Busting the Affordability Barrier: What You Need to Know About This Year’s Florida FAFSA Challenge

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Welcome!

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Florida College Access Network

Our mission: To create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career readiness, access, and completion for all students

Our vision: At least 60% of working-age Floridians will hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2025
Local College Access Networks in Florida
FCAN’s Research, Data, & Policy Work

- Produce student-centered research & policy analysis
- Clearinghouse for college and career readiness, access and completion data
- Develop local, state and national partnerships and policy alignment around degree attainment
College Ready Florida

FLORIDA COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

FLORIDA FAF$A CHALLENGE

Florida College Decision Day
FAFSA Challenge Overview

• 290 schools registered in 37 counties
• Began on October 1, ends on March 31
• Challenge: Increase FAFSA Completion 5% over previous year
• Winner’s Categories:
  • MVP
  • Most Improved
  • *New* 50/50 Club
  • FAFSA Champions
Hosting FAFSA Events

• Schools, LCANs, and community partners can host FAFSA completion events

• FAFSA completion and college application completion efforts can be combined
FAFSA Submissions vs Completion

• Parent/student signatures missing from FAFSA or web application
• Dependent students: Social Security Number, Date of Birth, or Last Name missing for one or both parents
• Missing marital status and/or number of family members (household size)
FAFSA Verification

• Schools across the country are reporting that students are being flagged for verification at abnormally high rates
• Students flagged for verification will need to submit proof of income to every school they want a financial aid report from
• FAFSAs flagged for verification will be listed as “Completed” in student level data
• An asterisk* next to the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the Student Aid Report (SAR) indicates verification.
  • A “C” next to this number indicates the student has been flagged for citizenship
FAFSA Verification

- Students will have to complete a verification worksheet with each school.
- Students/parents will need to request a copy of their tax return transcript.
- Students or parents who did not file will need a Verification of Non-Filing Letter.
- Students and parents can use the Disaster Designation “Florida, Hurricane Irma” to waive fees for requesting transcripts.
- Students should have the IRS send documents directly to them, rather than sending them to the schools.
OSFA Resources

- Data Sharing Agreement
- Speakers Bureau
- Online financial aid overview video
- Train-the-Trainer
- FAFSA Lab training
- Visit www.NavigatingYourFuture.org or contact Jan Smith at jan.smith@fldoe.org for more information
FCAN Resources

• FAFSA Completion Toolkit
  • Outreach/promotion strategies
  • FAFSA resources from around the web
• FAFSA First Look Data Dashboard
• FAFSA Florida Challenge Data Dashboard

http://www.floridacollegeaccess.org/about-the-florida-fafsa-challenge/
What’s Different this FAFSA Season?

• US DOE data includes students up to age 19
  • Thank you FCAN partners!!
• 2\textsuperscript{nd} year of October start
  • True week-to-week comparison data
• Hurricanes Irma and Maria
FCAN’s Florida FAFSA Challenge Dashboard

- Feature data from US DOE (FAFSA completions) and FL DOE (12th grade enrollment)
- Free interactive resource
  - Track completions
  - Evaluate progress vs. last year’s data
  - Identify trends
  - PDF printout
- Downloadable data!
Dashboard Features

Filter by county
Dashboard Features

Filter by low-income rate
Dashboard Features

Filter by number of 12th graders
A Look at Last Year’s FAFSA Cycle

• Florida FAFSA Challenge (October – March)
  • 34.1% FAFSA completion rate vs. 25.0% in 2015-16
  • $37 million more in Pell Grants!

• We’ve made great progress, but there’s still work to do
  • 34th among all states in FAFSA completion
  • Florida had 3rd highest year-to-year increase in FAFSA completion
  • Florida is 4th highest in Pell-Grant eligible students
Early FAFSA Results

- Increase in 12th graders
- Using preliminary enrollment data
  - Florida’s FAFSA completion is approximately 23.4%
  - Difference between submitted vs. completed FAFSAs: 5,763 applications
- Compared to this time last year
  - Almost 300 high schools are ahead in FAFSA Completion
  - 57% of districts are ahead in FAFSA Completion
FAFSA Challenge
December 12, 2017
School Counseling Department

• Ralph.Aiello Director
• Carol.Lopez Postsecondary
• Danny.Tritto Secondary
• Daniel.Shapiro Elementary
• Reina.Murray ESOL
• Adna.Joseph Clerical Support

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## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submissions by High School

Applications processed through October 31 of the first year of each cycle

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First Look: 2017-18 FAFSA Completion Data for 12th Graders at Florida Public Schools

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Download All Data

HIGH SCHOOLS

View High Schools that are eligible to submit transcripts for Florida Financial Aid programs:

- Public Schools
- Private Schools
- Not on the list?

