



# Race to the Top

## Panel Review by Applicant

### For Arkansas, Phase I



Selection Criteria	Available	Average Total Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5
Status			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
<b>A. State Success Factors</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>101.4</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>
(A)(1) Articulating State's education reform agenda and LEA's participation in it	65	54.2	53	55	58	52	53
(i) Articulating comprehensive, coherent reform agenda	5	3.4	5	5	4	2	1
(ii) Securing LEA commitment	45	41.6	40	43	42	43	40
(iii) Translating LEA participation into statewide impact	15	9.2	8	7	12	7	12
(A)(2) Building strong statewide capacity to implement, scale up, and sustain proposed plans	30	22	22	21	26	21	20
(i) Ensuring the capacity to implement	20	16.4	18	18	18	14	14
(ii) Using broad stakeholder support	10	5.6	4	3	8	7	6
(A)(3) Demonstrating significant progress in raising achievement and closing gaps	30	25.2	24	25	26	26	25
(i) Making progress in each reform area	5	4.4	4	5	4	4	5
(ii) Improving student outcomes	25	20.8	20	20	22	22	20
<b>B. Standards and Assessments</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>
(B)(1) Developing and adopting common standards	40	39	40	40	40	35	40

(i) Participating in consortium developing high-quality standards	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
(ii) Adopting standards	20	19	20	20	20	15	20
(B)(2) Developing and implementing common, high-quality assessments	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
(B)(3) Supporting the transition to enhanced standards and high-quality assessments	20	19.2	20	17	19	20	20

<b>C. Data Systems to Support Instruction</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>
(C)(1) Fully implementing a statewide longitudinal data system	24	21.6	20	24	22	24	18
(C)(2) Accessing and using State data	5	4.6	5	5	4	5	4
(C)(3) Using data to improve instruction	18	12.2	12	11	14	18	6

<b>D. Great Teachers and Leaders</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>76</b>
(D)(1) Providing high-quality pathways for aspiring teachers and principals	21	15.2	18	13	18	18	9
(D)(2) Improving teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance	58	40.8	39	42	45	48	30
(i) Measuring student growth	5	3.6	2	5	4	5	2
(ii) Developing evaluation systems	15	8	8	6	12	6	8
(iii) Conducting annual evaluations	10	8.2	8	10	7	10	6
(iv) Using evaluations to inform key decisions	28	21	21	21	22	27	14
(D)(3) Ensuring equitable distribution of effective teachers	25	19.6	18	15	20	25	20

and principals							
(i) Ensuring equitable distribution in high-poverty or high-minority schools	15	12.4	10	10	12	15	15
(ii) Ensuring equitable distribution in hard-to-staff subjects and specialty areas	10	7.2	8	5	8	10	5
(D)(4) Improving the effectiveness of teacher and principal preparation programs	14	6.4	7	2	11	5	7
(D)(5) Providing effective support to teachers and principals	20	15	18	20	15	12	10

<b>E. Turning Around the Lowest-Achieving Schools</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>
(E)(1) Intervening in the lowest-achieving schools and LEAs	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
(E)(2) Turning around the lowest-achieving schools	40	33	33	35	32	25	40
(i) Identifying the persistently lowest-achieving schools	5	4.8	5	5	4	5	5
(ii) Turning around the persistently lowest-achieving schools	35	28.2	28	30	28	20	35

<b>F. General</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>
(F)(1) Making education funding a priority	10	6	5	7	7	6	5
(F)(2) Ensuring successful conditions for high-performing charter schools and other innovative schools	40	22.2	23	18	28	24	18
(F)(3) Demonstrating other significant reform conditions	5	3.2	2	4	4	4	2

<b>Subtotal</b> (Calculated before determining whether the applicant met the Competitive Preference Priority on STEM)	<b>485</b>	<b>379.4</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>347</b>
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Competitive Preference Priority 2: Emphasis on STEM	15	15*	15	15	15	15	0
Individual Reviewer Score (see individual reviewer technical review forms)	500	--	394	389	424	403	347

<b>Total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>394.4</b>
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	<b>FINAL**</b>		<b>Reviewer 1</b>	<b>Reviewer 2</b>	<b>Reviewer 3</b>	<b>Reviewer 4</b>	<b>Reviewer 5</b>
Absolute Priority - Comprehensive Approach to Education Reform	Yes		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

\* Applicants are eligible for either 0 or 15 points in Competitive Preference Priority 2: Emphasis on STEM. The total awarded to the applicant is not based on an average of individual reviewer scores in this section. Rather, 15 points are added to the applicant's Average Total Score if a majority of reviewers determined that the applicant has met the STEM criteria (indicated by the individual reviewer entering 15 points in that field). If a majority of reviewers award 0 points in this area, 0 points are added to the applicant's Average Total Score.

\*\* The applicant will be determined to have met the absolute priority if the majority of reviewers responded "yes".

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