Quality Matters
RIDE's Statewide Curriculum Survey

What is Curriculum?
Curriculum is a standards-based sequence of planned experiences where students practice and achieve proficiency in content and applied learning skills. Curriculum is the central guide for all educators as to what is essential for teaching, so that every student has access to rigorous academic experiences. The structure, organization, and considerations in a curriculum are created in order to enhance student learning and facilitate instruction. Curriculum must include the necessary goals, methods, materials, and assessments to effectively support instruction and learning.

Where We Are
The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) conducted a statewide curriculum survey, asking all LEAs to verify what K-8 reading and mathematics curriculum they are using, and where they are in their adoption cycle. Fifty-two LEAs responded.

We are working with EdReports, an independent non-profit that trains educators to review ELA and mathematics curricula.

Currently, 23 LEAs use "green" math curriculum materials as part of a K-8 continuum, meaning the materials meet all EdReports quality ratings. Seven LEAs use "green" reading curriculum as part of the K-8 continuum.

Where We’re Going

By working with LEAs to thoughtfully select curriculum and understand what high-quality looks like, another seven LEAs are expected to adopt green-rated curriculum for math in the 2019-2020 school year. Eight will adopt high-quality ELA curriculum.

When teachers have great curriculum materials, they can focus their time, energy, and creativity on bringing lessons to life and finding ways to inspire their students to learn and grow.

Curriculum Adoption & Implementation

Selecting a high quality curriculum is only one step in the process; it must be paired with high quality professional learning to support teachers with implementation.