

# Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: February 12, 2016

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## 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 12<sup>th</sup> graders \*\*\*

Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Dade	451	151	33.5%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	215	30.6%
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	232	28.4%
4.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	139	25.1%
5.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	127	24.8%
6.	Sickles High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	521	127	24.4%
7.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1117	272	24.4%
8.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	159	23.1%
9.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	125	22.9%
10.	Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High	Miami	Dade	535	120	22.4%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	97	57.1%
2.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	91	51.7%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	91	46.7%
4.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	148	42.8%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	126	40.3%
6.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	116	36.5%
7.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	112	33.9%
8.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	75	31.8%
9.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	84	31.1%
10.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	85	31.0%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	89	80.2%
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	45	32	71.1%
3.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	33	56.9%
4.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	64	54.2%
5.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	28	50.9%
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	28	45.2%
7.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	54	44.6%
8.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	47	44.3%
9.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	27	44.3%
10.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	25	41.0%

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\*\*\* Districts \*\*\*

Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	635	21.8%
2.	Gulf	60.5%	146	30	20.5%
3.	Franklin	59.9%	67	13	19.4%
4.	St. Johns	23.8%	2358	398	16.9%
5.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	4354	16.5%
6.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	23	16.4%
7.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	311	16.0%
8.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	696	15.1%
9.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	305	14.8%
10.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	399	13.9%

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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	14.1%	21.7%	7.6%
2.	Hialeah Senior High School	Hialeah	Dade	662	8.3%	13.3%	5.0%
3.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	12.7%	17.7%	5.0%
4.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	11.1%	16.0%	4.8%
5.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	13.3%	17.5%	4.2%
6.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	21.2%	25.1%	3.9%
7.	Cooper City High School	Cooper City	Broward	527	14.9%	18.0%	3.2%
8.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	20.2%	23.1%	2.9%
9.	Hagerty High School	Oviedo	Seminole	495	15.8%	18.6%	2.8%
10.	Lake Worth High School	Lake Worth	Palm Beach	574	9.6%	12.4%	2.8%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2014-15	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2015-16	Change (%)
1.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	46.3%	57.1%	10.8%
2.	Sarasota Military Academy	Sarasota	Sarasota	230	10.7%	20.0%	9.3%
3.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	22.6%	31.8%	9.2%
4.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	9.8%	18.1%	8.2%
5.	Santa Fe High School	Alachua	Alachua	266	10.4%	15.8%	5.4%
6.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	6.5%	11.7%	5.2%
7.	Middleton High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	295	7.3%	12.5%	5.2%
8.	Anclote High School	Holiday	Pasco	227	6.9%	11.9%	4.9%
9.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	16.4%	21.2%	4.8%
10.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	14.3%	18.8%	4.6%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2014-15	FAFSA Completion Rate: 2015-16	Change (%)
1.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	6.3%	25.3%	19.0%
2.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	16.2%	34.7%	18.5%
3.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	28.6%	44.3%	15.7%
4.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	34.1%	45.2%	11.1%
5.	Clark Advanced Learning Center	Stuart	Martin	82	19.8%	29.3%	9.5%
6.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	70.8%	80.2%	9.3%
7.	Oasis Charter High School	Cape Coral	Lee	152	18.6%	27.6%	9.1%
8.	International Studies Charter High School	Miami	Dade	93	15.9%	24.7%	8.8%
9.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	35.8%	44.3%	8.5%
10.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	28.9%	37.3%	8.4%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	4.4%	16.4%	12.0%
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	17.9%	21.8%	3.9%
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	11.5%	13.2%	1.6%
4.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	8.5%	10.0%	1.5%
5.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	11.3%	12.3%	1.0%
6.	Nassau	50.6%	830	10.6%	11.6%	1.0%
7.	Dixie	99.8%	122	4.9%	5.7%	0.9%
8.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	13.2%	13.9%	0.6%
9.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	14.3%	14.8%	0.5%
10.	Pinellas	51.1%	6,843	12.9%	13.4%	0.5%

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## “Fastest Lap”: Fastest to reach 5% goal

(Performance thru last March 2015 + 5%, must have 20% FAFSA completion rate to qualify)

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	Current FAFSA Completion Rate	FAFSA Completion Rate thru March '15	5% Goal	Fastest to 5% Goal
1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	21.7%	25.6%	30.6%	<b>8.9%</b>
2.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	17.5%	23.9%	28.9%	<b>11.4%</b>
3.	Lake Worth High School	Lake Worth	Palm Beach	574	12.4%	19.4%	24.4%	<b>12.0%</b>
4.	Colonial High	Orlando	Orange	814	8.0%	15.9%	20.9%	<b>12.9%</b>
5.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	18.1%	26.8%	31.8%	<b>13.7%</b>
6.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	16.0%	24.7%	29.7%	<b>13.7%</b>
7.	Sickles High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	521	24.4%	33.7%	38.7%	<b>14.4%</b>
8.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	13.1%	22.6%	27.6%	<b>14.5%</b>
9.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	20.3%	29.8%	34.8%	<b>14.5%</b>
10.	Ocoee High	Ocoee	Orange	442	12.0%	21.6%	26.6%	<b>14.6%</b>

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1.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	11.7%	15.5%	20.5%	<b>8.8%</b>
2.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	31.8%	36.3%	41.3%	<b>9.5%</b>
3.	Ridgeview High School	Orange Park	Clay	400	13.5%	19.0%	24.0%	<b>10.5%</b>
4.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	18.1%	23.9%	28.9%	<b>10.8%</b>
5.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	21.2%	27.1%	32.1%	<b>10.9%</b>
6.	Pine Ridge High School	Deltona	Volusia	378	11.1%	17.1%	22.1%	<b>11.0%</b>
7.	East Gadsden High School	Havana	Gadsden	182	9.9%	16.4%	21.4%	<b>11.5%</b>
8.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	10.9%	17.7%	22.7%	<b>11.9%</b>
9.	Central High School	Brooksville	Hernando	311	8.4%	15.5%	20.5%	<b>12.1%</b>
10.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	57.1%	64.5%	69.5%	<b>12.4%</b>

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	34.7%	18.9%	23.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	25.3%	17.9%	22.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
3.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	80.2%	75.0%	80.0%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	18.2%	17.1%	22.1%	4.0%
5.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	27.2%	28.1%	33.1%	6.0%
6.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	16.4%	18.5%	23.5%	7.0%
7.	Branford High School	Branford	Suwannee	85	15.3%	19.1%	24.1%	8.8%
8.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	37.3%	41.2%	46.2%	8.9%
9.	Duval Charter High School At Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	15.6%	20.4%	25.4%	9.7%
10.	Bridgeprep Academy Of Arts & Minds	Miami	Dade	85	18.8%	23.7%	28.7%	9.8%

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1.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	12.2%	17.9%	22.9%	<b>10.8%</b>
2.	Franklin	59.9%	67	19.4%	26.9%	31.9%	<b>12.5%</b>
3.	Putnam	66.5%	559	7.5%	16.5%	21.5%	<b>14.0%</b>
4.	Washington	69.4%	229	10.0%	19.1%	24.1%	<b>14.1%</b>
5.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	13.2%	22.3%	27.3%	<b>14.1%</b>
6.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	10.0%	19.4%	24.4%	<b>14.4%</b>
7.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	12.3%	22.3%	27.3%	<b>14.9%</b>
8.	Hernando	66.6%	1,670	9.8%	19.9%	24.9%	<b>15.0%</b>
9.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	21.8%	32.0%	37.0%	<b>15.3%</b>
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