

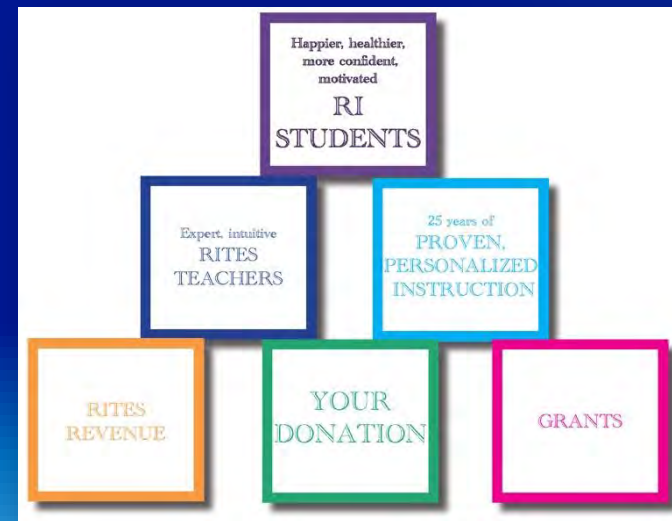


2025 Annual Report

Rhode Island Tutorial & Educational Services

We Teach the Way Students Learn

Providing the Building Blocks of Success



**2025 IN REVIEW
RHODE ISLAND TUTORIAL &
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**



60 TEACHERS
461+ STUDENTS
7,367 HOURS OF TUTORING
55 COMMUNITIES (RI, MA, CT, PA)

\$45,000+ FINANCIAL AID GIVEN OUT
998+ FIN AID HOURS
40 FA STUDENTS



24 SIBLING, 2 MILITARY DISCOUNTS (52 STUDENTS)



58% LITERACY
30% MATH
2% SAT
10% OTHER

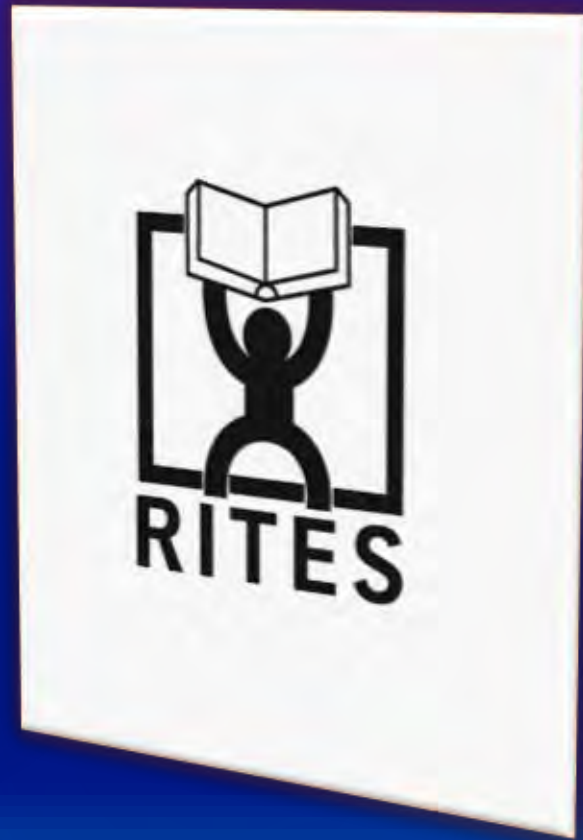
\$48,000+ GRANTS & DONATIONS
\$425,000+ TUTORING & SERVICES
13% GROWTH OF ENDOWMENT VALUE



2025 Annual Report Highlights

Rhode Island Tutorial &
Educational Services

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Rhode Island Tutorial & Educational Services



2025 Success Stories

RITES Parent Perspectives

“This is a very impressive group! So helpful. They align your student with just the right well-trained, experienced tutor. My son (17) really related well to his tutor--who can say that about a 17-year-old? He never complained when he had to meet with his RITES teacher. She made my son feel comfortable, she treated him with respect, she was gently professional, and effective. She had excellent communication skills and we always knew exactly what was to be done.”

- K.B. (parent)





2025 Message from the Co-Directors

2025 ushered in meaningful expansion and growth

Rhode Island Tutorial & Educational Services (RITES) has been serving the local community for almost three decades. We have worked with thousands of students, improving their educational and personal outcomes. Thanks to generous donors like you, our trusted non profit status, and our outreach efforts towards grants and other funding opportunities, we have supported more students than ever, who could not normally afford our services.



Halley Lavenstein and Lisa Bigney, RITES Co-Directors

This year was an affirming year: more granting organizations than ever before recognized and rewarded our work; individual donations broke previously set records; teacher hiring reached an all-time high; and we were able to meet our financial assistance expansion goals. Our growth was also punctuated by the need to look for a new local home for our learning center in 2026. We spent much of 2025 searching for a suitable place to relocate.

We look forward to reflecting on 2025 and looking ahead to 2026 in this report. Throughout, in honor of our mission to expand our financial assistance program further, you will learn a little more about many of our currently supported students and the hopes and aspirations they, and we, have for their future.

As always, we also extend a special “thank you” to our amazing, dedicated teachers. Without them, local struggling students would not have the opportunity to discover they CAN learn, they CAN dream, and they CAN achieve success. Without them, families wouldn’t have the support structure to understand their children’s unique learning style and shape their academic experience to its fullest. Without them, we aren’t the area’s leading experts in teaching the way students learn best. Without them, we aren’t RITES.

