

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: March 3, 2017



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 3, 2017)
2. **"Most Improved"** (Improved their FAFSA completion rate the most, compared to last year through March 3, 2017)
3. **"Biggest Boost"** (Largest week-to-week change in percentage of students completing the FAFSA)

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 (2016-17)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	765	477	62.4%
2.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	793	475	59.9%
3.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	438	230	52.5%
4.	Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High	Miami	Dade	592	304	51.4%
5.	Bartram Trail High School	Saint Johns	St. Johns	503	254	50.5%
6.	William R Boone High	Orlando	Orange	679	341	50.2%
7.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	443	220	49.7%
8.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,138	556	48.9%
9.	Creekside High School	Saint Johns	St. Johns	507	247	48.7%
10.	Timber Creek High	Orlando	Orange	826	402	48.7%

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1.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Dade	380	295	77.6%
2.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	283	219	77.4%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	217	162	74.7%
4.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	216	158	73.1%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	343	234	68.2%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	353	237	67.1%
7.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	327	218	66.7%
8.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	182	66.4%
9.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	259	162	62.5%
10.	Pompano Beach Institute Of International Studies	Pompano Beach	Broward	265	165	62.3%

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1.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	52	50	96.2%
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	56	50	89.3%
3.	Jose Marti Mast 6-12 Academy	Hialeah	Dade	45	37	82.2%
4.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	86	77.5%
5.	Somerset Arts Conservatory	Pembroke Pines	Broward	42	31	73.8%
6.	Young Womens Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	33	24	72.7%
7.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	115	79	68.7%
8.	Seaside Neighborhood School	Santa Rosa Beach	Walton	35	24	68.6%
9.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	38	26	68.4%
10.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	94	64	68.1%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2016-17)	12th Graders (2016-17)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	47.8%	3,029	1,296	42.8%
2.	St. Johns	22.9%	2,675	1,045	39.1%
3.	Seminole	47.2%	4,745	1,771	37.3%
4.	Orange	65.6%	14,105	5,221	37.0%
5.	Dade	70.8%	26,591	9,775	36.8%
6.	Leon	40.9%	2,072	750	36.2%
7.	Collier	59.6%	3,030	1,090	36.0%
8.	Okaloosa	45.2%	1,973	705	35.7%
9.	Alachua	48.4%	2,070	707	34.2%
10.	Pasco	54.8%	4,145	1,412	34.1%

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*** Districts with Fewer than 1,000+ 12th Graders ***

Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2016-17)	12th Graders (2016-17)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Gulf	59.4%	142	65	45.8%
2.	Jefferson	80.0%	33	12	36.4%
3.	Highlands	76.2%	674	233	34.6%
4.	Monroe	48.8%	545	187	34.3%
5.	Glades	45.2%	54	18	33.3%
6.	Sumter	58.9%	472	150	31.8%
7.	Gilchrist	55.3%	159	48	30.2%
8.	Hendry	67.1%	490	147	30.0%
9.	Franklin	67.7%	61	18	29.5%
10.	Walton	52.7%	493	134	27.2%

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“Most Improved”

(Largest increase compared to April 1, 2016 last year)

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2016-17)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 4/1/16	FAFSA Completion Rate: 3/3/17	Change (%)
1.	Cypress Creek High	Orlando	Orange	802	22.6%	43.1%	20.5%
2.	William R Boone High	Orlando	Orange	679	29.8%	50.2%	20.4%
3.	Bartram Trail High School	Saint Johns	St. Johns	503	31.8%	50.5%	18.7%
4.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	793	41.7%	59.9%	18.2%
5.	Timber Creek High	Orlando	Orange	826	31.5%	48.7%	17.1%
6.	University High	Orlando	Orange	692	25.1%	42.1%	17.0%
7.	East River High	Orlando	Orange	427	19.4%	35.8%	16.5%
8.	Cape Coral High School	Cape Coral	Lee	425	31.6%	48.0%	16.4%
9.	Ocoee High	Ocoee	Orange	521	24.9%	41.3%	16.4%
10.	Oak Ridge High	Orlando	Orange	634	16.5%	32.8%	16.3%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2016-17)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 4/1/16	FAFSA Completion Rate: 3/3/17	Change (%)
1.	Mater Academy Charter High	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	392	35.2%	59.9%	24.8%
2.	Coral Shores High School	Tavernier	Monroe	169	21.0%	43.2%	22.2%
3.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Dade	380	55.7%	77.6%	22.0%
4.	Poinciana High School	Kissimmee	Osceola	406	17.3%	35.0%	17.6%
5.	North Marion High School	Citra	Marion	301	14.0%	31.6%	17.6%
6.	Dixie M. Hollins High School	Kenneth City	Pinellas	304	21.8%	38.5%	16.6%
7.	Barbara Goleman Senior High	Miami Lakes	Dade	384	23.2%	39.6%	16.4%
8.	Robert E. Lee High School	Jacksonville	Duval	402	24.3%	40.5%	16.3%
9.	Villages Charter School	The Villages	Sumter	176	25.1%	40.9%	15.8%
10.	Somerset Academy Charter High	Pembroke Pines	Broward	250	32.8%	48.4%	15.6%

