

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: March 11, 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	233	51.7%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	334	47.6%
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	318	39.0%
4.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	212	38.3%
5.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	192	37.5%
6.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	416	37.2%
7.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	482	173	35.9%
8.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	192	35.2%
9.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	238	34.5%
10.	Winter Park High	Winter Park	Orange	742	247	33.3%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	137	70.3%
2.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	120	68.2%
3.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	113	66.5%
4.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	186	58.5%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	175	55.9%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	190	54.9%
7.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	111	47.0%
8.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	148	44.8%
9.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	121	44.8%
10.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	120	43.8%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	92	82.9%
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	45	35	77.8%
3.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	81	68.6%
4.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	36	65.5%
5.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	38	62.3%
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	38	61.3%
7.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	74	61.2%
8.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	35	60.3%
9.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	59	55.7%
10.	Young Womens Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	38	21	55.3%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2918	964	33.0%
2.	Franklin	59.9%	67	19	28.4%
3.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	787	27.4%
4.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	639	27.1%
5.	Gulf	60.5%	146	39	26.7%
6.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	6,805	25.8%
7.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	1,159	25.1%
8.	Highlands	75.9%	634	155	24.4%
9.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	1,102	24.2%
10.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	451	23.2%

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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.	Hialeah Senior High School	Hialeah	Dade	662	17.4%	25.4%	8.0%
2.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	24.1%	30.3%	6.2%
3.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	27.0%	33.0%	6.1%
4.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	31.8%	37.5%	5.7%
5.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	19.4%	24.9%	5.5%
6.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	20.7%	25.6%	4.9%
7.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	33.8%	38.3%	4.5%
8.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	26.1%	30.0%	3.9%
9.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	24.2%	27.8%	3.6%
10.	Hagerty High School	Oviedo	Seminole	495	26.0%	29.3%	3.3%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2014-15	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2015-16	Change (%)
1.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	11.2%	24.9%	13.7%
2.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	35.5%	47.0%	11.6%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	59.1%	70.3%	11.1%
4.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	26.3%	32.9%	6.6%
5.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	19.7%	25.4%	5.8%
6.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	26.2%	31.7%	5.5%
7.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	61.2%	66.5%	5.3%
8.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	14.3%	19.4%	5.2%
9.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	26.3%	31.0%	4.7%
10.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	15.8%	20.2%	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.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	21.6%	44.9%	23.3%
2.	Wildwood Middle/High School	Wildwood	Sumter	57	9.6%	26.3%	16.7%
3.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	17.1%	30.9%	13.8%
4.	Duval Virtual Instruction Academy	Jacksonville	Duval	31	20.0%	32.3%	12.3%
5.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	34.4%	45.7%	11.3%
6.	Vernon High School	Vernon	Washington	89	14.1%	24.7%	10.6%
7.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	39.2%	49.3%	10.1%
8.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	16.8%	26.4%	9.5%
9.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	15.4%	24.7%	9.3%
10.	Duval Charter High School At Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	18.5%	26.0%	7.5%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	11.7%	17.1%	5.5%
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	29.6%	33.0%	3.5%
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	19.2%	20.9%	1.7%
4.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	17.9%	19.5%	1.6%
5.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	20.8%	21.6%	0.7%
6.	Okeechobee	79.2%	382	10.2%	10.7%	0.6%
7.	Putnam	66.5%	559	14.8%	15.0%	0.3%
8.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	17.6%	17.5%	0.0%
9.	Nassau	50.6%	830	19.8%	19.8%	-0.1%
10.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	15.5%	15.1%	-0.4%

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1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	30.3%	25.6%	30.6%	0.3%
2.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	33.0%	29.8%	34.8%	1.8%
3.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	25.6%	23.9%	28.9%	3.3%
4.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	38.3%	36.8%	41.8%	3.6%
5.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	27.8%	26.8%	31.8%	4.1%
6.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	37.5%	36.6%	41.6%	4.1%
7.	Western High School	Davie	Broward	734	31.2%	30.4%	35.4%	4.2%
8.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	30.0%	29.3%	34.3%	4.2%
9.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	22.9%	22.6%	27.6%	4.7%
10.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	24.9%	24.7%	29.7%	4.8%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	47.0%	36.3%	41.3%	Reached goal! (2/26/16)
2.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	70.3%	60.4%	65.4%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
3.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	24.9%	15.5%	20.5%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
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7.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	20.2%	17.7%	22.7%	2.5%
8.	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	328	24.7%	22.4%	27.4%	2.7%
9.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	31.7%	29.6%	34.6%	2.9%
10.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	66.5%	64.5%	69.5%	3.0%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	44.9%	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	45.7%	28.1%	33.1%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	82.9%	75.0%	80.0%	Reached goal! (2/19/16)
5.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	30.9%	17.1%	22.1%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
6.	Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	98	24.5%	17.5%	22.5%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
7.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	49.3%	41.2%	46.2%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
8.	Professional Academy Magnet At Loften High School	Gainesville	Alachua	39	28.2%	19.4%	24.4%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
9.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	24.7%	18.5%	23.5%	Reached goal! (3/11/16)
10.	Duval Charter High School At Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	26.0%	20.4%	25.4%	Reached goal! (3/11/16)

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1.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	19.5%	17.9%	22.9%	3.4%
2.	Franklin	59.9%	67	31.3%	26.9%	31.9%	3.6%
3.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	36.6%	32.0%	37.0%	4.0%
4.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	25.1%	22.3%	27.3%	5.7%
5.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	23.5%	22.3%	27.3%	6.3%
6.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	27.1%	25.6%	30.6%	6.4%
7.	Putnam	66.5%	559	18.6%	16.5%	21.5%	6.5%
8.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	19.8%	19.4%	24.4%	6.8%
9.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	17.4%	18.1%	23.1%	7.9%
10.	Hernando	66.6%	1,670	18.8%	19.9%	24.9%	8.0%

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