

*The Advanced Coursework Network is designed to help districts and schools create opportunities for Rhode Island high school students to envision, pursue and complete their individualized graduation pathway.*



### **The Vision**

Rhode Island students work diligently to meet high school graduation requirements and prepare themselves for college and career success. As a community, we must ensure all students have the opportunity to make the most of that experience through advanced coursework aligned with their passions, interests and needs.

However, in high schools across the state, students' learning is limited by where they live and by the courses offered in their local school. Access is especially limited for advanced math, science and technical courses. All students must have access to high quality coursework that will allow them to pursue their interests and prepare them for their future success and the success of the state.

### **The Network**

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has developed the Network to meet this need. The Network is a statewide course access system that gives students choices beyond what is available at their high school. Through state funding, schools can seamlessly expand course opportunities for their students at no additional cost to students, families or the district.

The Network will engage schools, students and families to give students access to courses that enable them to envision, pursue and complete their individualized graduation pathway. A course catalog will be provided alongside school registration in the early Spring. Students will work with their family and school counselors to enroll in appropriate level coursework.



### **The Coursework**

The course offerings may be half or whole year classes and will include advanced science and mathematics courses, as well as Advanced Placement (AP<sup>®</sup>), world languages, career-focused and dual/concurrent enrollment courses. Districts and Schools will have the option to participate in the pilot year of RINAC, beginning Fall 2016.



The options available to schools and students will be offered through high quality, state-approved course providers, with possibilities ranging from local industry training programs to advanced courses at Rhode Island's colleges and universities. Courses will be offered in a variety of formats including face to face, blended and virtual.

For more information about the Advanced Coursework Network, visit:

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