

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: March 25, 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	243	53.9%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	354	50.4%
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	337	41.3%
4.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	209	40.8%
5.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	223	40.3%
6.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	482	188	39.0%
7.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	429	38.4%
8.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	259	37.6%
9.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	204	37.4%
10.	Creekside High School	Saint Johns	St. Johns	473	171	36.2%

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1.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	142	72.8%
2.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	125	71.0%
3.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	118	69.4%
4.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	209	65.7%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	183	58.5%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	198	57.2%
7.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	119	50.4%
8.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	133	48.5%
9.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	159	48.2%
10.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	130	48.1%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	94	84.7%
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	45	38	84.4%
3.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	81	68.6%
4.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	37	67.3%
5.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	39	63.9%
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	39	62.9%
7.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	76	62.8%
8.	Young Womens Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	38	23	60.5%
9.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	35	60.3%
10.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	22	57.9%

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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	1,025	35.1%
2.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	871	30.3%
3.	Gulf	60.5%	146	44	30.1%
4.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	710	30.1%
5.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	7,494	28.4%
6.	Franklin	59.9%	67	19	28.4%
7.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	1,289	27.9%
8.	Highlands	75.9%	634	172	27.1%
9.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	1,207	26.5%
10.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	502	25.9%

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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.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	25.4%	32.5%	7.1%
2.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	29.0%	34.6%	5.5%
3.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	35.8%	40.8%	5.0%
4.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	23.5%	28.0%	4.5%
5.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	22.4%	26.5%	4.1%
6.	Western High School	Davie	Broward	734	29.7%	33.8%	4.1%
7.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	24.0%	28.0%	4.0%
8.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	29.3%	33.3%	4.0%
9.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	36.7%	40.3%	3.6%
10.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	26.8%	30.0%	3.2%

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1.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	61.3%	72.8%	11.5%
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	15.5%	26.7%	11.2%
3.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	39.5%	50.4%	10.9%
4.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	28.1%	34.8%	6.7%
5.	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	328	22.4%	28.7%	6.3%
6.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	30.0%	35.5%	5.5%
7.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	27.4%	32.5%	5.1%
8.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	18.1%	23.2%	5.1%
9.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	16.6%	21.3%	4.7%
10.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	65.3%	69.4%	4.1%

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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	9.6%	28.1%	18.5%
3.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	17.1%	32.7%	15.6%
4.	Professional Academy Magnet At Loftan High School	Gainesville	Alachua	39	19.4%	33.3%	13.9%
5.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	15.4%	28.8%	13.4%
6.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	16.8%	28.6%	11.7%
7.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	35.4%	46.9%	11.5%
8.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	40.2%	51.5%	11.3%
9.	Vernon High School	Vernon	Washington	89	14.1%	24.7%	10.6%
10.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	47.8%	57.9%	10.1%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	11.7%	22.1%	10.5%
2.	Jefferson	64.9%	41	17.9%	22.0%	4.0%
3.	Sarasota	66.3%	2,918	32.0%	35.1%	3.2%
4.	Clay	75.6%	2,714	22.0%	23.1%	1.1%
5.	Gilchrist	69.4%	172	18.1%	19.2%	1.1%
6.	Putnam	47.7%	559	16.7%	17.7%	1.0%
7.	Bay	48.0%	1,582	22.8%	23.6%	0.9%
8.	Gadsden	79.2%	280	13.8%	13.9%	0.1%
9.	Okeechobee	66.1%	382	12.0%	12.0%	0.1%
10.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	30.4%	30.3%	-0.1%

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1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	32.5%	25.6%	30.6%	Reached goal! (3/18/16)
2.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	34.6%	29.8%	34.8%	0.26%
3.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	40.8%	36.6%	41.6%	0.76%
4.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	28.0%	23.9%	28.9%	0.91%
5.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	33.3%	29.3%	34.3%	1.01%
6.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	26.5%	22.6%	27.6%	1.07%
7.	Western High School	Davie	Broward	734	33.8%	30.4%	35.4%	1.58%
8.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	40.3%	36.8%	41.8%	1.58%
9.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	28.0%	24.7%	29.7%	1.65%
10.	Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School	Doral	Dade	487	35.9%	32.6%	37.6%	1.66%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	50.4%	36.3%	41.3%	Reached goal! (2/26/16)
2.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	72.8%	60.4%	65.4%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
3.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	26.7%	15.5%	20.5%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
4.	Atlantic Technical College	Margate	Broward	188	35.1%	27.7%	32.7%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
5.	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	328	28.7%	22.4%	27.4%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
6.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	35.5%	29.6%	34.6%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
7.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	34.8%	29.0%	34.0%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
8.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	23.2%	17.7%	22.7%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
9.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	32.5%	27.1%	32.1%	Reached goal! (3/25/16)
10.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	69.4%	64.5%	69.5%	0.05%

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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	46.9%	28.1%	33.1%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	84.7%	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	51.5%	41.2%	46.2%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
8.	Professional Academy Magnet At Loftan 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	26.0%	20.4%	25.4%	Reached goal! (3/11/16)

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1.	Jefferson	64.9%	41	22.0%	17.9%	23.0%	1.0%
2.	Sarasota	66.3%	2,918	35.1%	32.0%	37.0%	1.9%
3.	Franklin	59.9%	67	28.4%	26.9%	31.9%	3.6%
4.	Bay	48.0%	1,582	23.6%	22.3%	27.3%	3.6%
5.	Putnam	47.7%	559	17.7%	16.5%	21.5%	3.8%
6.	Gilchrist	69.4%	172	19.2%	18.1%	23.1%	3.9%
7.	Brevard	55.9%	4,547	26.5%	25.6%	30.6%	4.1%
8.	Clay	75.6%	2,714	23.1%	22.3%	27.3%	4.1%
9.	Suwannee	59.8%	359	19.5%	19.4%	24.4%	4.9%
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