

RACE TO THE TOP BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

For Phase 2 of the Fiscal Year 2010 competition, the State's budget must conform to the budget ranges below;¹ we will not consider a State's application if its request exceeds the maximum in its budget range. Most importantly, the State should develop a budget that is appropriate for and consistent with the plan it outlines in its application.

Category 1 – \$350-700 million	California, Texas, New York, Florida
Category 2 – \$200-400 million	Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey
Category 3 – \$150-250 million	Virginia, Arizona, Indiana, Washington, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Missouri, Maryland, Wisconsin
Category 4 – \$60-175 million	Minnesota, Colorado, Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Oregon, Connecticut, Utah, Mississippi, Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Nevada
Category 5 – \$20-75 million	New Mexico, Nebraska, Idaho, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Maine, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Montana, Delaware, South Dakota, Alaska, North Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming, District of Columbia

¹ The Department developed budget ranges for each State by ranking every State according to its share of the national population of children ages 5 through 17 based on data from "Estimates of the Resident Population by Selected Age Groups for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico: July 1, 2008" released by the Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau. The Department identified the natural breaks in the population data and then developed overlapping budget ranges for each category taking into consideration the total amount of funds available for awards.