- Lisa Bigney and Halley Lavenstein, RITES Co-Directors



2025 Success Stories

RITES Teacher Perspectives

Our 2025 “Featured Teacher” is Math and SAT Specialist, Natalie D.

Natalie has been with us for 3 years (and counting!), already logging over 1,300 hours of quality math and SAT tutoring. She is a soft-spoken, calm and friendly teacher, who really invests herself in getting to know her students and how to explain and teach complex concepts so they can truly understand. Her exceptional ability to teach high school math and the math SAT, as well as her ability to connect to a wide range of personalities and learning profiles, makes her a true RITES treasure. She has a great sense of “doing right” by each of her students. Her caring, proactive attitude means she goes above and beyond what is expected of her, as a teacher, mentor, and colleague. This year, on top of her considerable individual tutoring workload, she readily accepted the unique opportunity to teach a RITES SAT class to budding medical field students at RI Hospital, and she took the reins over for our annual ISEE/SSAT class collaboration with the French American School of RI.

Thank you so much for all you do for RITES and our students, Natalie!

Natalie herself says:

“One memory that especially stands out is when an adult student, preparing for an exam to advance his military career, passed his test and told me that I had changed his life and his outlook on math. It is those meaningful moments and words from students that inspired me to pursue helping learners at all levels.”

I truly enjoy working for RITES because it is an incredible organization that genuinely cares about each student’s success and growth. In my role, I have the opportunity not only to build students’ confidence in math, but also to form meaningful relationships, and, at times, watch students grow from middle school through high school graduation. I also value the chance to teach a variety of subjects and work with test prep students, which brings a diversity to the work I love.”

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2025 Highlights Tutoring

RITES
REVENUE

YOUR
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GRANTS

- ▶ **\$45,000+** given in financial aid in 2025 to **40** students for **individualized tutoring** through the RITES financial assistance program, funded by donations from people like you
- ▶ Gave aid to **13%** of our total students (a **5%** increase over last year)
- ▶ Also gave **24 sibling discounts**, **2 military discounts**, and provided reduced pricing to **2 practicum students**





2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

S. M.

RITES financial aid students' needs can change with time and the right support. S.M. came to RITES in the summer of 2022 as a rising 5th grader, reading at an early 1st grade level. Today, with the help of his RITES reading specialist, he is reading on grade level, but he now needs support for 7th grade math. In the coming year, S.M. will conquer this new goal with his RITES math specialist, thanks to our 2025 donors.

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2025 Highlights

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60 RITES teachers delivered **7,367** hours of quality, specialized, one-to-one instruction



Worked with **461+** students, including programs of small groups in schools



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25 years of
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PERSONALIZED
INSTRUCTION

2025 Highlights

- ▶ **\$64,655** in School Contracts
 - ▶ Approximately **14%** of all 2025 tutoring
 - ▶ **15** different school districts served (RI, MA, CT, PA)
 - ▶ **1,024** instructional hours delivered
 - ▶ **14** hours of teacher training provided
 - ▶ **108+** students served



Although this type of tutoring dropped off almost 50% from 2024, due to the end of federal ESSER funding in the post-Covid era, local school districts still recognized the value of what we offer, and chose to engage us when needing services beyond their own capabilities. This work cements RITES' reputation as a reliable, effective supplemental educational service provider to local students, providing unique, specialized instruction to improve literacy and numeracy.



2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

L. B.



Often, our RITES expert teachers offer so much more than just instruction. They can be a source of family support, help with organization and plan-of-attack strategies, and maybe most importantly, build the confidence of their students. L.B. is one of our students who needs this the most. She crumples and shuts down in math class at school. Her RITES teacher helps her truly understand math concepts and experience the success of completing math operations and problems successfully. Little by little, she is becoming a more confident person who believes in herself. Because of generous folks in our community, L.B. is sure to break through her own doubt barrier and master long division by the end of the school year!



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Tutoring 2025

- ▶ 216 new student intakes
- ▶ 344 active 1-1 private students
- ▶ 108+ School-based (school contract) students
- ▶ 55 Communities in 4 states (RI, MA, CT, PA) served

RITES increased our reach into our local community, delivering 8% more of our quality supplemental, direct instruction that leads to student success.

RITES also partnered with 15 different school districts in RI and MA, as well as a local organization, providing small in-person, on-site group instruction, virtual group instruction, and in-person and virtual 1-1 tutorials for their students needing specialized instruction.





2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

A. G.

When she began 1-1 tutoring in 2019 as a 5th grader, A.G. needed help from her RITES Orton-Gillingham reading specialist to identify syllable types and learn prefixes. But, as with so many RITES students, her needs didn't stop with just one area of weakness. As she progressed in school, she also needed help with math. Today, as a junior, A.G. still gets support from her RITES literacy specialist for comparative essay writing (a long way from syllables!), and, with the help of our funders, we have also been able to add Algebra tutoring from a RITES high school math specialist. A.G.'s financial aid was due to run out in December; but, thanks to the kindness of our Giving Tuesday donors, who didn't let it end here, A.G. has the chance to reach her graduation goal!





