

# Race to the Top: Round One Finalists

## Applicants

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- D.C.
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
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- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Utah
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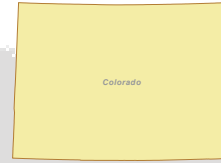
## Frontrunners in Reform

### Standards & Assessments



**Kentucky:**  
First state in the nation to adopt Common Core Standards

### State Success



**Colorado:**  
Schools districts participating in Race to the Top represent 94% of Colorado's studentst.

### Data Systems



**Delaware:**

- Statewide formative and summative assessments for all grades.
- Statewide data made available to educators, parents, decision-makers, researchers and the public.

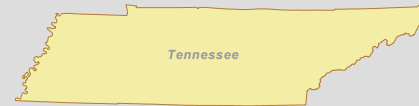
### Great Teachers & Leaders



**Louisiana:**

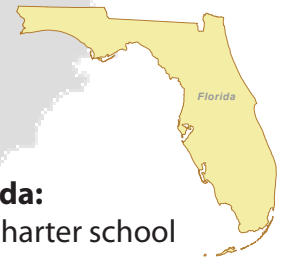
- Teacher and leader evaluation model comprised of 50% student growth data.
- Teacher and leader incentive programs for those willing to work in low-achieving, high-poverty schools for 3 years.

### Turning Around Low Performing Schools



**Tennessee:**  
Creation of "Achievement School District", a school district made up of the state's persistently lowest-achieving schools, that is overseen by the state education Commissioner.

### General Selection Criteria



**Florida:**

- Charter school authority with no cap on charter schools.
- Nationally recognized as a trailblazer with a solid track record in education reform; strong existing education polices and structures.

### STEM



**Ohio:**  
Historical commitment to STEM education; seen through Ohio STEM Network.