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1.	Somerset Arts Conservatory	Pembroke Pines	Broward	42	25.9%	73.8%	47.9%
2.	Jose Marti Mast 6-12 Academy	Hialeah	Dade	45	43.2%	82.2%	39.0%
3.	Miami Community Charter High School	Florida City	Dade	43	15.9%	53.5%	37.6%
4.	Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	91	24.5%	58.2%	33.8%
5.	Andrew Jackson High School	Jacksonville	Duval	100	15.8%	42.0%	26.2%
6.	Indian River Charter High School	Vero Beach	Indian River	132	28.9%	54.5%	25.7%
7.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	52	70.9%	96.2%	25.2%
8.	Darnell Cookman Middle/High School	Jacksonville	Duval	79	35.8%	60.8%	24.9%
9.	Hawthorne Middle/High School	Hawthorne	Alachua	31	17.1%	41.9%	24.8%
10.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Punta Gorda	Charlotte	59	32.9%	57.6%	24.8%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2016-17)	12th Graders (2016-17)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 4/1/16	FAFSA Completion Rate: 3/3/17	Change (%)
1.	Orange	65.6%	14,105	24.5%	37.0%	12.5%
2.	Okaloosa	45.2%	1,973	24.7%	35.7%	11.1%
3.	Indian River	56.3%	1,206	23.2%	32.5%	9.3%
4.	Leon	40.9%	2,072	27.2%	36.2%	9.0%
5.	Duval	52.0%	7,277	23.1%	31.5%	8.3%
6.	Osceola	56.9%	4,407	22.8%	30.9%	8.1%
7.	Seminole	47.2%	4,745	29.3%	37.3%	8.0%
8.	Alachua	48.4%	2,070	26.2%	34.2%	8.0%
9.	St. Johns	22.9%	2,675	31.4%	39.1%	7.7%
10.	Martin	44.3%	1,365	26.4%	34.0%	7.6%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2016-17)	12th Graders (2016-17)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 4/1/16	FAFSA Completion Rate: 3/3/17	Change (%)
1.	Jefferson	80.0%	33	21.4%	36.4%	14.9%
2.	Gulf	59.4%	142	32.2%	45.8%	13.6%
3.	Glades	45.2%	54	21.6%	33.3%	11.8%
4.	Desoto	64.3%	223	12.1%	23.3%	11.2%
5.	Walton	52.7%	493	17.3%	27.2%	9.9%
6.	Gilchrist	55.3%	159	20.3%	30.2%	9.8%
7.	Okeechobee	82.4%	372	13.4%	22.6%	9.2%
8.	Sumter	58.9%	472	23.1%	31.8%	8.7%
9.	Monroe	48.8%	545	26.2%	34.3%	8.1%
10.	Hendry	67.1%	490	22.5%	30.0%	7.5%

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“Biggest Boost”

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Rank	School	County	Low-income rate (2016-17)	12th Graders (2016-17)	Week	FAFSAs Completed During ← Week	% of students completing FAFSA During ← Week
1.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	34.7%	604	Oct 1 - Oct 7	99	16.4%
2.	Dr. Michael M. Kropp Senior High	Dade	57.8%	592	Oct 1 - Oct 7	89	15.0%
3.	Creekside High School	St. Johns	8.7%	507	Oct 1 - Oct 7	76	15.0%
4.	Pace High School	Santa Rosa	33.5%	432	Oct 1 - Oct 7	63	14.6%
5.	Nova High School	Broward	60.1%	446	Oct 1 - Oct 7	58	13.1%
6.	Sickles High School	Hillsborough	37.3%	527	Oct 1 - Oct 7	63	12.0%
7.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Dade	82.1%	758	Oct 1 - Oct 7	86	11.3%
8.	South Plantation High School	Broward	64.7%	531	Oct 1 - Oct 7	59	11.1%
9.	Crestview High School	Okaloosa	39.1%	424	Oct 1 - Oct 7	47	11.1%
10.	East Ridge High School	Lake	50.0%	543	Oct 1 - Oct 7	59	10.9%