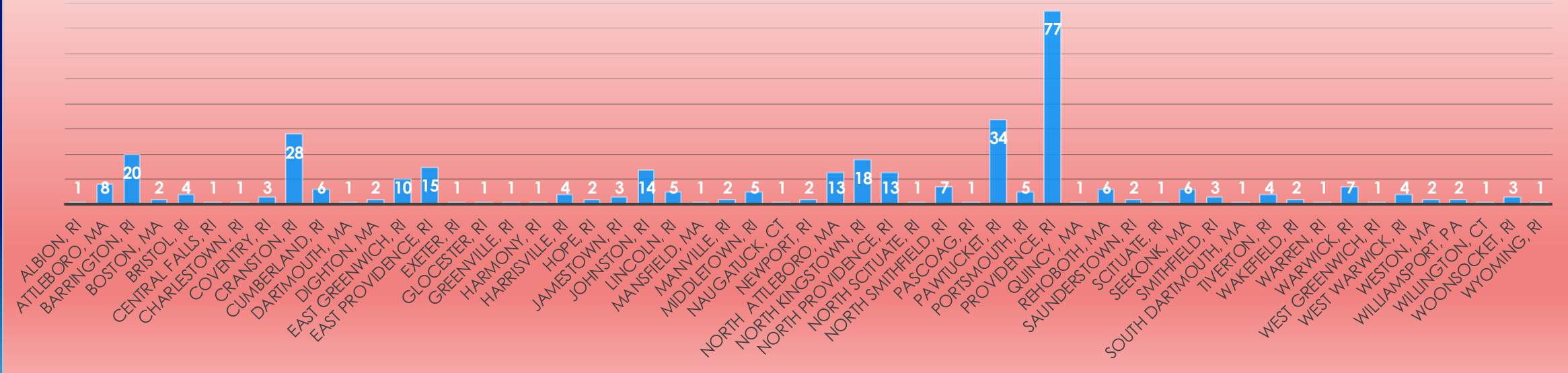
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RITES 2025 Communities

2025 RITES Communities Served: 55 throughout RI, MA, CT, PA



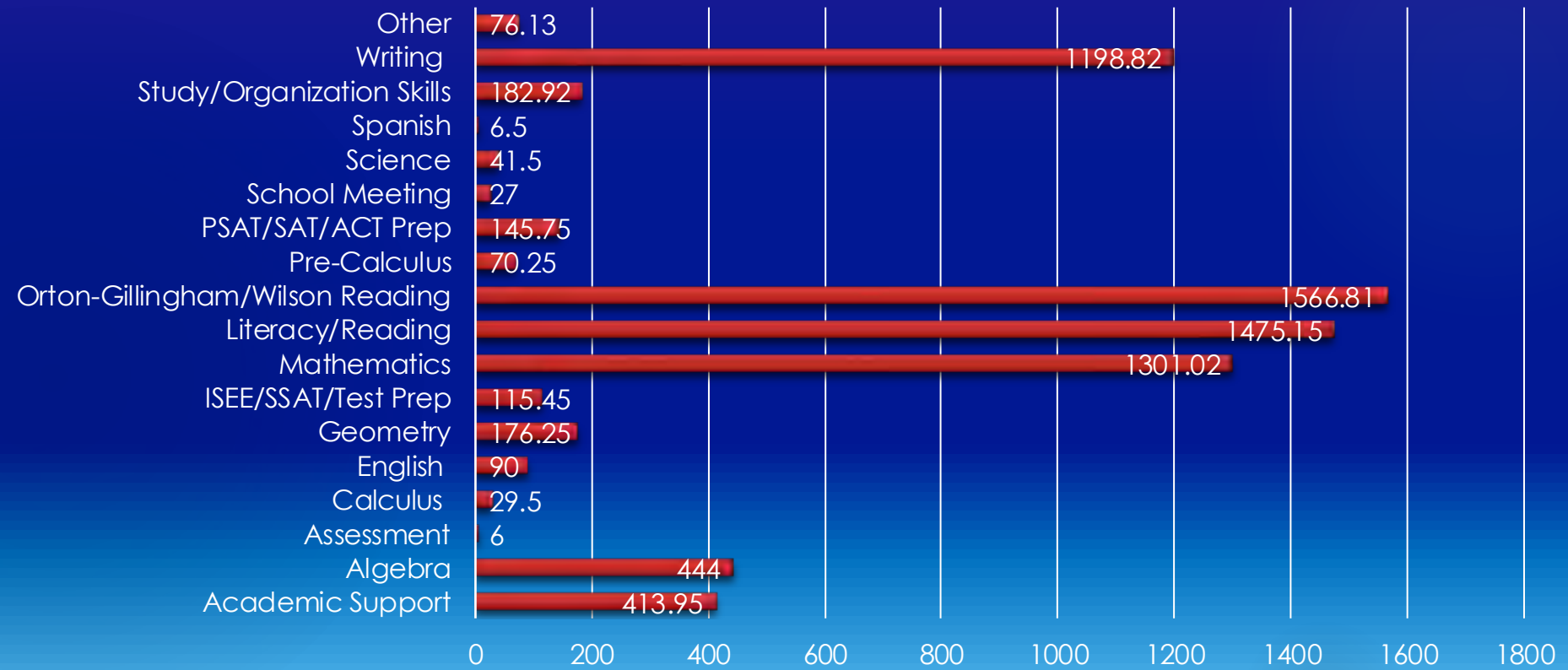


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RITES 2025 Tutoring Hours by Subject





2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

J. A.

J.A. is a hard-working, determined student. He came to RITES as a 3rd grader reading simple closed-syllable words (cat, lid, etc.). Two years later, he is reading a chapter book for 5th graders and showing good comprehension skills - the reason we want our students to be able to read! With the success of our 2025 fundraising campaign, we can keep J.A.'s motivation going as the reading demands grow and he builds his writing skills to show what he knows!





