

Race to the Top: Round Two Finalists

Applicants

Alabama
 Arizona
 Arkansas
 California
 Colorado
 Connecticut
 District of Columbia
 Florida
 Georgia
 Hawaii
 Illinois
 Iowa
 Kentucky
 Louisiana
 Maine
 Maryland
 Massachusetts
 Michigan
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 Nevada
 New Hampshire
 New Jersey
 New Mexico
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 North Carolina
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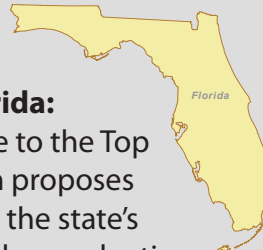
Frontrunners in Reform

Standards & Assessments



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

Great Teachers & Leaders



Florida:
 Race to the Top plan proposes that the state's teacher evaluation system will base at least 50% of teacher evaluations on student growth and tie those evaluations to teacher pay.

State Success



Illinois:

- Strong Round One finalist.
- Broadened support for application in Round Two, garnering the support of 220 districts for a total of 590.

Turning Around Low Performing Schools



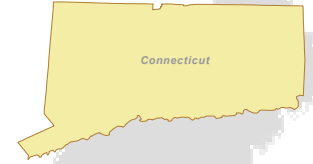
Rhode Island:
 New funding formula more equitably distributes funds to public schools based on the number of low-income students.

STEM



Ohio:
 Historical commitment to STEM education through the Ohio STEM Network.

Data Systems



Connecticut:
 Data system will link students to their teachers, and teachers to their preparation programs.

General Selection Criteria



New York:
 Doubled the number of charter schools from 200 to 460 and set tougher accountability criteria for charters.