforming Education in Rhode Island: All Students Ready for Success in College, Careers, and Life

The Race to the Top Opportunity

Rhode Island Wins Race to the Top!

*Last year, we visited every school district and held several community forums to hear what Rhode Islanders thought was needed to improve our schools. The result was a strategic plan that the Board of Regents endorsed: "Transforming Education in Rhode Island." Rhode Islanders came together to turn the strategic plan into a winning proposal for Race to the Top, a \$4.3 billion federal grant competition for states with the strongest proposals to reform their education systems. Rhode Island was one of only 12 states selected as a winner and was awarded \$75 million. **Rhode Island's plan for reform is now recognized as one of the nation's best.***

We will use Race to the Top funds to build supports for student success.

- Standards & Curriculum
We will use new standards to develop rigorous curricula for Rhode Island schools.
- Instructional Improvement
We will provide new training opportunities and classroom tools to teachers.
- Educator Effectiveness
New evaluation systems based on student achievement will support professional growth.
- Human-Capital Development
New data systems will provide teachers with both information and support where it's needed most.
- School Transformation and Innovation
We will provide additional support to teachers and leaders in our state's most struggling schools.



Achieving Results for Students: Our 5-Year Goals

Today:

- *67% of 4th-graders and 70% of 8th-graders are proficient in reading.
62% of 4th-graders and 54% of 8th-graders are proficient in math.*
- *Achievement gaps persist for black students, Hispanic students, low-income students, students with disabilities, and English-language learners.*
- *75% of students graduate from high school.*
- *71% of students enroll in postsecondary education.*
- *81% of students who enroll in postsecondary education complete their first year.*

By 2015:

- *90% of students entering the 4th and 8th grades will be proficient in reading and math on our state assessment (NECAP).*
- *Achievement gaps among all students will be cut in half.*
- *85% of students will graduate from high school.*
- *77% of students will enroll in postsecondary education.*
- *90% of students who enroll in postsecondary education will complete their first year.*

By 2015, Race to the Top will help transform our education system.

- All Teachers
Will continuously improve their ability to teach the nation's best curriculum to each student.
- All Administrators
Will provide the supports necessary to teachers and students to improve learning in every school.
- All Students
Will attain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college, careers, and life.
- All Parents
Will have easy-to-use reports on their child's progress in order to participate in their education.
- All Rhode Islanders
Will have America's best public schools and students who are ready to succeed in college, careers, and life.