

Florida FAFSA Challenge

Leaderboard: March 29, 2019



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.

What does your school or district get if you meet the Florida FAFSA Challenge?

Two words: bragging rights! FCAN 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 29, 2019
2. **"Most Improved"**: Improved their FAFSA completion rate the most, compared to last year through March 29, 2019

Winners of each category will win a trophy. FCAN 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 boost in FAFSA completion by at least 5% over last year. FCAN 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.

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 457 12th graders ****

Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2018-19)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Miami-Dade	874	596	68.2%
2.	William R Boone High	Orlando	Orange	706	415	58.8%
3.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	460	267	58.0%
4.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Miami-Dade	800	461	57.6%
5.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	496	284	57.3%
6.	John A. Ferguson Senior High	Miami	Miami-Dade	994	557	56.0%
7.	Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High	Miami	Miami-Dade	604	336	55.6%
8.	Timber Creek High	Orlando	Orange	842	454	53.9%
9.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,163	624	53.7%
10.	Gulf Coast High School	Naples	Collier	565	301	53.3%

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1.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Miami-Dade	435	344	79.1%
2.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	329	257	78.1%
3.	Mater Academy Charter High	Hialeah Gardens	Miami-Dade	416	324	77.9%
4.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	330	246	74.5%
5.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	364	262	72.0%
6.	Pompano Beach Institute Of International Studies	Pompano Beach	Broward	283	192	67.8%
7.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Miami-Dade	440	296	67.3%
8.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Miami-Dade	291	190	65.3%
9.	Paxon School/Advanced Studies	Jacksonville	Duval	301	189	62.8%
10.	Miami Lakes Educational Center	Miami Lakes	Miami-Dade	329	204	62.0%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Miami-Dade	114	107	93.9%
2.	Jose Marti Mast 6-12 Academy	Hialeah	Miami-Dade	107	96	89.7%
3.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Miami-Dade	112	95	84.8%
4.	Brooks Debartolo Collegiate High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	155	130	83.9%
4.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Miami-Dade	31	26	83.9%
6.	Youth Co-Op Preparatory High School	Hialeah	Miami-Dade	35	29	82.9%
7.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	225	186	82.7%
8.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Miami-Dade	50	41	82.0%
9.	Young Womens Preparatory Academy	Miami	Miami-Dade	27	22	81.5%
10.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Miami-Dade	51	41	80.4%

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

Rank	District	12th Graders (2018-19)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Seminole	4,915	2,322	47.2%
2.	Miami-Dade	27,023	12,067	44.7%
3.	Sarasota	3,154	1,407	44.6%
4.	St. Johns	2,944	1,296	44.0%
5.	Orange	15,188	6,492	42.7%
6.	Collier	3,290	1,388	42.2%
7.	Leon	2,097	865	41.2%
8.	Okaloosa	1,942	781	40.2%
8.	Brevard	4,631	1,861	40.2%
10.	Santa Rosa	2,007	797	39.7%

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

Rank	District	12th Graders (2018-19)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sumter	490	215	43.9%
2.	Highlands	777	315	40.5%
3.	Taylor	116	44	37.9%
4.	Gulf	144	53	36.8%
5.	Hardee	317	115	36.3%
6.	Walton	573	206	36.0%
7.	Levy	281	100	35.6%
8.	Nassau	891	315	35.4%
9.	Franklin	64	22	34.4%
10.	Columbia	583	197	33.8%

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1.	Maynard Evans High	Orlando	Orange	568	53.2%	39.0%	14.1%
2.	William R Boone High	Orlando	Orange	706	58.8%	49.8%	9.0%
3.	Miami Coral Park Senior High	Miami	Miami-Dade	635	46.9%	38.6%	8.3%
3.	Wiregrass Ranch High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	531	45.0%	36.7%	8.3%
5.	Gateway High School	Kissimmee	Osceola	532	40.4%	32.7%	7.7%
6.	Miami Senior High School	Miami	Miami-Dade	657	50.8%	43.7%	7.2%
7.	J. M. Tate Senior High School	Cantonment	Escambia	494	38.5%	31.5%	7.0%
8.	John A. Ferguson Senior High	Miami	Miami-Dade	994	56.0%	49.3%	6.7%
9.	Lyman High School	Longwood	Seminole	520	48.1%	41.8%	6.3%
10.	Allen D Nease Senior High School	Ponte Vedra	St. Johns	549	47.7%	41.7%	6.0%

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1.	Washington Senior High School	Pensacola	Escambia	380	43.4%	33.4%	10.0%
2.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	317	33.1%	23.6%	9.5%
2.	Mater Academy Charter High	Hialeah Gardens	Miami-Dade	416	77.9%	68.4%	9.5%
2.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	329	78.1%	68.7%	9.5%
5.	City/Pembroke Pines Charter High School	Pembroke Pines	Broward	430	58.8%	51.8%	7.0%
6.	Eau Gallie High School	Melbourne	Brevard	320	43.8%	37.4%	6.4%
7.	Gainesville High School	Gainesville	Alachua	438	52.1%	46.4%	5.6%
8.	Westside High School	Jacksonville	Duval	319	26.3%	21.3%	5.0%
9.	West Florida High School/Technical	Pensacola	Escambia	311	50.5%	45.6%	4.9%
10.	Atlantic High School	Port Orange	Volusia	270	28.5%	23.7%	4.8%

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1.	Odyssey Charter School	Palm Bay	Brevard	35	45.7%	0.0%	45.7%
2.	Waters Career Center	Tampa	Hillsborough	20	65.0%	20.7%	44.3%
3.	The Ben Gamla Preparatory Academy	Hollywood	Broward	66	42.4%	0.0%	42.4%
4.	Imater Preparatory Academy High School	Hialeah	Miami-Dade	141	78.0%	50.0%	28.0%
5.	Pepin Academies Of Pasco County	New Port Richey	Pasco	29	24.1%	0.0%	24.1%
6.	Somerset College Preparatory Academy	Port Saint Lucie	St. Lucie	54	51.9%	32.9%	19.0%
7.	Polk State Lakeland Gateway To College Charter High School	Lakeland	Polk	119	18.5%	0.0%	18.5%
8.	Miami Carol City Senior High	Miami Gardens	Miami-Dade	229	45.0%	26.7%	18.3%
9.	Sports Leadership Of Miami Charter High School	Miami	Miami-Dade	138	61.6%	44.3%	17.3%
10.	Laurel Hill School	Laurel Hill	Okaloosa	28	35.7%	19.2%	16.5%

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1.	Escambia	2,322	37.8%	31.9%	5.9%
2.	Seminole	4,915	47.2%	45.4%	1.8%
3.	Manatee	3,162	35.9%	35.0%	1.0%
4.	St. Johns	2,944	44.0%	43.1%	0.9%
5.	Brevard	4,631	40.2%	39.9%	0.3%
6.	Lake	2,986	34.0%	33.8%	0.2%

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1.	Taylor	116	37.9%	28.9%	9.0%
2.	Union	128	32.0%	25.4%	6.7%
3.	Gilchrist	145	29.7%	25.6%	4.1%
4.	Baker	327	24.5%	21.5%	3.0%
5.	Sumter	490	43.9%	41.8%	2.0%
6.	Lafayette	77	22.1%	20.8%	1.3%
6.	Washington	185	19.5%	18.2%	1.3%
8.	Glades	74	33.8%	33.3%	0.5%



Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida's first collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and prosper in Florida's dynamic economy. Our mission is to create and sustain a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to increase college and career preparation, access, and completion for all Florida students. Our vision for Florida is Goal 2025: For 60% of working-age Floridians to hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2025.