

A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR EDUCATION REFORM

The administration has identified four goals for education reform. These goals are to improve standards and assessments, improve teacher and principal quality, build data systems that inform educators' decisions and turn around low-performing schools.

- [Adopt rigorous standards](#) and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workforce.
- [Recruit and retain effective teachers](#), especially in classrooms where they're needed most.
- [Build data systems](#) to track student achievement and teacher effectiveness.
- [Turn around low-performing schools](#).

States must demonstrate a commitment to advancing education reform in these areas and agree to inform the Department of their progress to receive funding from the \$48.6 billion available under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's (Recovery Act) State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF)*. State applications for funding are evaluated based on their assurances on these four areas of reform.

