



Selecting a District Data Liaison for Rhode Island's Data Use Professional Development Series

R.I. Department of Education (RIDE)

This document provides guidance for LEAs to select District Data Liaisons for the Data Use Professional Development Series developed with Race to the Top funding.

The Basic Education Program (BEP) states that, “each LEA shall develop school and district level data-based, decision-making teams. These teams shall review comprehensive assessment data to develop, evaluate and modify academic instruction and support services.” (BEP, G-14-1.1) To this end, the **Data Use Professional Development Series** will help create and/or foster a transparent, collaborative data culture in each building.

Q: What is a District Data Liaison?

A: The District Data Liaison is a district-level educator committed to participating in the **Data Use Professional Development Series** for one year with a cohort of educators from his/her district. The primary role of the District Data Liaison is to provide district-level support to help schools continue using data to inform instruction throughout and after the Data Use PD Series. The training series is made up of the following components:

- 3-day Initial Training (to be held in the summer)
- 3 Off-Site Workshops (to be held throughout the school year)
- 3 days of On-Site Coaching (immediately following the off-site workshops, optional for District Data Liaisons)
- 1-day Sustainability Planning Workshop (to be held in June)

The District Data Liaison may also choose to join additional cohorts if time permits.

Q: What characteristics should be considered when selecting a District Data Liaison?

A: The District Data Liaison must be able to fully participate in all off-site components of the training, in addition to supporting and resourcing district wide implementation.

Q: Can my LEA select more than one District Data Liaison?

A: Yes. If you are interested in selecting more than one liaison, please contact RIDE directly so that we may ensure appropriate space and training materials for additional individuals. We ask that if an LEA selects more than one liaison, District Data Liaisons should join different cohorts to best support the work under this initiative.

Q: What's the difference between the District Data Liaison and the point person at the district level for the Data Use Professional Development Series?

A: The District Data Liaison should attend all off-site trainings for at least one of the district cohorts, in addition to facilitating systemic changes at the district level to help support principals and teachers in using data to inform instruction. The Data Use PD point person is primarily responsible for the logistics of the training series (i.e., scheduling trainings, booking locations, and handling training materials). These two roles could be assumed by the same person, but they do not have to be.

Q: Who should I contact if I need more information or assistance selecting a District Data Liaison?

A: We encourage you to reach out to us with questions or assistance requests.

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