SAT Prep 2025

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- 136** quality 1-to-1 sessions delivered (31% increase)
- 14** individual students served
- 2** virtual SAT workshops for students wanting strategies, tips and an overview
- 1** SAT class at RI Hospital for future medical students

The SAT is back as a college admission tool, and RITES has stayed in the forefront of the preparation process, providing high-quality one-to-one individualized tutoring, as we have for years. We also became the go-to source for a new program with Brown Health, where RITES teacher Natalie D. taught an SAT prep class at RI Hospital to a group of budding medical students currently in high school.





2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

M. W.

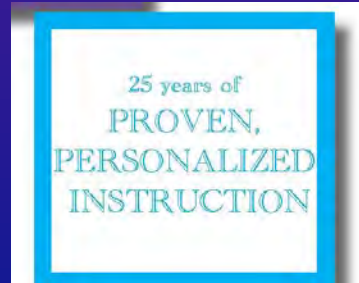
M.W. was a shy 1st grader when she earned a financial aid spot at RITES.

She began learning to read simple words with her RITES reading specialist.

Today, she is a confident 5th grader, who works with a different RITES teacher on math concepts and homework help. With ongoing support made possible by 2025 grants and individual donors, we can help M.W. make a successful transition to middle school.

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2025 Highlights



► Partnerships and Projects

- Continued **Noah Text®** partnership to bring scaffolded, specialized texts to dyslexics for better fluency and comprehension
- Concluded partnership project with **The MET Schools** to serve their students in small groups during the school day, supported by grant funding
- Helped **French American School of RI students** make a successful transition to high school with a tailored entrance exam study prep class
- Partnered with **Brown University Health** to provide SAT prep class to high school students in a medical field exploration program at RI Hospital



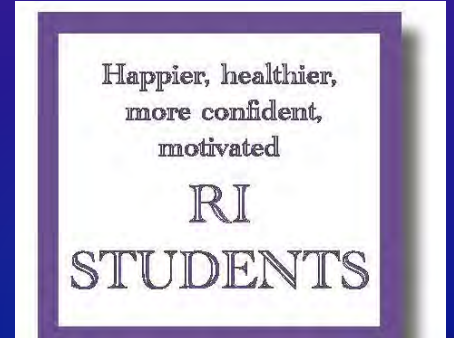


2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

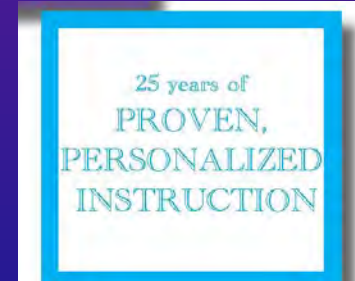
D. T.

D.T. came to RITES as the sibling of one of our existing financial aid students, as is so often the case. As a sweet 1st grader who speaks Spanish at home, but English at school, her RITES reading specialist worked on letter formation and vowel sounds to start. Now, two years later, she is working on grade-level vowel teams, suffixes, and writing structure. We have also needed to add a RITES math specialist, and D.T. is doing double sessions. D.T.'s financial aid would have ended in December without the support of our generous 2025 grantors and community champions. Now, D.T. will keep getting the RITES support that works for her!





2025 Success Stories Noah Text®



We are involved in ongoing research projects, as well as presenting the efficacy of this tool to a variety of audiences through different platforms. **Over 100 people** attended our 2025 NoahText® webinar for the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), reaching national and international audiences, as well as our own teachers and clients. We will present a 2026 webinar, and more projects, ideas and presentations are in the works...



NoahText® continues to help students improve their reading fluency, accuracy and comprehension, as they enhance their confidence and develop a better relationship with reading. RITES continues to partner with Noah Text® to bring this valuable resource to our local students and beyond.



2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams



J.G.

J.G. has been growing and thriving with critical reading, writing, and study skills tutoring, made possible by financial support from RITES since 2017. Now a hard-working junior, J.G. is close to realizing his goals of graduating and going to URI for college. Thanks to RITES donations and grants, we look forward to getting J.G. over the finish line!



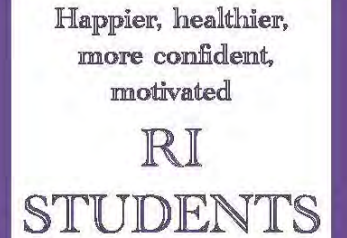


2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

R. M.

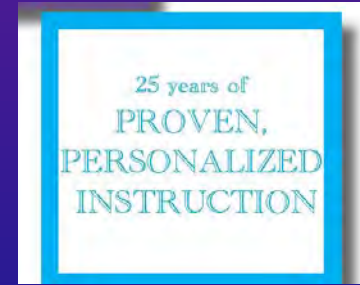
R.M. is a young adult. He came to RITES 2 years ago, with a dream of becoming a nurse and going to college. He is now at CCRI, and his RITES reading specialist has become a real mentor and support system for this motivated, determined young man. They work on reading skills and comprehension, but his teacher also helps him navigate college course selection, fill out forms (like the financial aid form for RITES!) and organize his workload and plan of attack for his success. Because of ongoing RITES donor support, R.M. can achieve his goal of finishing college and launching a successful career!



