

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: January 29, 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?

Scroll to the next page to see the latest leaderboard!

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“MVP” (Highest FAFSA Completion Rate)

*** Large schools: More than 416 12th graders ***

Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Dade	451	119	26.4%
2.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	176	21.6%
3.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	139	19.8%
4.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	100	19.5%
5.	Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High	Miami	Dade	535	103	19.3%
6.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	200	17.9%
7.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	98	17.7%
8.	Wellington High School	Wellington	Palm Beach	545	93	17.1%
9.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	90	16.5%
10.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	113	16.4%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	67	39.4%
2.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	67	38.1%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	59	30.3%
4.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	104	30.1%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	91	29.1%
6.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	94	28.5%
7.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	71	26.3%
8.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	61	25.8%
9.	Miami Lakes Educational Center	Miami Lakes	Dade	360	91	25.3%
10.	City Of Coral Springs Charter	Coral Springs	Broward	220	52	23.6%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	45	25	55.6%
2.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	32	55.2%
3.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	50	45.0%
4.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	24	43.6%
5.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	25	40.3%
6.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	22	36.1%
7.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	39	32.2%
8.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	35	29.7%
9.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	39	29.1%
10.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	17	27.9%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Gulf	60.5%	146	23	15.8%
2.	Franklin	59.9%	67	10	14.9%
3.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	405	13.9%
4.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	18	12.9%
5.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	230	11.9%
6.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	3061	11.6%
7.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	256	10.9%
8.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	206	10.0%
9.	Martin	43.3%	1,388	139	10.0%
10.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	456	9.9%

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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.	Miami Coral Park Senior High	Miami	Dade	706	6.7%	11.9%	5.2%
2.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Dade	451	21.5%	26.4%	4.9%
3.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	11.7%	16.5%	4.8%
4.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	8.0%	12.4%	4.4%
5.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	6.7%	10.7%	4.0%
6.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	7.4%	11.3%	3.9%
7.	G. Holmes Braddock Senior High	Miami	Dade	894	7.6%	11.2%	3.6%
8.	West Port High School	Ocala	Marion	622	4.8%	8.2%	3.4%
9.	Wharton High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	461	11.1%	14.5%	3.4%
10.	Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School	Doral	Dade	487	11.9%	15.0%	3.1%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	16.1%	25.8%	9.7%
2.	Santa Fe High School	Alachua	Alachua	266	4.3%	12.4%	8.1%
3.	Sarasota Military Academy	Sarasota	Sarasota	230	4.7%	12.2%	7.5%
4.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	5.3%	12.0%	6.7%
5.	West Florida High School/Technical	Pensacola	Escambia	277	6.8%	12.3%	5.5%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	25.4%	30.1%	4.7%
7.	Land O' Lakes High School	Land O Lakes	Pasco	346	15.6%	20.2%	4.6%
8.	Ridgewood High School	New Port Richey	Pasco	227	2.3%	6.6%	4.3%
9.	William T. Mcfatter Technical College	Davie	Broward	171	15.9%	19.9%	4.0%
10.	Anclote High School	Holiday	Pasco	227	3.7%	7.5%	3.8%

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1.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	18.2%	40.3%	22.1%
2.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	34.7%	43.6%	8.9%
3.	Cornerstone Charter Academy High School	Belle Isle	Orange	67	9.5%	17.9%	8.4%
4.	Oasis Charter High School	Cape Coral	Lee	152	10.2%	17.8%	7.6%
5.	Branford High School	Branford	Suwannee	85	8.8%	15.3%	6.5%
6.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	22.2%	27.9%	5.7%
7.	Clark Advanced Learning Center	Stuart	Martin	82	13.2%	18.3%	5.1%
8.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	21.7%	26.3%	4.6%
9.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	31.6%	36.1%	4.5%
10.	Suncoast Polytechnical High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	122	7.8%	11.5%	3.7%