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1.	TERRA Environmental Research Institute	Dade	44.0%	380	Oct 1 - Oct 7	151	39.7%
2.	College Academy at Broward College	Broward	34.1%	283	Oct 1 - Oct 7	69	24.4%
3.	Pine View School	Sarasota	12.5%	217	Oct 1 - Oct 7	43	19.8%
4.	Atlantic Technical College	Broward	59.2%	199	Oct 1 - Oct 7	35	17.6%
5.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Dade	57.7%	378	Oct 1 - Oct 7	66	17.5%
6.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Dade	74.2%	259	Oct 1 - Oct 7	44	17.0%
7.	Douglas Anderson School of the Arts	Duval	21.2%	274	Oct 1 - Oct 7	44	16.1%
8.	City of Coral Springs Charter	Broward	38.9%	222	Oct 1 - Oct 7	35	15.8%
9.	Miami Lakes Educational Center	Dade	78.2%	337	Oct 1 - Oct 7	51	15.1%
10.	Stanton College Preparatory	Duval	14.6%	327	Oct 1 - Oct 7	49	14.0%

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1.	School for Advanced Studies - North	Dade	61.3%	56	Oct 1 - Oct 7	36	64.3%
2.	School for Advanced Studies - South	Dade	39.9%	111	Oct 1 - Oct 7	56	50.5%
3.	Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy	Dade	77.4%	45	Oct 8 - Oct 14	27	44.4%
4.	School for Advanced Studies - Homestead	Dade	61.9%	50	Oct 1 - Oct 7	17	34.0%
5.	Collegiate High School at Northwest F.S.C.	Okaloosa	5.6%	100	Oct 1 - Oct 7	26	26.0%
6.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Dade	56.7%	52	Oct 1 - Oct 7	13	25.0%
7.	P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School	Alachua	28.1%	112	Oct 1 - Oct 7	27	24.1%
8.	New World School for the Arts	Dade	35.8%	115	Oct 1 - Oct 7	27	23.5%
9.	Osceola County School for the Arts	Osceola	47.3%	150	Oct 1 - Oct 7	35	23.3%
10.	Seaside Neighborhood School	Walton	3.6%	35	Oct 1 - Oct 7	8	22.9%

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1.	Okaloosa	45.2%	1,973	Oct 1 - Oct 7	180	9.1%
2.	Sarasota	47.8%	3,029	Oct 1 - Oct 7	269	8.9%
3.	Leon	40.9%	2,072	Oct 1 - Oct 7	170	8.2%
4.	St. Johns	22.9%	2,675	Oct 1 - Oct 7	198	7.4%
5.	Dade	70.8%	26,591	Oct 1 - Oct 7	1,884	6.3%
6.	Pinellas	50.3%	6,929	Oct 1 - Oct 7	434	6.2%
7.	Alachua	48.4%	2,070	Oct 1 - Oct 7	128	6.1%
8.	Collier	59.6%	3,030	Oct 1 - Oct 7	184	6.1%
9.	Santa Rosa	44.2%	1,948	Oct 1 - Oct 7	118	5.8%
10.	Pasco	54.8%	4,145	Oct 1 - Oct 7	242	5.7%
10.	Clay	44.4%	2,802	Oct 1 - Oct 7	161	5.7%

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1.	Gulf	59.4%	142	Oct 8 - Oct 14	19	13.4%
2.	Calhoun	56.8%	133	Oct 1 - Oct 7	12	9.0%
3.	Franklin	67.7%	61	Oct 15 - Oct 21	5	8.2%
4.	Gulf	59.4%	142	Oct 1 - Oct 7	10	7.0%
5.	Liberty	51.4%	74	Oct 1 - Oct 7	5	6.8%
6.	Bradford	61.0%	169	Oct 8 - Oct 14	11	6.5%
7.	Gilchrist	55.3%	159	Oct 15 - Oct 21	9	5.7%
8.	Desoto	64.3%	223	Oct 15 - Oct 21	12	5.4%
9.	Sumter	58.9%	472	Oct 1 - Oct 7	25	5.3%
10.	Gulf	59.4%	142	Oct 22 - Oct 28	7	4.9%
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