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2025 RITES in the Community MET School Partnership



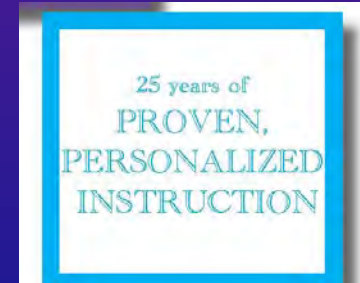
We completed our work with **The MET Schools** through a specific project with The MET School Aquidneck Island location for the 2024-25 school year, made possible by generous grants from Nellie Mae and the Hamilton Family Charitable Trust. RITES worked with the student population identified as needing intensive literacy intervention and provided professional development for the MET literacy faculty. This collaborative effort resulted in students' increased reading and writing skills, helping them achieve college acceptances and jobs. Over the full 5-year scope of the project:

- **6** RITES Structured Literacy Reading Specialists engaged
- **128** students served
- **2,126** hours of literacy instruction delivered
- **84** hours of faculty collaboration and professional development delivered





2025 in the Community MET School Partnership



Here is just one example of student success from RITES Literacy Specialist and Lead Teacher of the MET Project, Holly Cotta:

“TT has made great progress this year. We continued to work on spelling rules and generalizations, reviewed phonograms that corresponded with the spelling, and used multisensory strategies to help him isolate and blend sounds while he spells. We read some ReadWorks articles to keep his reading skills sharp. Finally, we worked a great deal on his autobiography using organizational strategies and voice-to-text software.

I am so proud of his progress, and he is off to college in the fall!”



RITES Literacy Specialist Holly Cotta and MET Special Education teacher Denise Perry



2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

D.V.S.

D.V.S. is a young 3rd grader who gets reading and math support from his RITES specialist. When he started last year, he was working on the sequence of the English alphabet and including all the letters in order, as well as basic math grids. A year later, he is working on multiplication and advanced vowel combinations, striving for 100% accuracy. Even with his existing RITES financial aid, we know his family makes sacrifices to get him and keep him in tutoring; and, RITES donor-heroes didn't let D.V.S. lose the progress he's made! Thanks to them and his dedicated RITES teacher, he'll keep getting the crucial RITES instruction that works for him, each and every week.

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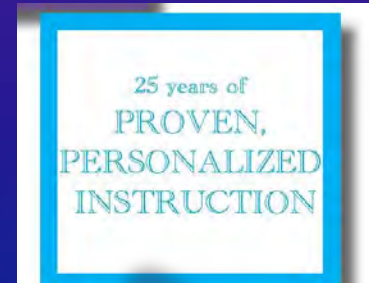


2025 RITES in the Community French American School Collaboration

The French American School of Rhode Island (FASRI) is an established dual-language educational institution on the East Side of Providence. FASRI teaches classes in French and English to students through the eighth grade, and then students must be placed in other schools for their high school experience.

For the last 6 years, RITES has been asked to provide a tailored test prep class for the Classical School entrance exam, and the private school entrance exams – the ISEE and SSAT. The unique RITES approach, as well as our deep understanding of different learning profiles and dual-language challenges, makes us a good choice for this extra preparation opportunity.

This partnership has ensured FASRI students are ready and able to go to the next school of their choice. We anticipate the RITES/FASRI collaboration will continue in 2026 and beyond, and look forward to being a continued resource for this unique local school.





2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

L. D.

As with many RITES students, L.D. is a 5th grader who needs support from different RITES specialists who have different areas of expertise. She not only needs help with reading, but also with math. Two teachers and two sessions a week uses up her RITES financial aid twice as fast, and her package was due to end in December. 2025 donors made sure L.D. can keep making progress in both areas, continuing at RITES through the end of the school year!

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2025 RITES in the Community Brown Health Partnership

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RITES continues to be recognized as a leading, local expert in SAT preparation. While we are known for our individualized, one-to-one approach, we are also being tapped for tailored small-group classes.

For the last several years, RITES provided classes for Brown Summer program students. This year, the [Future Gen Cancer Scholars \(FGCS\) program at Brown University Health](#) approached us to provide an SAT prep class for their 2025 summer group at RI Hospital. Taking our proven strategies, techniques and tools on the road, we helped these budding medical researchers hone their test-taking skills to improve their chances of pursuing their dreams.



2025 RITES in the Community Brown Health Partnership

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Asked how the class was, an FGCS student said:

“The [RITES] teacher, Natalie, who came into the program, is just great! [She provided] really helpful info and [was] very understanding. She is very kind and really willing to break down information to make it easier to understand and gives you resources.”

RITES is very pleased to have been asked to provide this class again for the 2026 FGCS students!



2025 Success Stories

RITES Recognition & Community Connections

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In 2025, RITES continued connecting to the local and wider-spread community. In addition to the partnerships and collaborations already highlighted, RITES participated in professional development provided by other local and national organizations, and served as an expert resource for others. This give-and-take of information, along with recognition as one of the leaders in our field, helps keep RITES at the forefront of proven success in education. This, in turn, makes us a valuable lifeline for our local families in need of our services.