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1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	11.2%	13.9%	2.7%
2.	Sumter	61.0%	450	5.8%	7.3%	1.5%
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	7.5%	8.9%	1.4%
4.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	7.3%	8.2%	0.9%
5.	Pinellas	51.1%	6,843	8.0%	8.7%	0.7%
6.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	6.4%	7.0%	0.6%
7.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	9.5%	10.0%	0.5%
8.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	9.7%	9.9%	0.2%
9.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	7.8%	8.0%	0.2%
10.	Hernando	66.6%	1,670	6.2%	6.3%	0.1%

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“Fastest Lap”: Fastest to reach 5% goal

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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.	Colonial High	Orlando	Orange	814	5.7%	15.9%	20.9%	15.2%
2.	Lake Worth High School	Lake Worth	Palm Beach	574	9.1%	19.4%	24.4%	15.3%
3.	South Dade Senior High School	Homestead	Dade	738	6.1%	18.5%	23.5%	17.4%
4.	First Coast High School	Jacksonville	Duval	476	5.3%	18.1%	23.1%	17.8%
5.	Lennard High School	Ruskin	Hillsborough	421	7.8%	21.0%	26.0%	18.1%
6.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	10.7%	23.9%	28.9%	18.2%
7.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	11.3%	24.7%	29.7%	18.4%
8.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	9.0%	22.6%	27.6%	18.6%
9.	Cypress Creek High	Orlando	Orange	756	9.3%	23.0%	28.0%	18.7%
10.	East River High	Orlando	Orange	511	5.5%	19.5%	24.5%	19.0%

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1.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	6.6%	15.5%	20.5%	13.9%
2.	Crystal River High School	Crystal River	Citrus	330	7.0%	16.8%	21.8%	14.8%
3.	Ridgeview High School	Orange Park	Clay	400	8.8%	19.0%	24.0%	15.2%
4.	Pine Ridge High School	Deltona	Volusia	378	6.9%	17.1%	22.1%	15.2%
5.	Central High School	Brooksville	Hernando	311	5.1%	15.5%	20.5%	15.3%
6.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	25.8%	36.3%	41.3%	15.4%
7.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	7.1%	17.7%	22.7%	15.6%
8.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	6.0%	16.9%	21.9%	16.0%
9.	Weeki Wachee High School	Weeki Wachee	Hernando	358	6.1%	17.2%	22.2%	16.1%
10.	Middleburg High School	Middleburg	Clay	353	9.6%	20.8%	25.8%	16.1%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	22.4%	18.9%	23.9%	1.5%
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	19.8%	17.9%	22.9%	3.1%
3.	Branford High School	Branford	Suwannee	85	15.3%	19.1%	24.1%	8.8%
4.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	12.7%	17.1%	22.1%	9.4%
5.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	18.5%	28.1%	33.1%	14.6%
6.	Deane Bozeman School	Panama City	Bay	96	8.3%	18.5%	23.5%	15.1%
7.	Bridgeprep Academy Of Arts & Minds	Miami	Dade	85	12.9%	23.7%	28.7%	15.7%
8.	Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	98	6.1%	17.5%	22.5%	16.4%
9.	Franklin County Schools Pk-12	Eastpoint	Franklin	67	14.9%	26.9%	31.9%	17.0%
10.	Duval Charter High School At Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	8.3%	20.4%	25.4%	17.0%

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1.	Franklin	49.0%	67	14.9%	26.9%	31.9%	17.0%
2.	Putnam	54.9%	559	4.5%	16.5%	21.5%	17.1%
3.	Suwannee	67.5%	359	7.0%	19.4%	24.4%	17.4%
4.	Clay	83.7%	2,714	8.9%	22.3%	27.3%	18.4%
5.	Hernando	78.0%	1,670	6.3%	19.9%	24.9%	18.5%
6.	Desoto	62.2%	248	3.6%	17.4%	22.4%	18.8%
7.	Citrus	77.4%	1,136	7.5%	21.3%	26.3%	18.8%
8.	Washington	70.5%	229	5.2%	19.1%	24.1%	18.9%
9.	Marion	80.7%	3,038	6.2%	20.0%	25.0%	18.9%
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