

New - Guidance for 1.5.3 Competitive Priorities

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1.5.3 Competitive Priorities

Additional points shall be given to applications addressing the following Competitive Priorities:

a. Proposing a program that focuses on secondary assessment preparation **and** summer Freshmen orientation programs

Guidance: The proposed program will address activities designed specifically to support students entering the 6th and 9th grades. In addition, the proposed program **MUST** provide preparation for the PARCC assessment. Required additional activities may entail, but are not necessarily limited to:

- preparation for additional benchmarks or assessments
- high school readiness and academic advisement
- study skills and work habits
- social emotional learning
- leadership and citizenry
- youth development skills

These types of activities, which can be considered a "bridge" to the successful launch of a new school year for students, are intense by nature and are not necessarily extended throughout the year. A successful grant application will provide clear narrative as to how the design of the bridge component(s) helps the program to wholly support its target population. Each element should be driven and supported by data.