**Optional TQP Absolute Priority Checklist**

**Appendix E**

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| **Effective Teaching Residency Programs (Teacher Residency Program)**  Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the checklist below to indicate the option used to support eligibility and the page of where it can be found in the application. Applicants must respond to the Absolute Priority. Applicants must address each component of this priority as listed below. To ensure the application meets all priority requirements and that reviewers and Department staff can locate this information in the application, the Department strongly encourages the applicant to use the checklist below and to indicate the page number(s) where each component is located in the program narrative. | |
| Page Number  (a)\_\_\_\_,  (b)\_\_\_\_  (c)\_\_\_  (1)\_\_\_\_  (2)\_\_\_\_  (3)\_\_\_\_  (4)\_\_\_ | **(I) GENERAL.** Under this priority, an eligible partnership must carry out an effective teaching residency program that includes all of the following activities:  (a) Supporting a teaching residency program described in paragraph II(a) for high-need subjects and areas, as determined by the needs of the high-need LEA in the partnership;  (b) Placing graduates of the teaching residency program in cohorts that facilitate professional collaboration, both among graduates of the teaching residency program and between such graduates and mentor teachers in the receiving school;  (c) Ensuring that teaching residents who participate in the teaching residency program receive—  (1) Effective pre-service preparation as described in paragraph II;  (2) Teacher mentoring;  (3) Support required through the induction program as the teaching residents enter the classroom as new teachers; and  (4) The preparation described in paragraphs (c)(i), (ii), and (iii) Clinical Experience and Interaction in the Absolute Priority. |
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| (b)\_\_\_\_  (1)\_\_\_\_  (i)\_\_\_\_  (ii)\_\_\_\_  (2)\_\_\_\_  (i)\_\_\_\_  (ii)\_\_\_\_  (iii)\_\_\_\_, | (b) Selection of individuals as teaching residents.  (1) Eligible Individual. In order to be eligible to be a teaching resident in a teaching residency program under this priority, an individual shall—-  (i) Be a recent graduate of a four-year institution of higher education or a mid-career professional from outside the field of education possessing strong content knowledge or a record of professional accomplishment; and  (ii) Submit an application to the teaching residency program.  (2) Selection Criteria for Participants. An eligible partnership carrying out a teaching residency program under this priority shall establish criteria for the selection of eligible individuals to participate in the teaching residency program based on the following characteristics--  (i) Strong content knowledge or record of accomplishment in the field or subject area to be taught;  (ii) Strong verbal and written communication skills, which may be demonstrated by performance on appropriate tests; and  (iii) Other attributes linked to effective teaching, which may be determined by interviews or performance assessments, as specified by the eligible partnership. |
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