

---

## RISE Network Quarterly Newsletter | November 2023

1 message

---

Connecticut RISE Network <info@ctrise.org>  
Reply-To: Connecticut RISE Network <info@ctrise.org>  
To: Lindsey Christiani <lchristiani@ctrise.org>

Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 11:30 AM



---

### Dalio Report Underscores the Importance of Keeping All Students On-Track, which is Central to RISE's Mission



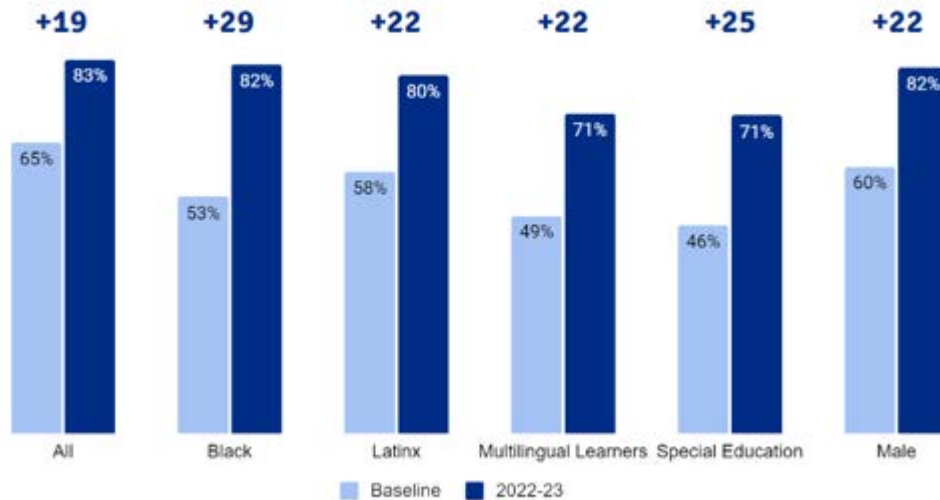
A report recently released by Dalio Education titled "[Connecticut's Unspoken Crisis](#)" deepens our understanding of the statewide challenges impacting young people, leading far too many to become off-track or disconnected from education or employment. Across the RISE Network, schools focus on keeping students on-track during their high school experience, working to disrupt the path to disconnection. [Learn more](#) about how RISE partners are collaborating to keep students on-track toward graduation and postsecondary success.

Following the release of Dalio's report, RISE principals from [Stamford](#), [Norwalk](#), [Meriden](#), and [East Hartford](#) released powerful op-eds, sharing replicable strategies they are pursuing with RISE to improve student outcomes.

[Visit our Newsroom](#) to read these op-eds and more.

## Network-Wide Data Show Increases in On-Track Achievement and Postsecondary Preparation

% of Grade 9 Core Network Students Meeting Current Grade 9 Promotion Requirements  
(Baseline to 2022-23)



\*Graph reflects 8 core network schools with available data. Grade 9 cohort size of 3,028 in 2022-23. Baseline/Year 0 was 2021-15 for 4 Cohort 1 core network schools and 2018-19 for 4 Cohort 2 core network schools.

Earlier this month, the Connecticut State Department of Education released 2022-23 school and district [accountability data](#). While the data revealed continued challenges, especially in Grade 9 and postsecondary preparation, RISE Network schools are disrupting these trends. **RISE schools have improved Grade 9 on-track achievement by 19 percentage points** over the course of our partnerships, including gains of up to 29 points among students of color, multilingual learners, and students with special needs.

### READ MORE

The state data also underscore the need to raise awareness around the critical importance of Grade 9. At RISE's June 2024 [Grade 9 Symposium](#), we will explore research and practices to promote freshman success. [Learn more!](#)

## Spotlight on Continuous Improvement



As a network, we are committed to continuous learning and improvement. Collectively, we seek to refine our efforts based on new data, needs, and opportunity areas. This month, we shared a blog series focused on continuous improvement through the lens of our Grade 9 and postsecondary work. First, we reflected on [FAFSA task forces](#), highlighting exciting progress at Maloney High School in Meriden. Then, we shifted our focus to Grade 9 [extended day programming](#) at two core network schools. We concluded our series by exploring how [on-track coach student surveys](#) inform strategy and practice.

Visit our [blog page](#) to read them all!

[READ MORE](#)

---

## News from the Network

[Through Gates Foundation Grant, RISE Explores Uses of AI](#) | RISE Blog

[Freshman Focus Network Provides Actionable Strategies to Support Students Through the Grade 9 Transition](#) | RISE Blog

[Engagement Team Expands RISE's Impact in Connecticut and Beyond](#) | RISE Blog

[Educator Spotlight: Dr. Dawn Brooks](#) | RISE Blog








---

## Social Media Spotlight



Get social with us! Join the RISE Network on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#) for more updates and to connect with colleagues!

## Get Involved with RISE

 Sign up for our e-newsletter	 View career opportunities	 Donate to RISE	
 Learn about the Data Hub	 Explore professional development	 Participate in the Freshman Focus Network	 Learn about the Grade 9 Symposium

From the RISE Data Hub to coaching and professional learning opportunities, learn more about how you can get involved in the RISE Network!

GET INVOLVED

## Donate to RISE



Your donation supports a community of educators striving to ensure every RISE high school student graduates college and career ready. Together, we can and will help all students realize their full potential.

**DONATE NOW**



[Unsubscribe](#)

Connecticut RISE Network, Inc.

<https://www.ctrise.org/>