

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Title of Rule: Secondary Design: Middle and High School Learning Environments and the Rhode Island Diploma System (200-RICR-20-10-2)

Rule Identifier: 200-RICR-20-10-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: December 2, 2022

End of Public Comment: January 1, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 16-60-4

16-67-6

16-7.1.2

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

- Section 2.3.1 on pages 8-11 outlines the most substantive change which is to align the required coursework high school students are required to take to the courses required to be considered eligible at URI and RIC. This does not change the number of total credits students will have to obtain but rather more clearly defines them (Ex: Math sequence including Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry rather than just requiring any 4 maths). All changes will be in effect for the class of 2028.

- Section 2.3.2 on page 11 outlines three new proficiency requirements that students will be required to meet. These proficiency requirements include civics, financial literacy, and computer science. The civics and financial literacy proficiency requirements stem from recently passed legislation (H5028 and SB348)

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until January 1, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Currently only 52% of RI High School Seniors graduate having taken the courses eligible to enter our state's 4-year public colleges and universities, through the adoption of these Readiness-Based Graduation requirements, Rhode Island will increase the number of students graduating from high school ready for entrance into, and success in, college and career. Whether a student chooses to attend a 2- or 4-year institution of higher education or chooses to pursue a career directly upon graduating from high school, they will have the tools in their tool belt to be successful in doing so.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staff person listed above.