

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: April 1, 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	251	55.7%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	364	51.9%
3.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	223	43.6%
4.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	231	41.7%
5.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	340	41.7%
6.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	482	193	40.0%
7.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	446	39.9%
8.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	273	39.6%
9.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	213	39.0%
10.	Creekside High School	Saint Johns	St. Johns	473	180	38.1%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	144	73.8%
2.	College Academy at Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	126	71.6%
3.	MAST Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	119	70.0%
4.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	210	66.0%
5.	Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	189	60.4%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	202	58.4%
7.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	122	51.7%
8.	Douglas Anderson School of the Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	141	51.5%
9.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	164	49.7%
10.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	133	49.3%

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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	95	85.6%
2.	School for Advanced Studies (North)	Miami	Dade	45	38	84.4%
3.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	39	70.9%
4.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	82	69.5%
5.	New World School of the Arts	Miami	Dade	121	78	64.5%
6.	School for Advanced Studies (Homestead)	Homestead	Dade	61	39	63.9%
7.	iPreparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	39	62.9%
8.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	23	60.5%
9.	Young Women’s Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	38	23	60.5%
10.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	64	60.4%

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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	1,061	36.4%
2.	Gulf	60.5%	146	47	32.2%
3.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	737	31.3%
4.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	897	31.2%
5.	Franklin	59.9%	67	20	29.9%
6.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	7,844	29.8%
7.	Highlands	75.9%	634	187	29.5%
8.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	1,349	29.2%
9.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	1,248	27.4%
10.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	527	27.2%

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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.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	25.6%	33.8%	8.2%
2.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	36.6%	43.6%	7.0%
3.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	29.3%	35.3%	6.1%
4.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	22.6%	28.5%	5.9%
5.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	26.8%	32.6%	5.8%
6.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	23.9%	29.3%	5.4%
7.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	29.8%	35.0%	5.2%
8.	McArthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	24.7%	29.6%	4.9%
9.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	36.8%	41.7%	4.9%
10.	Apopka High School	Apopka	Orange	705	26.7%	31.3%	4.7%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	36.3%	29.7%	15.4%
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	15.5%	51.7%	14.1%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	60.4%	73.8%	13.4%
4.	Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School	Margate	Broward	188	27.7%	37.7%	9.5%
5.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	29.6%	25.5%	8.1%
6.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	17.7%	29.6%	7.7%
7.	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	328	22.4%	35.7%	7.2%
8.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	29.0%	22.9%	6.7%
9.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	27.1%	33.3%	6.1%
10.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	16.9%	39.0%	6.0%

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1.	Imagine School at North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	18.9%	46.9%	28.0%
2.	Wildwood Middle High School	Wildwood	Sumter	57	10.6%	29.8%	19.2%
3.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	17.1%	32.7%	15.6%
4.	Professional Academy Magnet at Loften High School	Gainesville	Alachua	39	19.4%	33.3%	13.9%
5.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	34.4%	48.1%	13.8%
6.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	41.2%	54.5%	13.2%
7.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	47.8%	60.5%	12.7%
8.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	17.9%	28.6%	10.7%
9.	Vernon High School	Vernon	Washington	89	14.1%	24.7%	10.6%
10.	School For Advanced Studies (South)	Miami	Dade	111	75.0%	85.6%	10.6%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	12.4%	22.1%	9.7%
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	32.0%	36.4%	4.3%
3.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	17.9%	22.0%	4.0%
4.	Franklin	59.9%	67	26.9%	29.9%	2.9%
5.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	22.3%	24.7%	2.5%
6.	Putnam	66.5%	559	16.5%	19.0%	2.4%
7.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	18.1%	20.3%	2.3%
8.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	22.3%	24.3%	2.1%
9.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	25.6%	27.4%	1.9%
10.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	30.5%	31.2%	0.7%

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“Fastest Lap”: Fastest to reach 5% goal

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1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	33.8%	25.6%	30.6%	Reached goal! (3/18/16)
2.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	43.6%	36.6%	41.6%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)
3.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	35.3%	29.3%	34.3%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)
4.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	28.5%	22.6%	27.6%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)
5.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	32.6%	26.8%	31.8%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)
6.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	29.3%	23.9%	28.9%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)
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8.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	29.6%	24.7%	29.7%	0.1%
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2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	29.7%	15.5%	20.52%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	73.8%	60.4%	65.43%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
4.	Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School	Margate	Broward	188	37.2%	27.7%	32.75%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
5.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	37.7%	29.6%	34.59%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
6.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	25.5%	17.7%	22.74%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
7.	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	328	29.6%	22.4%	27.41%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
8.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	35.7%	29.0%	34.03%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
9.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	33.3%	27.1%	32.11%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
10.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	22.9%	16.9%	21.91%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)
10.	West Florida High School/Technical	Pensacola	Escambia	277	39.0%	33.2%	38.2%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)
10.	MAST Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	70.0%	64.5%	69.5%	Reached goal! (4/1/16)

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2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	28.6%	17.9%	22.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
3.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	48.1%	28.1%	33.1%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	School For Advanced Studies (South)	Miami	Dade	111	85.6%	75.0%	80.0%	Reached goal! (2/19/16)
5.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	32.7%	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	54.5%	41.2%	46.2%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
8.	Professional Academy Magnet at Lofton High School	Gainesville	Alachua	39	33.3%	19.4%	24.4%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
9.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	28.8%	18.5%	23.5%	Reached goal! (3/11/16)
10.	Duval Charter High School at Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	27.1%	20.4%	25.4%	Reached goal! (3/11/16)

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1.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	24.4%	17.9%	22.9%	Reached goal! (4/8/16)
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	37.0%	32.0%	37.0%	Reached goal! (4/8/16)
3.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	22.1%	18.1%	23.1%	1.0%
4.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	25.6%	22.3%	27.3%	1.7%
5.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	28.8%	25.6%	30.6%	1.8%
6.	Putnam	66.5%	559	19.5%	16.5%	21.5%	2.0%
7.	Franklin	59.9%	67	29.9%	26.9%	31.9%	2.1%
8.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	25.2%	22.3%	27.3%	2.1%
9.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	32.7%	30.5%	35.5%	2.8%
10.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	20.9%	19.4%	24.4%	3.5%

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