



Advanced Course Network (ACN) Updates

- No Summer courses in 2020, Providers will be receiving training on a new technical ACN platform.
- Every student will be required to make a new username and pw and profile in May; there is an updated list of required information for every student.

- **Course type changes:**
 - No more non CTE-approved career credential courses
 - Dual enrollment courses must be minimum 3 credits (to align with RIDE accountability reqs)

- **Timeline changes:**
 - There will only be one RFP cycle for each academic year (released in February) that will include the following sections:
 - Summer (no Summer courses in 2020)
 - Fall
 - Spring
 - Yearlong
 - They will be reviewed by RIDE in March, announced in April
 - There will be a one month enrollment window in May for students
 - Every course will have a mandatory two week Add/Drop window

- **Payment changes**
 - Two equal payments for Semester courses
 - Fall: October 15, December 15
 - Spring: March 15, May 15
 - Summer: July 15, August 15
 - Four equal payments for yearlong courses (Oct 15, Dec 15, March 15, May 15)
 - On the application, Providers will 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).
 - When determining your requested per pupil amount, please include all variables including: materials, Multilingual learner supports, exam fees if applicable, and transportation costs.
 - There will no longer be minimum enrollment stipulations to run a course.
 - RIDE will maintain state ACN funding to support students who require accommodations and modifications for their selected ACN course. Students will be required to self-identify during the enrollment process on the ACN portal and qualified supports will be determined by RIDE, in conjunction with a student's current Individualized Education (IEP) plan and communicated as appropriate to the Course Provider.



- **Provider Accountability changes**

- Mandatory attendance every day that the course meets
- Revised course outcomes:
 - Participation metric for all courses:
 - 90% credit attainment for the class (class size determined after mandatory add/drop window)
 - Performance metrics by course type:
 - Dual Enrollment: 80% of students in the class earning a “C” or higher.
 - AP: 80% earning a 3 or higher on the AP end of course assessment.
 - Work-based learning: 80% of students in the class earning a “C” or higher.
- New accountability system:
 - At the end of each cycle (Fall, Spring, Summer, Yearlong) each course on the network will be assigned a Tier based on the two types of course outcomes referenced above, participation and performance.
 - Tier 1: 90% of the students complete, and 80% of students receive a “C” or better
 - Tier 2: Either 90% of students complete, **OR** 80% of students receive a “C” or better
 - Tier 3: Fewer than 90% of students complete, **and** fewer than 80% of students receive a “C” or better
- In the AY2021 cycle, these Tiers will be publicly reported by course on the ACN platform so students and families can make better informed decisions about their ACN options.
 - If any course is classified as Tier 3 for two or more cycles, it will not be eligible to be approved for funding on the ACN in future cycles.
- In the AY2122 cycle, these Tiers will impact Provider payment.
- Progress reports will be due once per semester-long course and twice per yearlong course.
- Providers have one week to input outcome data for every course and that data will be standardized: A, B, C, D, F, W for “Withdraw” “Contact RIDE”