

# Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: February 5, 2016



## What is the Florida FAFSA Challenge?

The Florida FAFSA Challenge is a new statewide campaign that aims to increase the proportion of Florida high school seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The campaign encourages schools, districts, and communities to set bold and attainable FAFSA completion goals and implement strategies designed to meet their goals. Labor economists predict 65% of jobs in Florida will require some form of postsecondary education.

Read this [brief one-pager](#) to learn how to register your school, district or community for the Florida FAFSA Challenge!

## What does your school or district get if you meet the Florida FAFSA Challenge?

Two words: bragging rights! Florida CAN will publicly celebrate your achievement and your commitment to ensuring that your high school seniors have the financial resources they need to attend a postsecondary education. You can even win a cool trophy! Award categories are:

### The Winners Circle

1. **“MVP”** (Have the highest FAFSA completion rate through March 31st)
2. **“Most Improved”** (Improved their FAFSA completion rate the most compared to last year through March 31st)
3. **“Fastest Lap”** (Beat their FAFSA completion rate from last year by 5% in the fewest amount of days; must have a FAFSA completion rate of 20% or higher in 2016 to qualify)

Winners of each category will win a trophy. Florida CAN will also congratulate your school or district in a press release, in its newsletter and on its website.

### Champions

Florida schools and districts that set and achieve a FAFSA completion goal. Florida CAN will list your school’s name in a press release, in its newsletter and on its website with your accomplishment and provide a certificate to your school. Schools must register to qualify.

### All-Stars

Florida schools and districts that achieve a boost in FAFSA completion by at least 5% over last year. Florida CAN will list your school’s name on its website with your rate of improvement and provide a certificate to your school.

## Who is leading the Florida FAFSA Challenge?

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## “MVP” (Highest FAFSA Completion Rate)

\*\*\* Large schools: More than 416 12<sup>th</sup> graders \*\*\*

Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Dade	451	134	<b>29.7%</b>
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	199	<b>28.3%</b>
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	218	<b>26.7%</b>
4.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	117	<b>22.9%</b>
5.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	248	<b>22.2%</b>
6.	Sickles High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	521	113	<b>21.7%</b>
7.	Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High	Miami	Dade	535	114	<b>21.3%</b>
8.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	115	<b>20.8%</b>
9.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	110	<b>20.1%</b>
10.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	132	<b>19.2%</b>

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	87	51.2%
2.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	81	46.0%
3.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	136	39.3%
4.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	76	39.0%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	115	36.7%
6.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	107	32.4%
7.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	98	30.8%
8.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	68	28.8%
9.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	76	28.1%
10.	Miami Lakes Educational Center	Miami Lakes	Dade	360	100	27.8%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Cutler Bay	Dade	111	78	<b>70.3%</b>
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Wildwood	Dade	45	31	<b>68.9%</b>
3.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Naples	Dade	58	33	<b>56.9%</b>
4.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Vernon	Dade	55	27	<b>49.1%</b>
5.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Jacksonville	Dade	118	57	<b>48.3%</b>
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Cross City	Dade	62	27	<b>43.5%</b>
7.	Miami Arts Charter	Fort Meade	Dade	106	46	<b>43.4%</b>
8.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Marco Island	Dade	61	23	<b>37.7%</b>
9.	New World School Of The Arts	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	121	44	<b>36.4%</b>
10.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Keystone Heights	Dade	61	21	<b>34.4%</b>

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Franklin	59.9%	67	13	19.4%
2.	Gulf	60.5%	146	28	19.2%
3.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	500	17.1%
4.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	22	15.7%
5.	St. Johns	23.8%	2358	342	14.5%
6.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	3785	14.4%
7.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	274	14.1%
8.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	587	12.7%
9.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	259	12.6%
10.	Martin	43.3%	1,388	169	12.2%

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## “Most Improved”

(Largest increase compared to same date last year)

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2014-15	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2015-16	Change (%)
1.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	10.2%	15.6%	5.4%
2.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Dade	Dade	451	24.8%	29.7%	4.9%
3.	Miami Coral Park Senior High	Dade	Dade	706	9.5%	14.3%	4.8%
4.	Mcarthur High School	Broward	Broward	514	9.1%	13.6%	4.5%
5.	Oakleaf High School	Clay	Clay	532	9.8%	14.1%	4.3%
6.	Oviedo High School	Seminole	Seminole	595	11.1%	14.5%	3.4%
7.	Lake Worth High School	Palm Beach	Palm Beach	574	7.4%	10.6%	3.2%
8.	West Port High School	Marion	Marion	622	6.7%	9.8%	3.1%
9.	Seminole High School	Pinellas	Pinellas	444	10.0%	13.1%	3.1%
10.	Palm Harbor University High	Pinellas	Pinellas	546	17.3%	20.1%	2.9%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2014-15	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2015-16	Change (%)
1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	18.1%	28.8%	10.7%
2.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	7.0%	15.7%	8.7%
3.	Santa Fe High School	Alachua	Alachua	266	7.2%	14.3%	7.1%
4.	Sarasota Military Academy	Sarasota	Sarasota	230	7.7%	14.8%	7.1%
5.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	13.3%	19.5%	6.2%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	33.8%	39.3%	5.5%
7.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	13.1%	18.5%	5.4%
8.	William T. Mcfatter Technical College	Davie	Broward	171	18.2%	23.4%	5.2%
9.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	46.3%	51.2%	4.9%
10.	West Florida High School/Technical	Pensacola	Escambia	277	10.4%	14.8%	4.4%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2014-15	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2015-16	Change (%)
1.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	25.0%	43.5%	18.5%
2.	Clark Advanced Learning Center	Stuart	Martin	82	14.3%	26.8%	12.5%
3.	International Studies Charter High School	Miami	Dade	93	9.1%	21.5%	12.4%
4.	Oasis Charter High School	Cape Coral	Lee	152	12.0%	22.4%	10.4%
5.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	34.0%	43.4%	9.4%
6.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	25.4%	34.4%	9.0%
7.	Cornerstone Charter Academy High School	Belle Isle	Orange	67	12.7%	20.9%	8.2%
8.	Bridgeprep Academy Of Arts & Minds	Miami	Dade	85	10.8%	17.6%	6.9%
9.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	26.1%	31.6%	5.5%
10.	Cocoa Beach Junior/Senior High School	Cocoa Beach	Brevard	140	13.2%	18.6%	5.4%

