

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
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

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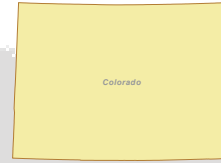
Frontrunners in Reform

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 students.

Data Systems



Delaware:

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

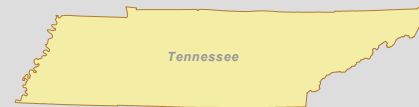
Great Teachers & Leaders



Louisiana:

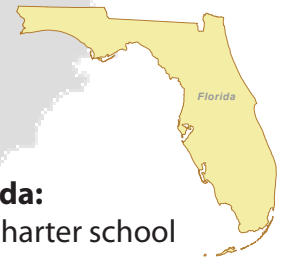
- Teacher and leader evaluation model comprised of 50% student growth data.
- Teacher and leader incentive programs for those willing to work in low-achieving, high-poverty schools for 3 years.

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 policies and structures.

STEM



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