



The New Agenda: From Theory of Action to Policy to Practice

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Progressive Support & Intervention (PS&I)

The R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) offers support and intervention to schools and districts, with a particular focus on working with districts that have been identified for improvement. This work includes surveys of students, teachers, and parents (SALT Survey) as well as visits by practitioners to schools (SALT visits). For schools and districts in Corrective Action status, the Commissioner can take various courses of action, including issuing Corrective Action Orders or appointing a Special Master.

Progressive Support & Information in Rhode Island:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/PSI/default.aspx>

The SALT Survey:

<http://infoworks.ride.uri.edu/2009/reports/salt.asp>

SALT Visits: <http://www.eride.ri.gov/salt/>

Selected Corrective Action Orders:

Hope High School: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/PSI/SupportIntervention/HOPE.aspx>

School Districts:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/PSI/SupportIntervention/interventiondistricts.aspx>

Standards and Assessment

Rhode Island is a founding member of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). The NECAP assessments in mathematics, reading, writing, and science are aligned with the Grade Level Expectations and Grade Span Expectations that Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont have developed in common.

Here is a link to the Grade Span and Grade Level Expectations:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/instruction/gle.aspx>

The NECAP testing program, including practice tests and released items:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment/NECAP.aspx>

Educator Quality

The R.I. Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education has approved a set of professional standards to guide educators at all career levels. Educators seeking certification renewal in Rhode Island do so through fulfillment of an individual professional-development plan (I-Plan) linked to school and district needs and priorities.

The Professional Teaching Standards:

http://www.ride.ri.gov/EducatorQuality/DOCS/General_Documents/PDF/RIPTS%20Final%2008-2008.pdf

An I-Plan overview: <http://www.ride.ri.gov/EducatorQuality/iplans.aspx>

School Improvement

All Rhode Island schools are required by law to establish a School Improvement Team, comprising educators and community members, which develops an annual School Improvement Plan. Districts are required by law to submit annual District Strategic Plans to RIDE.

Examples of School Improvement Plans:

<http://www.narragansett.k12.ri.us/nhs/sip/sip.pdf>

<http://www.skschools.net/wa/sip/index.php>

http://www.cps.k12.ri.us/bainhome/school_improvement/SIP_2008-09.pdf

Examples of District Strategic Plans:

<http://www.ewg.k12.ri.us/district/plan/EWG-District-Strategic-Plan-2006-2011.pdf>

<http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/node/891>

RIDE Guidance on District Strategic Plans:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/psi/DOCS/DSP%20Guidance.doc>

Finance and Operations

RIDE has begun implementation of a Uniform Chart of Accounts, which will enable RIDE to track all education revenues and expenditures down to the classroom level. This program will be fully operational statewide by 2011.

Information about the Uniform Chart of Accounts:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/Finance/funding/Uniform%20Chart%20of%20Accounts/Default.aspx>

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