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1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	14.8%	17.1%	<b>2.3%</b>
2.	Sumter	61.0%	450	8.1%	10.0%	<b>1.9%</b>
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	9.6%	11.3%	<b>1.7%</b>
4.	Hendry	58.9%	476	7.6%	9.2%	<b>1.7%</b>
5.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	10.4%	11.6%	<b>1.2%</b>
6.	Pinellas	51.1%	6,843	10.1%	11.3%	<b>1.1%</b>
7.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	7.9%	8.9%	<b>1.0%</b>
8.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	12.0%	12.6%	<b>0.6%</b>
9.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	9.5%	10.0%	<b>0.5%</b>
10.	Nassau	50.6%	830	8.8%	9.0%	<b>0.3%</b>

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	Current FAFSA Completion Rate	FAFSA Completion Rate thru March '15	5% Goal	Fastest to 5% Goal
1.	Lake Worth High School	Lake Worth	Palm Beach	574	10.6%	19.4%	24.4%	<b>13.7%</b>
2.	Colonial High	Orlando	Orange	814	6.5%	15.9%	20.9%	<b>14.4%</b>
3.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	14.1%	23.9%	28.9%	<b>14.8%</b>
4.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	11.6%	22.6%	27.6%	<b>15.9%</b>
5.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	15.8%	26.8%	31.8%	<b>16.0%</b>
6.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	13.6%	24.7%	29.7%	<b>16.0%</b>
7.	Fort Pierce Central High School	Fort Pierce	St. Lucie	704	7.7%	19.0%	24.0%	<b>16.4%</b>
8.	First Coast High School	Jacksonville	Duval	476	6.5%	18.1%	23.1%	<b>16.6%</b>
9.	South Dade Senior High School	Homestead	Dade	738	6.9%	18.5%	23.5%	<b>16.6%</b>
10.	Cypress Creek High	Orlando	Orange	756	11.1%	23.0%	28.0%	<b>16.9%</b>

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1.	Ridgeview High School	Orange Park	Clay	400	12.3%	19.0%	24.0%	<b>11.7%</b>
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	8.1%	15.5%	20.5%	<b>12.5%</b>
3.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	28.8%	36.3%	41.3%	<b>12.5%</b>
4.	Pine Ridge High School	Deltona	Volusia	378	9.5%	17.1%	22.1%	<b>12.6%</b>
5.	East Gadsden High School	Havana	Gadsden	182	8.8%	16.4%	21.4%	<b>12.6%</b>
6.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	19.5%	27.1%	32.1%	<b>12.7%</b>
7.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	15.7%	23.9%	28.9%	<b>13.2%</b>
8.	Crystal River High School	Crystal River	Citrus	330	8.2%	16.8%	21.8%	<b>13.6%</b>
9.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	9.0%	17.7%	22.7%	<b>13.7%</b>
10.	Middleburg High School	Middleburg	Clay	353	11.3%	20.8%	25.8%	<b>14.4%</b>

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	32.7%	18.9%	23.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	24.2%	17.9%	22.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
3.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	14.5%	17.1%	22.1%	7.6%
4.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	24.7%	28.1%	33.1%	8.4%
5.	Branford High School	Branford	Suwannee	85	15.3%	19.1%	24.1%	8.8%
6.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	70.3%	75.0%	80.0%	9.7%
7.	Bridgeprep Academy Of Arts & Minds	Miami	Dade	85	17.6%	23.7%	28.7%	11.0%
8.	Duval Charter High School At Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	13.5%	20.4%	25.4%	11.8%
9.	Central School	Milton	Santa Rosa	47	10.6%	17.9%	22.9%	12.2%
10.	Franklin County Schools Pk-12	Eastpoint	Franklin	67	19.4%	26.9%	31.9%	12.5%

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1.	Franklin	59.9%	67	19.4%	26.9%	31.9%	<b>12.5%</b>
2.	Putnam	66.5%	559	6.1%	16.5%	21.5%	<b>15.5%</b>
3.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	8.9%	19.4%	24.4%	<b>15.5%</b>
4.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	11.3%	22.3%	27.3%	<b>15.9%</b>
5.	Washington	69.4%	229	7.4%	19.1%	24.1%	<b>16.7%</b>
6.	Hernando	66.6%	1,670	8.1%	19.9%	24.9%	<b>16.7%</b>
7.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	10.0%	22.3%	27.3%	<b>17.3%</b>
8.	Marion	66.9%	3,038	7.7%	20.0%	25.0%	<b>17.4%</b>
9.	Dixie	99.8%	122	4.1%	16.5%	21.5%	<b>17.4%</b>
10.	Citrus	66.0%	1,136	8.8%	21.3%	26.3%	<b>17.5%</b>

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