

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: March 4, 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	226	50.1%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	322	45.9%
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	308	37.7%
4.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	200	36.1%
5.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	399	35.7%
6.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	182	35.5%
7.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	184	33.7%
8.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	482	162	33.6%
9.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	225	32.7%
10.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	149	32.2%

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1.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	133	68.2%
2.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	112	65.9%
3.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	115	65.3%
4.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	176	55.3%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	170	54.3%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	186	53.8%
7.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	106	44.9%
8.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	142	43.0%
9.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	114	42.2%
10.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	113	41.2%

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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	80	67.8%
4.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	36	65.5%
5.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	35	60.3%
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	37	59.7%
7.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	36	59.0%
8.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	70	57.9%
9.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	59	55.7%
10.	Young Womens Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	38	20	52.6%

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Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: February 26, 2016



“MVP” (Highest FAFSA Completion Rate)

*** Districts ***

Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	924	31.7%
2.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	765	26.6%
3.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	604	25.6%
4.	Franklin	59.9%	67	17	25.4%
5.	Gulf	60.5%	146	37	25.3%
6.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	6,446	24.5%
7.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	1,079	23.4%
8.	Highlands	75.9%	634	148	23.3%
9.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	1,037	22.8%
10.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	428	22.1%

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“Most Improved”

(Largest increase compared to same date last year)

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

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	14.0%	22.8%	8.8%
2.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	22.5%	29.8%	7.2%
3.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	26.7%	32.2%	5.4%
4.	Western High School	Davie	Broward	734	25.0%	30.2%	5.2%
5.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	18.4%	23.3%	4.9%
6.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	19.6%	24.4%	4.9%
7.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	31.0%	35.5%	4.5%
8.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	22.9%	26.6%	3.7%
9.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	24.1%	27.5%	3.4%
10.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	32.7%	36.1%	3.4%

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*** Medium schools: Between 166 and 415 12th graders ***

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	32.7%	44.9%	12.3%
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	10.1%	21.2%	11.1%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	57.8%	68.2%	10.4%
4.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	18.0%	25.1%	7.1%
5.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	13.2%	18.7%	5.5%
6.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	24.0%	29.5%	5.5%
7.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	24.3%	29.4%	5.1%
8.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	61.2%	65.9%	4.7%
9.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	13.1%	17.6%	4.4%
10.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	25.1%	29.3%	4.2%

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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	18.9%	44.9%	26.0%
2.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	14.3%	30.9%	16.6%
3.	Wildwood Middle/High School	Wildwood	Sumter	57	9.6%	24.6%	15.0%
4.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	14.7%	26.4%	11.6%
5.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	33.3%	44.4%	11.1%
6.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	39.1%	50.0%	10.9%
7.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	45.3%	55.7%	10.4%
8.	Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	98	15.8%	24.5%	8.7%
9.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	39.2%	47.8%	8.6%
10.	Vernon High School	Vernon	Washington	89	14.1%	22.5%	8.4%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	10.2%	17.1%	6.9%
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	28.3%	31.7%	3.4%
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	17.4%	19.7%	2.2%
4.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	14.5%	16.2%	1.6%
5.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	17.9%	19.5%	1.6%
6.	Okeechobee	79.2%	382	9.4%	10.2%	0.8%
7.	Putnam	66.5%	559	13.2%	14.0%	0.8%
8.	Highlands	75.9%	634	22.7%	23.3%	0.7%
9.	Nassau	50.6%	830	17.8%	18.4%	0.6%
10.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	26.1%	26.6%	0.5%

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“Fastest Lap”: Fastest to reach 5% goal

(Performance thru last March 2015 + 5%, must have 20% FAFSA completion rate to qualify)

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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.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	29.8%	25.6%	30.6%	0.8%
2.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	32.2%	29.8%	34.8%	2.6%
3.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	24.4%	23.9%	28.9%	4.5%
4.	Western High School	Davie	Broward	734	30.2%	30.4%	35.4%	5.1%
5.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	26.6%	26.8%	31.8%	5.2%
6.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	36.1%	36.8%	41.8%	5.7%
7.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	35.5%	36.6%	41.6%	6.0%
8.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	23.3%	24.7%	29.7%	6.3%
9.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	21.0%	22.6%	27.6%	6.6%
10.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	27.5%	29.3%	34.3%	6.7%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	44.9%	36.3%	41.3%	Reached goal! (2/26/16)
2.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	68.2%	60.4%	65.4%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
3.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	21.2%	15.5%	20.5%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
4.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	29.3%	27.1%	32.1%	2.8%
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9.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	29.5%	29.0%	34.0%	4.6%
10.	Ridgeview High School	Orange Park	Clay	400	19.3%	19.0%	24.0%	4.7%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	44.9%	18.9%	23.92%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	26.4%	17.9%	22.89%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
3.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	44.4%	28.1%	33.13%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	82.9%	75.0%	80.00%	Reached goal! (2/19/16)
5.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	30.9%	17.1%	22.14%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
6.	Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	98	24.5%	17.5%	22.54%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
7.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	47.8%	41.2%	46.24%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
8.	Professional Academy Magnet At Loftan High School	Gainesville	Alachua	39	25.6%	19.4%	24.44%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
9.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	21.9%	18.5%	23.46%	1.5%
10.	Marathon School	Marathon	Monroe	93	26.9%	24.0%	29.00%	2.1%

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1.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	19.5%	17.9%	22.9%	3.4%
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	31.7%	32.0%	37.0%	5.4%
3.	Franklin	59.9%	67	25.4%	26.9%	31.9%	6.5%
4.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	20.1%	22.3%	27.3%	7.2%
5.	Putnam	66.5%	559	14.0%	16.5%	21.5%	7.6%
6.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	19.7%	22.3%	27.3%	7.6%
7.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	22.8%	25.6%	30.6%	7.8%
8.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	16.2%	19.4%	24.4%	8.2%
9.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	26.6%	30.5%	35.5%	8.9%
10.	Hernando	66.6%	1,670	15.5%	19.9%	24.9%	9.3%

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