



## Implementing High Quality Curriculum with College Board's Pre-AP Program

### Background Information

The College Board describes Pre- AP as grade-level instruction intended to give all students the opportunity for growth. It utilizes a framework, instructional support, model lessons, classroom assessments and optional performance tasks and final exams that focus on the skills needed to succeed in AP courses. Pre-AP is not a comprehensive curriculum or an honors program. It is designed for integration with the core curriculum materials. College Board offers Pre-AP courses in the following areas: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Biology, Chemistry, English 1, English 2, Geometry with Statistics, Visual and Performing Arts, and World History and Geography.

ALL LEAs in Rhode Island must implement a comprehensive core curriculum in English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science that is high quality. The Rhode Island Department of Education provides comprehensive guidance and lists to support LEAs in the selection process. RIDE reviews and updates the lists of materials annually. The selection of materials for ELA and mathematics must be completed by June 2023 for implementation in the 2023-2024 school year.

### Implementation Guidance

- LEAs that desire to implement Pre-AP courses in ELA, Mathematics, or Science *must* fully utilize and implement their LEA adopted RIDE approved high quality curriculum in the Pre-AP course. It should be noted that not all high-quality curriculum will align well with the Pre-AP framework. LEAs may contact the RIDE content specialist for support in examining alignment.
- Consistent with College Board requirements for Pre-AP, all sections of a particular class would become Pre-AP. In other words, if offering Pre-AP Algebra 1, all sections of Algebra 1 would become Pre-AP Algebra 1. A LEA may still offer a separate honors course, but Pre-AP is not intended to serve as a sorting or tracking mechanism in course offerings. LEAs would also attend professional learning and implement the required assessments.
- For courses where a RIDE approved high quality curriculum is not required (e.g., Social Studies and Arts), we recommend that LEAs continue to require the utilization and implementation of their LEA adopted curriculum in the Pre-AP course to ensure alignment with all Rhode Island student standards in the content area.
- When considering whether to implement Pre-AP, RIDE encourages LEAs to review how the required assessments and performance tasks fit into their comprehensive assessment system.





*Content/Course Specific Questions*

Please contact the RIDE content specialists for questions about alignment or additional questions about specific courses.

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