- **January:** Joint Presentation Webinar: RITES & Noah Text® Founder
- **March:** Math Workshop at The Wolf School
- **June:** Providence Rotary Charities Foundation Grant Presentation
- **October:** Dyslexia Awareness Month State House Lighting Event
- **November:** Google Top 3 of 2025 Pawtucket Award
- **Year-round:** Awarded Great Nonprofits Top-Rated Seal for 13th Consecutive Year





2025 Success Stories

RITES Recognition & Community Connections

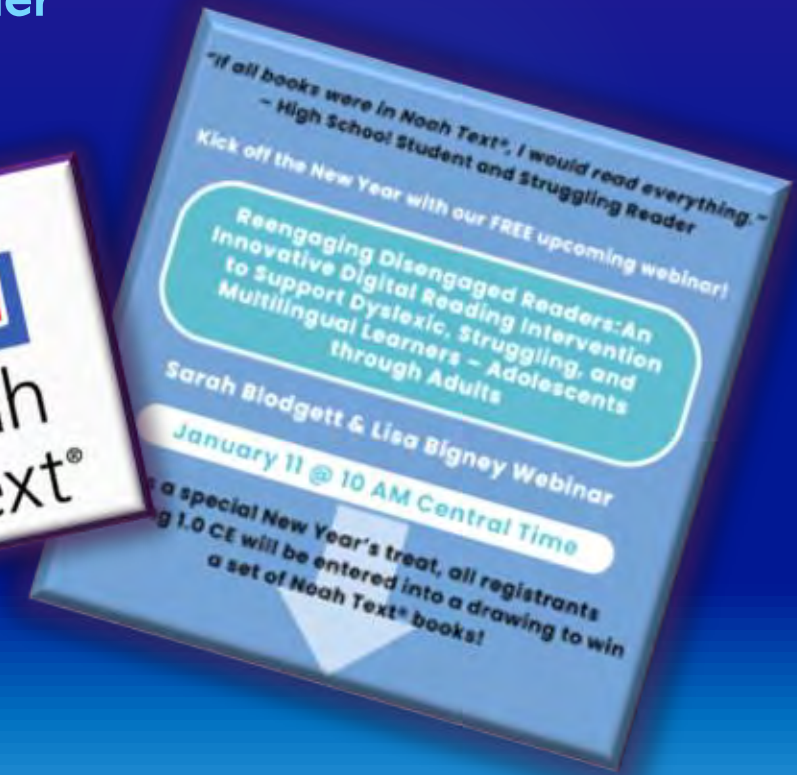
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➤ **January: Joint Presentation Webinar: RITES & Noah Text® Founder**

RITES has been an integral part of the research, development and dissemination of Noah Text for struggling readers, since shortly after its creation by founder, Sarah K. Blodgett. For many years now, RITES has been using Noah Text with several of its students, providing data and feedback along the way, as students improved their reading abilities.

RITES Co-Director, Lisa Bigney, M.Ed., has joined Sarah to present many workshops and webinars about this special print tool for dyslexics and others who need help with reading fluency. 2025 was no exception, with a request for a webinar in January for the Austin, TX branch of the International Dyslexia Association (IDA).





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➤ **March: Math Workshop at The Wolf School**



Ongoing professional development is an important aspect of being an effective RITES teacher. Staying on top of the latest teaching methods and research-based approaches is a hallmark of the RITES experience; and, RITES teachers have the benefit of RITES-sponsored participation in approved professional development opportunities.

In March, RITES math teachers Stacy Simmons (left) and Leslie Diaz (right) were joined by RITES Co-Director Lisa Bigney (center) at the “**Decoding the Language of Math**” workshop, focusing on students with dyslexia and dyscalculia, presented by **The Wolf School**, and featuring math expert **Christopher Woodin**. 2025 saw an upsurge in the need for better math instruction for our more complex learners. Always a helpful resource for this population, The Wolf School in East Providence provided this wonderful opportunity to expand our RITES math experts’ teaching toolbox.



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➤ **June:** Providence Rotary Charities Foundation Grant Presentation

In the summer, RITES was thrilled to receive a much-needed \$2,500 grant from Providence Rotary Charities Foundation. Co-Directors Lisa Bigney and Halley Lavenstein attended the presentation luncheon, getting acquainted with other local organizations making a difference in the lives of local students and families. The grant money went directly into providing instruction to Providence area students through our financial assistance program.





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➤ **October:** Dyslexia Awareness Month State House Lighting Event

RITES was honored to be invited once again to attend the State House lighting ceremony for Dyslexia Awareness Month in October. Being included as a recognized and crucial resource for dyslexics in our community is significant and we are so grateful for this accolade. While we had a last-minute scheduling conflict that prevented us from being there in person, we were able to send some of our informational materials to highlight our services available to the community.





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➤ **November:** Business Rate Top 3 of 2025 Providence County Award

There is extra gratification when a global platform leads to recognition of a local organization...In November, we found out RITES had been awarded Business Rate's Top 3 in 2025 for Providence County for our stellar Google Reviews, thanks to our happy client families!

We appreciate the ongoing support of our local students and their families, their continued satisfaction with our services, and the recognition of our efforts by Business Rate for our reviews on powerhouse internet presence, Google.





