



## **RFI: Questions and Answers**

### **2021 Early Learning and Development Standards Curriculum Alignment**

#### Introduction

Below please find the Questions and Answers pertaining to the 2021 Early Learning and Development Standards Curriculum Alignment Request for Information (RFI), received during the open question and answer period, which ended at noon on **Friday, April 2, 2021**.

Please note that the questions have been answered in the order that they were received, and duplicate questions may have been combined or merged with a similar question.

#### Questions and Answers

- 1. My company participated in a prior Rhode Island curriculum review. Do we need to re-apply for this current RFI?**

We are reviewing curricula with a new rubric; therefore, all publishers/vendors seeking endorsement will need to submit curricula again, regardless of endorsement history.

- 2. My company publishes content-specific curriculum for Pre-K (e.g., literacy). Would the curriculum need to align with all 9 domains of the RI Early Learning and Development Standards (RIELDS), or is there consideration for a specific curriculum focus?**

Content-specific curricula must fully align to the RIELDS domains relevant to the content of the curriculum at a minimum. For example, a literacy-focused curriculum would be expected to fully align to the Language Development and Literacy domains of the RIELDS.

Publishers/vendors of content-specific curricula should mark down the curriculum's alignment to other developmental domains as appropriate.

- 3. Can applicants limit their selection within a Domain to sub-items within the Domain? (I.e., select and address only Literacy L1 Phonological Awareness and L2 Alphabetic Knowledge, and not select or address the remaining items in that Domain, in the case of Literacy, L3 – L6?)**

Curriculum are expected to fully align to the RIELDS domains relevant to the content of the curriculum at a minimum to proceed in the review and to potentially receive an endorsement (see Question #2). Therefore, there cannot be a match for some sub-items

within the relevant RIELDS domains and not others – the curriculum must be in full alignment.

**4. Are vendors required to submit both hard copies and digital copies of Appendices A and B, or is there the option to submit either hard copies or a digital copy?**

Vendors may choose to submit either a digital **OR** a hard copy of Appendices A and B.

**5. If hard copies of the appendices are required, is it acceptable for them to arrive separately from the curriculum samples?**

As referenced in Question #3, vendors may choose to submit a digital **OR** a hard copy of Appendices A and B, regardless of their curriculum's formatting.

If a vendor chooses to send a hard copy of appendices to RIDE, appendices may be sent separately from the curriculum samples.

**6. May vendors attach additional information to the Appendix Cover Sheet if our responses do not fit within the space allotted on the form?**

Vendors may include additional information relevant to the Appendix Cover Sheet.

- For digital appendix submissions, please include supplemental information within the same document file.
- For hard copy appendix submissions, please attach supplemental information to the Cover Sheet page.