

State Alignment Summary

Enrich • Accelerate • Document

An overview of how the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) supports advanced learners through local district flexibility — encouraging enrichment and acceleration without a statewide mandate — and how Renzulli Learning aligns to that approach.

OVERVIEW

Rhode Island does **not** mandate statewide gifted programming. RIDE encourages districts to provide **enriched and accelerated learning opportunities** that foster higher-level thinking, creativity, leadership, and problem-solving. Programming decisions are made **locally**, with RIDE emphasizing educational equity and access to challenging learning experiences for all students — including advanced learners.

RHODE ISLAND'S G/T FRAMEWORK IN CONTEXT

Rhode Island balances local control with a statewide commitment to equity. Advanced learners are part of the broader equity vision: every student deserves appropriately challenging instruction, regardless of where in the state they live.

WHERE RI STANDS

- **No statewide G/T mandate** — local district flexibility
- RIDE encourages **enrichment and acceleration**
- Strong focus on **educational equity** across districts
- ESSA-aligned reporting framework
- **Learning Beyond Grade Level** initiative at RIDE
- State law & regulations on G/T education exist (PDF)
- Districts choose identification criteria and program design

RENZULLI LEARNING FIT

- **Profiler + Learning Styles Inventory** for holistic profiles
- **CTC** — creativity assessment beyond test scores
- **EFA + Leadership Assessment** — non-academic evidence
- **Enrichment Database** — 40,000+ above-level activities
- **SEM-based PBL** for authentic investigation
- **PSP** — documentation for local accountability
- Web-based platform: Providence to rural communities

ALIGNMENT TO RHODE ISLAND'S G/T REQUIREMENTS

How Renzulli Learning's instruments and content directly support each of Rhode Island's expectations for advanced learners:

RHODE ISLAND REQUIREMENT	HOW RENZULLI LEARNING ALIGNS
Differentiation & Acceleration for Advanced Learners	Profiler + Learning Styles + CTC + EFA + Leadership Assessment generate comprehensive learner profiles to inform differentiated and accelerated programming.
Foster Critical Thinking, Creativity, Leadership	Interest-driven investigations and authentic SEM-based projects build the durable skills RIDE prioritizes for advanced learners.
Provide Appropriate Differentiated Instruction	Enrichment Database (40,000+ interest-matched activities) and PBL deliver substantive differentiation tailored to student strengths and passions.
Local Flexibility & Implementation	Scalable web-based platform adapts to the size and structure of any RI district — from large urban systems to small rural schools.
Accountability & Family Engagement	PSP generates exportable progress summaries that support local accountability and direct family communication.
Equity Across Districts (Providence to Rural Communities)	CTC reduces SES bias; Profiler reduces nomination bias; EFA surfaces 2E learners; web platform reaches every district.

KEY TAKEAWAY

For Rhode Island districts, Renzulli Learning is the **turnkey platform** that makes consistent advanced-learner programming achievable across districts of every size. With programming decisions left largely to local control, schools need a unified solution for assessment, enrichment, and reporting — one that moves beyond compliance toward true talent development across the Ocean State.

WANT THE FULL DETAILS?

This is a 2-page summary. Visit the complete Rhode Island G/T alignment page for the full statutory analysis, identification framework, and FAQs.

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REFERENCES AND SOURCES REVIEWED

- RIDE — Learning Beyond Grade Level (Gifted & Talented Education)
- RIDE — Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Educational Programs for Gifted and Talented Children (RI State Law & Regulations PDF)
- Source page summarized: renzullilearning.com/en/G-T-Alignment-by-State/Rhode-Island