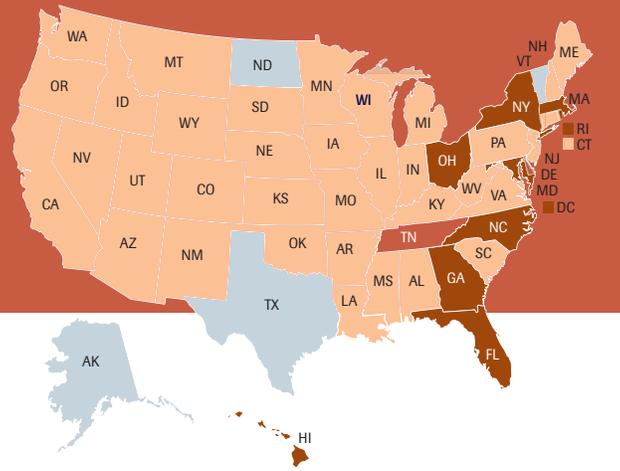


RACE TO THE TOP: The Winners



Eleven states and the District of Columbia were chosen from among 47 applicants that took part in two rounds of competition for \$4 billion in federal economic-stimulus funds.

Delaware

Award: \$119 million

Score: 454.6

The state will hire data coaches to work with teachers and development coaches to work with principals.

District of Columbia

Award: \$75 million

Score: 450

The district's plan centers on its IMPACT educator-evaluation system, one of the first in the nation to focus on student growth.

Florida

Award: \$700 million

Score: 452.4

The state plans to meet or beat the National Assessment of Educational Progress math and reading scores of Connecticut and Massachusetts by the end of the grant. It will start using career-aligned standards in classroom curricula beginning this year.

Georgia

Award: \$400 million

Score: 446.4

The state will expand its Performance Learning Academies, small schools for returning dropouts that provide personalized graduation coaches, career counseling, credit recovery, flexible class schedules, and work-study.

Hawaii

Award: \$75 million

Score: 462.4

The state will provide online video-conferencing for teacher professional development and Advanced Placement courses for the five turnaround schools

located in remote, rural areas; the turnaround schools will have first access to the state's new facility-upgrade budget to update science labs.

Maryland

Award: \$250 million

Score: 450

A new law requires that 50 percent of a teacher's effectiveness be tied to student achievement; a teacher deemed "ineffective" for two years in a row would not be allowed to teach in turnaround schools.

Massachusetts

Award: \$250 million

Score: 471

The state is rolling out individual "Dropout Risk Index" scores to identify students as early as 6th grade and match them to academic, health, and social services; each of the 35 turnaround schools will add an hour to each class day.

New York

Award: \$700 million

Score: 464.8

The state will expand "partnership zones" for turnaround schools; the zones will include clusters of restructured and charter schools that are supported by districts, but allowed to have separate scheduling, curriculum, and staffing controls in exchange for making dramatic improvements.

North Carolina

Award: \$400 million

Score: 441.6

The state will develop an "instructional improvement system" to support curriculum-based and diagnostic

assessments and inform teacher planning. It will establish four "STEM anchor schools" to focus on areas crucial to the state's economic development and serve as centers for professional and curriculum development.

Ohio

Award: \$400 million

Score: 440.8

A clearinghouse of state education officials and nonprofit groups will provide quick-response technical assistance to the 68 lowest-achieving schools; in parceling out the grant money, each school district will get at least \$100,000, and each charter entity will get at least \$25,000 per year.

Rhode Island

Award: \$75 million

Score: 451.2

As part of its teacher plan, Rhode Island will prohibit districts from assigning a student to teachers deemed "ineffective" on a new evaluation system for two years in a row.

Tennessee

Award: \$500.5 million

Score: 444.2

The state will establish an "Achievement School District," to serve persistently low-achieving schools, and enlist nonprofit providers to help improve them. The state will establish a new process to identify and intervene early in low-performing schools.

NOTE: Award amounts show the maximum amount states can receive. Delaware's and Tennessee's are actual amounts.

Total Number **12**

Key

- Rounds One and Two Applicants (47)
- Round-Two Winners (10)
- Round-One Winners (2)
- No Application

Note: Winners' scores are on a 500-point scale.

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