



School Assurances

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, pursue and realize their individualized graduation pathway. Districts and schools have the option of joining the Network as Members, in which they allow their students to enroll in coursework offered by the ACN. Coursework are offered by Rhode Island LEAs, Community-Based Organizations, and Institutions of Higher Education.

Network Member Commitments - General Assurances.

The local education agency shall be responsible for:

1. Assigning at least one school-level person to be the point of contact for the ACN, this individual's contact information will be shared publicly. This [these] individuals must sign these assurances;
2. Awarding high school or middle school credit, respectively, to all students who participate and successfully complete a Network course;
3. Confirming through a RIDE-approved online process that the student requests to enroll in courses are academically-appropriate and logistically feasible;
4. Educating students and families about the ACN, including the benefits and risks. Primarily, enrolling in a Postsecondary course means that student grades will become permanent on their transcript if they do not withdraw before the add/drop period closes;
5. Supporting student registration and enrollment including completing a student approval process on the ACN technical platform during the month of May;
6. Ensuring ACN participation is aligned with students' Individual Learning Plans (ILP), personal interests, and academic/ career goals;
7. Ensuring equitable access to and equitable participation in the ACN, by addressing the needs of students, teachers, and other beneficiaries in order to overcome barriers to equitable participation;
8. Ensuring that students are not restricted from participating in coursework as a result of school or district-level technology (including but not limited to email filters), and
9. Sending the designated ACN representative to attend a mandatory annual orientation.

RIDE Commitments - General Assurances.

The RIDE Advanced Course Network shall be responsible for:

1. Managing the Advanced Course Network and supporting partnerships that provide expanded course opportunities to students across the State;
2. Approving course offerings by Provider
3. Hosting student registration and enrollment through the ACN online portal;
4. Facilitating communication between Schools, Providers and Students by providing annual contact information available on the CAN online platform and on RIDE's website;
5. Reporting final grades through the online portal to schools for inclusion on student transcripts;
6. Managing available Advanced Course Network funds and associated course fees;
7. Evaluating the Advanced Course Network program and course offerings; and
8. Reporting on and communicating broadly about the Advanced Course Network.



Network Member Assurances, AY2021

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application for LEA participation in the Network is correct and that the applicant agency will comply with all assurances as stated above.

	Text or Signature	Date
Name of LEA:		
Name of School:		
Name of LEA Superintendent (print):		
Signature of LEA Superintendent:		
Name of Principal (print):		
Signature of Principal:		
School point of contact name (print):		
Signature of School point of contact:		
School point of contact phone number:		
School point of contact email:		