High School Counselors:

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF,  
LOGIN HERE FOR:

- District Certifications
- Florida Financial Aid Applicants from your School
- High School Contacts and User Information
- Publications & Communications

HTTPS://WWW.FLORIDASTUDENTFINANCIALAIDSG.ORG/HOME/HIGHSCHOOLS.ASP
**Naviance Task – Houston ISD**

**my tasks**

**Overdue tasks:**
- **File the FAFSA**, due date: Feb 15, 2017
- **Complete College Now Senior Survey**, due date: May 31, 2017
- **Add/update e-mail address to Profile**, due date: Oct 31, 2017
BCPS Recalculations

• Uses current/final class size
• Subtract students
  • Transfers
  • Undocumented
  • Special Diploma*
  • Opt-Outs
  • Employment
  • Military
• 10% Ineligible Assumption
• Avg. Pell = $3,611
## Pell Grant Value Calculation

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**Notes:**
- Pell Grant = $3,611
- Pell $ = Missed Pell $ x $3,611
School-Determined Goals

• 12th Grade
• FRL
• College Ready Assessments - Reading & Math
BCPS BI Dashboards

FAFSA Completions 2016 & 2017

- **2016-17 Number of 12th Graders**: 432
- **2016-17 Free/Reduced Lunch Rate**: 85.07%
- **2016-17 FAFSA Completion Rate**: 29.40%

- **2015-16 vs 2016-17 % Increase/Decrease**: 8.29%
- **2015-16 vs 2016-17 # of FAFSA Completions**: 13
- **2015-16 vs 2016-17 % of FAFSA Completions**: 21.91%
BCPS BI Dashboards

- Atlantic Technical College
- Blanche Ely High School
- Boyd H. Anderson High School
- Charles W Flanagan High School
- Coconut Creek High School
- College Academy At Broward College
- Cooper City High School
- Coral Glades High School
- Coral Springs High School
- Cross Creek School
- Cypress Bay High School
- Cypress Run Alternative/Ese
- Dave Thomas Education Center West
- Deerfield Beach High School
- Everglades High School
- Fort Lauderdale High School
- Hallandale High School
- Henry D Perry Educational Center
- Hollywood Hills High School
- J. P. Taravella High School
- Lanier-James Education Center
- Lauderdale 6-12
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
- McArthur High School
- Miramar High School
- Monarch High School
- Northeast High School
- Nova High School
- Piper High School
- Plantation High School
- Seagull School
- Sheridan Technical College
- South Broward High School
- South Plantation High School
- Stranahan High School

50.72%
Min of Low-income Rate (2016-17)

552
12th Graders (2016-17)

153
Applications Complete Nov 2017
Application Drives

**BCPS**
- College Fairs
- School Events
- Title 4 Grant (11)

**Partners**
- College Summit
- TRIO
- AVID
- Community Orgs

**Broward College**
- Jumpstart
- Open Office Hours
- Completion Events
Free Resources

Want to browse our Financial Aid Toolkit resources rather than searching for something specific? View all financial aid tools and resources.

I AM LOOKING FOR

TO HELP

LEARN ABOUT

GET RESOURCES

or Clear Selection

For more resources, check out usa.gov, ed.gov, whitehouse.gov, and Contact Us.
# Trained FAFSA Advisors

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Communications

Digital Media
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Website
- SharePoint

Parent Link
- Phone
- Text
- E-mail

Personal Contact!
FAFSA Road Show

Locations of Students Attending either H. D. Perry Education Center or Off Campus Learning Center in 2016/17, with Off Campus Learning Center Sites

Legend:
- H. D. Perry Education Ctr. student
- OCUC student
- OCUC site
- OCUC site
- 2.5 mile radius
- 5 mile radius

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• LCANs
• Community Organizations

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• Help us track our progress and connect participants with resources

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