

Rhode Island



POLICY AREA	Is state connecting this policy area to teacher evaluation/ effectiveness?	Recommendation for State Action
Tenure	No	Base tenure decisions on evidence of classroom effectiveness, rather than the number of years in the classroom.
Professional Development	Yes	
Improvement Plans	Yes	
Reporting of Aggregate Teacher Ratings	No	Make aggregate school-level data about teacher performance publicly available to shine a light on how equitably teachers are distributed across and within school districts.
Compensation	No	Develop compensation structures that recognize teachers for their effectiveness.
Dismissal	No	Specify that classroom ineffectiveness is grounds for dismissal so that districts do not feel they lack the legal basis for terminating consistently poor performers.
Layoffs	Yes	
Licensure Advancement	Yes	
Licensure Reciprocity	No	Make evidence of teacher effectiveness the basis for granting licenses to out-of-state candidates, especially for those who come from states that make student growth a significant factor in evaluations.
Student Teaching Placements	Yes	
Prep Program Accountability	Yes	