Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)

Practical Approach to Support Students with Interrupted Formal Schooling

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Context of MLL Work in RI

In 2021 RIDE released the
- Blueprint for MLL Success and the
- MLL Strategic Plan
  - Extensive stakeholder involvement in development
  - Based on research-based best practices
  - Intended to guide work with MLLs going forward

Video - MLL Blueprint overview
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• Three years of longitudinal data about MLLs in Rhode Island
Much of the Ambassadors’ work involves creating a toolkit that helps stakeholders in the state implement some component of RIDE’s Vision for Education.

This toolkit could take many forms:
- Professional development materials,
- Policy documents,
- Online resources,
- Templates,
- Handbook
- Other

Ambassadors will work with RIDE MLL staff to determine the appropriate toolkit for their project.
The Ambassadors serve as policy advisors. They leverage their expertise to provide feedback and insights to the RIDE MLL core team and their fellow ambassadors.

Ambassadors are spokespeople for RIDE. They help spread the goals of RIDE’s Vision for Education through their professional networks and validating the importance of RIDE’s Vision for Education through their endorsement and participation.
Supporting SIFE – Practical Approach

Inconsistent/Interrupted Formal Education - Practical Approach

This practical approach provides Rhode Island educators with actionable steps on practice and procedures to meet the social, emotional, linguistic, and academic needs of SIFE students.
The definition and characteristics were developed using definitions of SIFE by DeCapua, Smathers, & Tang, 2009; Freeman & Freeman, 2002; U.S. Dept. of Education Newcomer Toolkit (2016); WIDA SIFE Focus (2015).
Supporting SIFE – Webpage

Inconsistent/Interrupted Formal Education - Webpage

This website provides Rhode Island educators with more resources to meet the social, emotional, linguistic, and academic needs of SIFE students.
Practical Tools for Supporting MultiLingual Learners (MLLs) with Inconsistent/Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE)
Thank you!

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