



**Florida Department of Education  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)  
Race to the Top – Local Education Agency Applications**

**Attachment I  
Program-Specific Assurances**

**By submitting this application bearing the signature of the authorized official, the applicant hereby certifies adherence to the following assurances.**

- The applicant will work with the State to advance the education reform areas identified in the State’s application for these funds:**
  - A. Achieving equity in teacher distribution
  - B. Improving the collection and use of data
  - C. Regarding standards and assessments
    - 1) Enhancing the quality of academic assessments
    - 2) Including children with disabilities and limited English proficient students
    - 3) Improving State academic content and student achievement standards
  - D. Supporting struggling schools
  
- The applicant will implement the program consistent with the principles which guide the distribution and use of these funds:**
  - A. Improving student achievement through school improvement and reform:
    - 1) Progress toward college- and career-ready standards and high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable for all students, including English language learners and students with disabilities.
    - 2) Establishing pre-K to college and career data systems that track progress and foster continuous improvement.
    - 3) Making improvements in teacher effectiveness and in the equitable distribution of qualified teachers for all students, particularly students who are most in need.
    - 4) Providing intensive support and effective interventions for the lowest performing schools.
  - B. Ensuring transparency, reporting, and accountability

**Additionally, the applicant assures that:**

- None of the funds received through the Race to the Top grant will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization.
- The Local Educational Agency will take steps to ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, the projects and activities to be conducted with assistance through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, by addressing the special needs of students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in order to overcome barriers to equitable participation, including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age.
- The Local Educational Agency shall only use Race to the Top program funds for activities authorized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Florida Department of Education in accordance with the approved project budget and related documents.
- For any project funded through the Race to the Top program funds, as applicable to the activity, the Local Educational Agency will comply with Section 1605 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (requiring the use of American iron, steel, and manufactured goods) and Section 1606 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (requiring compliance with federal prevailing wage requirements).
- The Local Educational Agency will promptly refer to an appropriate inspector general any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, sub-grantee, subcontractor, or other person has submitted a false claim under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. § 3729 - 3733) or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving Race to the Top or any other ARRA funds.

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Local Educational Agency)  
will adhere to each of the assurances specified above.

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Signature of Authorized Official (must be original)

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Date