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Panel Review by Applicant

For New Jersey, Phase I



Selection Criteria	Available	Average Total Score	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5
Status			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed
A. State Success Factors	125	83.6	66	92	87	79	94
(A)(1) Articulating State's education reform agenda and LEA's participation in it	65	43.6	37	45	47	39	50
(i) Articulating comprehensive, coherent reform agenda	5	4.6	3	5	5	5	5
(ii) Securing LEA commitment	45	28.8	20	28	30	29	37
(iii) Translating LEA participation into statewide impact	15	10.2	14	12	12	5	8
(A)(2) Building strong statewide capacity to implement, scale up, and sustain proposed plans	30	17	12	21	16	15	21
(i) Ensuring the capacity to implement	20	12.2	5	14	14	12	16
(ii) Using broad stakeholder support	10	4.8	7	7	2	3	5
(A)(3) Demonstrating significant progress in raising achievement and closing gaps	30	23	17	26	24	25	23
(i) Making progress in each reform area	5	4.8	5	5	4	5	5
(ii) Improving student outcomes	25	18.2	12	21	20	20	18
B. Standards and Assessments	70	65.8	64	66	63	69	67
(B)(1) Developing and adopting common standards	40	39.2	40	40	36	40	40

(i) Participating in consortium developing high-quality standards	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
(ii) Adopting standards	20	19.2	20	20	16	20	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	16.6	14	16	17	19	17

C. Data Systems to Support Instruction	47	27.2	28	29	25	27	27
(C)(1) Fully implementing a statewide longitudinal data system	24	6	6	6	6	6	6
(C)(2) Accessing and using State data	5	4.2	5	5	3	3	5
(C)(3) Using data to improve instruction	18	17	17	18	16	18	16

D. Great Teachers and Leaders	138	101.2	79	100	93	113	121
(D)(1) Providing high-quality pathways for aspiring teachers and principals	21	16.4	16	18	13	18	17
(D)(2) Improving teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance	58	42.2	31	36	43	49	52
(i) Measuring student growth	5	3.6	4	2	3	4	5
(ii) Developing evaluation systems	15	11.8	10	10	11	15	13
(iii) Conducting annual evaluations	10	9	7	10	8	10	10
(iv) Using evaluations to inform key decisions	28	17.8	10	14	21	20	24
(D)(3) Ensuring equitable distribution of effective teachers	25	16.2	12	18	9	17	25

and principals							
(i) Ensuring equitable distribution in high-poverty or high-minority schools	15	9.2	5	10	6	10	15
(ii) Ensuring equitable distribution in hard-to-staff subjects and specialty areas	10	7	7	8	3	7	10
(D)(4) Improving the effectiveness of teacher and principal preparation programs	14	8.6	5	8	8	11	11
(D)(5) Providing effective support to teachers and principals	20	17.8	15	20	20	18	16

E. Turning Around the Lowest-Achieving Schools	50	43.4	35	47	43	45	47
(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	33.4	25	37	33	35	37
(i) Identifying the persistently lowest-achieving schools	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
(ii) Turning around the persistently lowest-achieving schools	35	28.4	20	32	28	30	32

F. General	55	50.8	53	53	51	48	49
(F)(1) Making education funding a priority	10	9.6	10	10	9	9	10
(F)(2) Ensuring successful conditions for high-performing charter schools and other innovative schools	40	36.2	38	38	37	34	34
(F)(3) Demonstrating other significant reform conditions	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

Subtotal (Calculated before determining whether the applicant met the Competitive Preference Priority on STEM)	485	372	325	387	362	381	405
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Competitive Preference Priority 2: Emphasis on STEM	15	15*	15	0	15	15	15
Individual Reviewer Score (see individual reviewer technical review forms)	500	--	340	387	377	396	420

Total	500	387
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	FINAL**		Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Reviewer 4	Reviewer 5
Absolute Priority - Comprehensive Approach to Education Reform	Yes		Yes	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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