

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: February 19, 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	173	38.4%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	254	36.2%
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	256	31.4%
4.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	157	28.3%
5.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	145	28.3%
6.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	314	28.1%
7.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	144	26.4%
8.	Sickles High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	521	136	26.1%
9.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	174	25.3%
10.	Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High	Miami	Dade	535	134	25.0%

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1.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	103	60.6%
2.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	102	58.0%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	108	55.4%
4.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	147	47.0%
5.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	161	46.5%
6.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	145	45.6%
7.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	120	36.4%
8.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	93	33.9%
9.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	79	33.5%
10.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	90	33.3%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	90	81.1%
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	45	34	75.6%
3.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	69	58.5%
4.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	33	56.9%
5.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	31	56.4%
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	34	54.8%
7.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	30	49.2%
8.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	52	49.1%
9.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	59	48.8%
10.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	29	47.5%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	729	25.0%
2.	Franklin	59.9%	67	16	23.9%
3.	Gulf	60.5%	146	33	22.6%
4.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	471	20.0%
5.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	4,906	18.6%
6.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	346	17.8%
7.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	813	17.6%
8.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	24	17.1%
9.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	345	16.8%
10.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	474	16.5%

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“Most Improved”

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2014-15	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2015-16	Change (%)
1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	15.6%	24.3%	8.7%
2.	Hialeah Senior High School	Hialeah	Dade	662	9.8%	16.2%	6.4%
3.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	15.4%	20.4%	5.0%
4.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	20.1%	24.8%	4.8%
5.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	15.9%	20.5%	4.6%
6.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	13.0%	17.3%	4.3%
7.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	24.9%	28.3%	3.5%
8.	Seminole High School	Seminole	Pinellas	444	14.7%	17.8%	3.1%
9.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	22.5%	25.3%	2.8%
10.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	25.6%	28.3%	2.7%

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1.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	52.1%	60.6%	8.5%
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	7.6%	15.8%	8.2%
3.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	11.8%	19.7%	7.9%
4.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	26.2%	33.5%	7.3%
5.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	16.1%	21.7%	5.6%
6.	Sarasota Military Academy	Sarasota	Sarasota	230	15.9%	21.3%	5.4%
7.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	18.2%	23.4%	5.2%
8.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	50.4%	55.4%	4.9%
9.	West Florida High School/Technical	Pensacola	Escambia	277	16.4%	21.3%	4.9%
10.	Middleton High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	295	9.5%	14.2%	4.7%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	18.9%	36.7%	17.8%
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	13.7%	26.4%	12.7%
3.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	34.9%	47.5%	12.6%
4.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	25.0%	35.8%	10.8%
5.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	10.8%	20.5%	9.8%
6.	Clark Advanced Learning Center	Stuart	Martin	82	20.9%	30.5%	9.6%
7.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	71.7%	81.1%	9.4%
8.	Oasis Charter High School	Cape Coral	Lee	152	22.2%	30.9%	8.8%
9.	Wildwood Middle/High School	Wildwood	Sumter	57	7.4%	15.8%	8.3%
10.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	39.1%	47.4%	8.2%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	9.5%	17.1%	7.6%
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	21.1%	25.0%	3.9%
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	14.0%	15.7%	1.7%
4.	Nassau	50.6%	830	12.1%	13.4%	1.3%
5.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	13.7%	14.7%	1.0%
6.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	8.4%	9.3%	0.9%
7.	Dixie	99.8%	122	6.8%	7.4%	0.6%
8.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	11.2%	11.7%	0.5%
9.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	16.1%	16.5%	0.4%
10.	Pinellas	51.1%	6,843	15.5%	15.8%	0.3%

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“Fastest Lap”: Fastest to reach 5% goal

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1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	24.3%	25.6%	30.6%	6.4%
2.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	20.5%	23.9%	28.9%	8.4%
3.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	24.8%	29.8%	34.8%	10.0%
4.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	20.6%	26.8%	31.8%	11.2%
5.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	16.3%	22.6%	27.6%	11.3%
6.	Lake Worth High School	Lake Worth	Palm Beach	574	13.1%	19.4%	24.4%	11.3%
7.	Colonial High	Orlando	Orange	814	9.5%	15.9%	20.9%	11.4%
8.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	17.3%	24.7%	29.7%	12.3%
9.	Ocoee High	Ocoee	Orange	442	14.0%	21.6%	26.6%	12.5%
10.	Sickles High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	521	26.1%	33.7%	38.7%	12.6%

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2.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	33.5%	36.3%	41.3%	7.8%
3.	Ridgeview High School	Orange Park	Clay	400	15.5%	19.0%	24.0%	8.5%
4.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	23.4%	27.1%	32.1%	8.7%
5.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	60.6%	64.5%	69.5%	8.9%
6.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	19.7%	23.9%	28.9%	9.1%
7.	Pine Ridge High School	Deltona	Volusia	378	12.7%	17.1%	22.1%	9.4%
8.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	12.7%	17.7%	22.7%	10.0%
9.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	55.4%	60.4%	65.4%	10.1%
10.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	24.5%	29.6%	34.6%	10.1%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	36.7%	18.9%	23.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	26.4%	17.9%	22.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
3.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	35.8%	28.1%	33.1%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	81.1%	75.0%	80.0%	Reached goal! (2/19/16)
5.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	20.0%	17.1%	22.1%	2.1%
6.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	20.5%	18.5%	23.5%	2.9%
7.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	47.4%	47.8%	52.8%	5.5%
8.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	40.3%	41.2%	46.2%	5.9%
9.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	54.8%	56.8%	61.8%	7.0%
10.	Bridgeprep Academy Of Arts & Minds	Miami	Dade	85	21.2%	23.7%	28.7%	7.5%

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1.	Franklin	59.9%	67	23.9%	26.9%	31.9%	8.0%
2.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	12.2%	17.9%	22.9%	10.8%
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	15.7%	22.3%	27.3%	11.6%
4.	Putnam	66.5%	559	9.8%	16.5%	21.5%	11.7%
5.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	25.0%	32.0%	37.0%	12.1%
6.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	14.7%	22.3%	27.3%	12.5%
7.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	11.7%	19.4%	24.4%	12.7%
8.	Hernando	66.6%	1,670	11.5%	19.9%	24.9%	13.4%
9.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	9.3%	18.1%	23.1%	13.8%
10.	Marion	66.9%	3,038	11.2%	20.0%	25.0%	13.9%

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