

Race to the Top: Round Two Finalists

Applicants

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Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
District of Columbia
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Georgia
Hawaii
Illinois
Iowa
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
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Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Utah
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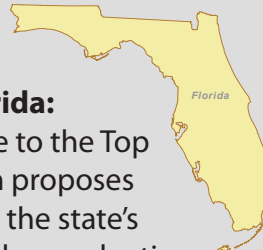
Frontrunners in Reform

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



Colorado:
Developed and implemented a user-friendly, interactive and transparent data platform, SchoolView.

General Selection Criteria



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