

Summary of RIDE's Readiness-Based Graduation Requirements

Class of 2028

Priority One: We will prepare our graduates to create their own future.

- Our kids will, by default, be expected to take the academic coursework to graduate high school with the opportunity to enroll at URI, and RIC after high school graduation. Our kids, with the informed consent of their parent/guardian, may also choose to pursue a RIDE-approved readiness pathway.
- Our kids will receive information on transitioning to college, career, apprenticeship, and the military.
- Our kids will receive support for completing the financial aid paperwork that will reduce the cost of postsecondary education. FAFSA and state aid completion data will be reported in ESSA school report cards and will be included in school accountability.
- Our students will graduate high school having completed a resume to help gain employment.

Priority Two: We will increase engagement through real world relevant learning experiences.

- Our kids will graduate proficient in **civics**.
- Our kids will graduate proficient in **financial literacy**.
- Our kids will graduate proficient in **computer science**.
- Our kids will graduate proficient in **the arts**.
- Our high schools will develop a policy to award academic credit for **work-based learning**.
- RIDE will support the development of **flex credits** so teachers have the opportunity to design rigorous and meaningful interdisciplinary learning experiences to support the passions of our kids.

Priority Three: We will change how we support our children and families.

- Our kids who are caregiving youth, and students who work will have new flexibilities that support them to pursue their academics while supporting their families.
- Our high schools will publicly establish criteria to measure the academic progress of students, and the supports being provided to our kids.
- Our parents will receive annual notification from our high schools on the progress their children are making towards college and career readiness outcomes.
- Our kids will receive flexibility in their schedules to participate in advanced learning experiences.