



## Advanced Course Network Summary - Potential Providers

### Overview

Enriching experiences with advanced coursework help students get a head start on postsecondary success, master the skills required of a lifelong learner, and be prepared for jobs in sectors critical to Rhode Island's future prosperity. The Advanced Course Network is designed to help districts and schools meet this need by creating opportunities for Rhode Island students to envision and pursue their individualized graduation pathway outside of the traditional school day.

### Types of Courses and Providers

The Advanced Coursework Network (ACN) portfolio includes four types of courses (Dual enrollment, work-based learning, career credentials, Advanced Placement (AP), and enrichment classes), offered by RI private colleges, public districts, and community-based partners. All courses in the ACN offer students transcribed credit and many offer college credit. Colleges are required to offer a minimum of three college credits in their ACN courses, to align with RI's school accountability measures.

### Postsecondary Provider Performance Management

RIDE holds Postsecondary Providers accountable for the following course outcomes:

- Mandatory attendance every day that the course meets
- Participation metric: 90% credit attainment for the class
- Performance metric: 80% of students in the class earn a "C" or higher

At the end of the semester, each course will be assigned a Tier based on these outcomes. Tier levels will be posted on the ACN platform so students and families can make informed decisions about their course options, and will guide subsequent funding decisions. Beginning in AY2021, Tier levels will also impact Provider payment levels.

### Payment Structure

On the application, Providers list one fixed administrative cost to be a Provider on the ACN (regardless of number of courses approved) and one per pupil amount for students by course (regardless of class size). Payments occur twice per semester, and are based on student attendance on March 15 and May 15 during the Spring 2021 semester.

### Important Dates for the Spring 2021 Semester Applications and Approved Providers

- October 23 – Application released for potential new providers (Link to be posted on [ride.ri.gov/advancedcoursework](https://ride.ri.gov/advancedcoursework))
- October 28 - Application technical assistance session 1 for providers (Zoom link to be posted here)
- November 10 - Application technical assistance session 2 for providers (Zoom link to be posted here)
- November 16 - Provider application window closes at 5pm EST
- December 3 - Providers notified about status via email
- December 9 - Mandatory provider orientation (Zoom link to be posted here)
- December 13 - District/School points of contact orientation (Zoom link to be posted here)
- December 14 - Courses visible for student browsing: [www.bit.ly/ACN2021](https://www.bit.ly/ACN2021)
- January 5 - 11 - Condensed registration window OPEN for Spring 2021 courses
- January 11 - Spring 2021 courses begin