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➤ **Year-round:** Awarded Great Nonprofits Top-Rated Seal for 13th Consecutive Year

Keeping with the theme of the power of reviews from the folks who interact with our services, RITES gratefully received another "Top-Rated" seal from Great Nonprofits for 2025. This makes the 13th year in a row (and counting)!

Great Nonprofits is an online resource where community-based reviews of nonprofits are posted. People can look up the RITES profile and see what our actual clients, teachers and colleagues say about us. Both potential clients and granting/donor organizations can use this helpful resource as a key part of their decision-making process. Earning the 2025 seal is another valuable testament to the positive impact of our services, especially with our longstanding status as "Top-Rated."





2025 Financial Assistance Stories

RITES Students: Hopes & Dreams

Z. B.

Z.B. is a dyslexic 3rd grader. He occasionally confuses "b" and "d," substitutes words, and sometimes adds in sounds or letters that don't belong. His RITES Orton-Gillingham teacher knows exactly how to address these issues and started out with specific strategies to improve these fundamental reading skills. Now, a year later, Z.B. can read words better, has moved on to more complex word structures, and is beginning to work on written comprehension skills related to his reading. Without RITES and the financial support of our donors, this bright boy with dyslexia would be left behind because he struggles with the reading process, not learning new information. Thanks to our 2025 financial aid champions, Z.B. will be able to continue to close the gap!





2025 Annual Report Financials



Rhode Island Tutorial & Educational Services



RITES 2025 Financial Review



Rhode Island Tutorial and Educational Services (RITES) is dedicated to providing the most effective educational instruction for a full range of learning profiles. Our specialization in Structured Literacy that follows Science of Reading standards continued to be the backbone of our work throughout the year. In addition to literacy instruction (approximately 60% of our services), intensive math support became more prevalent for our tutoring requests in 2025. We also continued to provide high-quality, multisensory, tailored instruction in the sciences, humanities, study/organizational skills, academic support, and the latest approaches in 1-1 SAT/ACT test prep.

RITES	2025
Gross Revenue	\$ 497,522
Gross Expense	\$ 486,854
Net Revenue	\$ 10,668



Tutoring 2025 Financials



Tutoring Revenue* = \$425,364

Tutoring Expense* = \$344,774

TUTORING NET REVENUE* = \$80,590



*Does not include Administrative Costs & Operational Financials – see separate slide for these

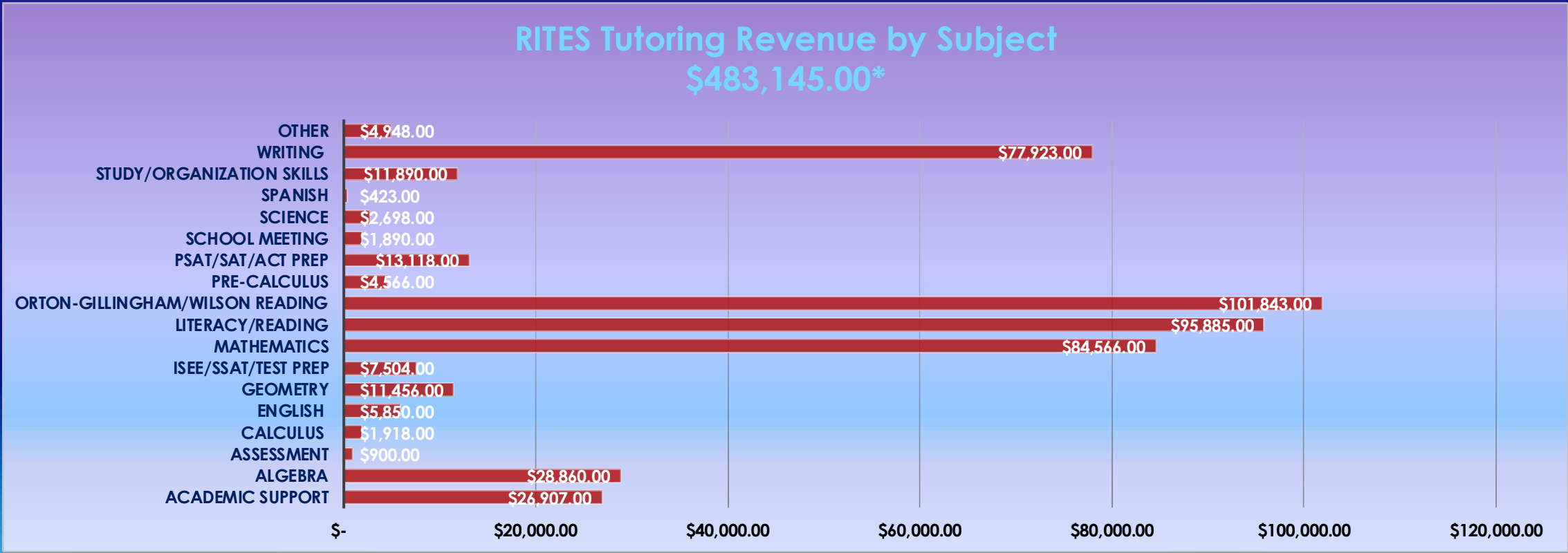


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RITES 2025 Revenue by Subject



* Before financial aid disbursed, scaling and processing fees applied



Operational 2025 Financials

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REVENUE

2025

Operational Revenue = \$81,143

Operational Expense = \$80,654

OPERATIONAL NET REVENUE = \$489

The way RITES allocates revenue and expense to our two main cost centers, Tutoring and Operational, it is expected Operational will break even or be a loss leader:

