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## RHODE ISLAND CURRICULUM REVIEWER APPLICATION

FOR THE REVIEW OF PUBLISHED CURRICULUM MATERIALS FOR RHODE ISLAND'S EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS SERVICING CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS.

### **PURPOSE**

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (RIDE) is inviting early learning professionals to participate as reviewers of published, comprehensive and/or content-specific early learning curriculum. Through this process, reviewers will evaluate curriculum submissions intended for use in classrooms servicing children ages 3-5 years for alignment to the 2023 Rhode Island Early Learning and Development Standards and components of a high-quality early learning curriculum utilizing a RIDE-developed rubric.

Through this application process, RIDE will select approximately 5-10 early learning professionals to form teams that will independently review early learning curriculum submissions and meet jointly to determine final consensus scoring. Review assignments will be based on the number of curricula RIDE receives. **The project timeframe will be approximately between March 12 and June 12th, 2024.** 

\*\*To ensure the curriculum review process is holistic, we welcome applications from professionals that represent a variety of roles in the early learning profession such as, but not limited to: Preschool/Pre-K Teachers and Teacher Assistants, Kindergarten teachers, Education Coordinators, Administrators, Professional Development and Technical Assistance providers, Itinerant Service Providers, and Higher Education faculty.

## BACKGROUND

In February, 2024, RIDE issued a Request for Information (RFI) from publishers of evidence-based, comprehensive and/or content/domain-specific curricula for children ages three to five to align with the recently published, 2023 Rhode Island Early Learning and Development Standards and other metrics of a high-quality early learning curriculum. Through submissions received, RIDE will publish a report for use by the field that will detail the review and scoring process, summarize the curriculum review findings, and determine a final list of curricula that is RIDE-endorsed. This report and the final curriculum endorsement will be used for the purpose of selecting curricula for use in licensed child care centers, family child care homes, Head Start, Local Education Agencies, non-public approved schools, and private schools.

# **RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT**

Reviewers will be paid **\$500 per curriculum** reviewed and can expect to review three to five curricula depending on the number of curricula submissions RIDE receives. Each curriculum will take approximately 2 to 3 hours to review per reviewer. Payment will be made upon completion of all work. Selected reviewers will receive information to register as a vendor in the Rhode Island Division of Purchases.

## TIME COMMITMENT

Curriculum reviewers are required to attend one onboarding/rubric calibration meeting once selected for the project (approximately 1 hour), and team consensus scoring meeting(s) to finalize scores (approximately 4 hours in total). The specific time and dates of these meetings will be determined once teams are selected but will likely occur on weeknights after school hours. Meetings may be held virtually or in-person.

Reviewers can expect to spent approximately 2 to 3 hours of independent time reviewing each curriculum in-between meetings. Throughout the review process, there will be email communication and possible virtual check-ins with RIDE staff or to schedule pick-up/dropoffs of any printed curriculum.

### ANTICIPATED TIMELINE



## **HOW TO APPLY**

<u>Applicants may access the application form here</u>. You will upload a resume at the end of the form - please label the file name of your resume as "Last Name, First Name Resume." Only completed and submitted applications will be considered by RIDE. **The Application closes on Monday, March 11th at 12:00 PM.** 

If you have any questions, please email Amanda.Blazka@ride.ri.gov.