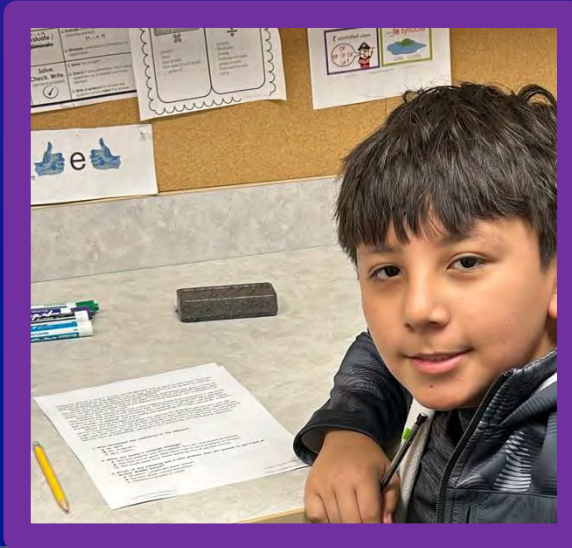
- It is important to note that our Tutoring Program fees (“tuition”) support the organization as a whole.
- Operational revenue includes all fundraising, even though most of this goes toward our sliding scale program for tutoring and not into operations.
- The RITES Endowment Fund also mitigates our operational losses.
- When developing our budget and making decisions throughout the year, we continually work to minimize our operational losses - includes looking for grants that support operations, looking for competitively priced services and materials, etc.





2025 RITES Endowment Fund Financials

- 42% invested
- 58% in cash
- Cash allows us to transfer as needed to cover essential operational costs, such as moving costs when we relocate, and support additional financial aid students or other emergent needs.



Endowment Report	2025
Total Cash in Money Market Fund	\$ 262,636
Total Value (Cash & Investment Value)	\$ 453,809

RITES
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2025 Fundraising

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\$48,149

total donations & grants

\$29,000

in grants

\$19,149

Individual donations &
corporate giving programs

100%

RITES Board participation

66

different donors/sponsors

Allowed us to finish a collaborative project, serving more students and providing teacher training for perpetuation of the program

We were also able to add services for 10 students from the financial aid wait list





2025 Fundraising

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Maria Keil Memorial Literacy Fund

At the beginning of 2024, we lost our beloved RITES teacher, Maria Keil, to cancer. Thanks to the support of her family, we were able to establish the Maria Keil Memorial Literacy Fund to honor her memory and continue Maria's legacy of providing crucial literacy instruction to local students and making a true difference in these students' lives.

As promised, we have kept this memorial fund at the forefront of our giving opportunities. In 2025, we raised \$2,245 in honor of Maria. This enabled us to extend our scholarship to the first student recipient so she can receive tutoring twice a week for the rest of the school year. We were also able to begin services for another literacy student from our financial aid wait list.





2025 Success Sponsors

Thank you to all these generous individuals, local businesses, and corporate supporters for helping us meet and exceed our 2025 goals!

Individual Sponsors:

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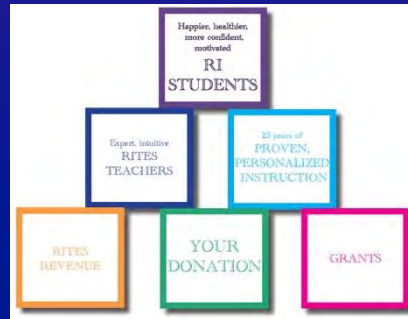




RITES Board Members 2025

Kathryn Gann – Board Chair
Paige Magratten – Vice Board Chair
Eric Santos – Board Treasurer
Stanley Reuter – Board Secretary

Betsy Alper
Bernie Blumenthal
Anthony Gianfrancesco
Susan Lena
Kelly Mance
Debra Nassau
Caroline Ricci



Exiting Board for 2026:
Anthony Gianfrancesco
Kelly Mance

Newly appointed to the Board for 2026:
Kristen Alberione
Jacob Darveau

2025 goals were met and RITES made headway on several important initiatives, both for governance and for the growth of the organization, thanks to our active, engaged Board of professionals and volunteers. They understand and promote our mission, helping us build literacy and success throughout our community. As we say goodbye to some “veteran” contributors, and hello to new members in the coming year, we are grateful for all our Board has done, and continues to do, to help RITES stay at the forefront of teaching the way students learn best.

THANK YOU, RITES BOARD!

Lisa Bigney & Halley Lavenstein, RITES Co-Directors



2026 – Looking Ahead

Our goals for 2026 look much the same as 2025. Our mission and the pathways to get there remain constant. We spent much of 2025 looking for a new location for our learning center, as our current one is slated to be razed. We are excited to move at last into a different, Providence-based space and start this new chapter in RITES' history!

- ▶ Continue to write grants and actively fundraise to end wait list, serving all students needing financial aid
- ▶ Continue to explore funding opportunities to support school-based partnerships and other projects
- ▶ Focus resources on these crucial goals:
 - Existing partnership work and establishing new community partnerships
 - Continuing to pursue and deepen community connections
 - Diversifying teaching staff
 - Expanding Board
 - Organizing move and settling into the new facility identified
 - Updating our Study Smarter, Not Harder curriculum to include the latest educational technology and AI supports

