

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: February 26, 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	198	43.9%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	280	39.9%
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	275	33.7%
4.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	167	32.6%
5.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	180	32.5%
6.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	345	30.9%
7.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	158	28.9%
8.	Sickles High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	521	149	28.6%
9.	Winter Park High	Winter Park	Orange	742	211	28.4%
10.	Atlantic High School	Delray Beach	Palm Beach	526	147	27.9%

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1.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	107	62.9%
2.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	117	60.0%
3.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	106	60.2%
4.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	156	49.8%
5.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	172	49.7%
6.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	159	50.0%
7.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	102	43.2%
8.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	102	37.2%
9.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	131	39.7%
10.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	96	35.6%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	92	82.9%
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	45	34	75.6%
3.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	35	63.6%
4.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	71	60.2%
5.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	34	58.6%
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	35	56.5%
7.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	33	54.1%
8.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	62	51.2%
9.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	53	50.0%
10.	Young Women’s Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	38	19	50.0%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2918	824	28.2%
2.	Franklin	59.9%	67	17	25.4%
3.	Gulf	60.5%	146	33	22.6%
4.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	532	22.6%
5.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	5,548	21.1%
6.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	591	20.5%
7.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	940	20.4%
8.	Leon	41.8%	1,940	381	19.6%
9.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	886	19.5%
10.	Alachua	47.7%	2,055	391	19.0%

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“Most Improved”

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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	18.9%	27.4%	8.5%
2.	Hialeah Senior High School	Hialeah	Dade	662	12.1%	20.1%	8.0%
3.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	15.4%	20.8%	5.4%
4.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	27.4%	32.6%	5.2%
5.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	18.7%	22.7%	4.0%
6.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	23.9%	27.6%	3.7%
7.	Seminole High School	Seminole	Pinellas	444	17.2%	20.7%	3.5%
8.	Cooper City High School	Cooper City	Broward	527	22.5%	25.6%	3.1%
9.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	20.8%	23.9%	3.1%
10.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	29.7%	32.5%	2.8%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	28.6%	43.2%	14.6%
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	8.7%	17.9%	9.3%
3.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	14.3%	23.1%	8.8%
4.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	56.2%	62.9%	6.7%
5.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	19.4%	26.1%	6.7%
6.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	53.9%	60.0%	6.1%
7.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	20.7%	25.6%	4.9%
8.	Lakewood High School	St. Petersburg	Pinellas	265	23.2%	27.5%	4.3%
9.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	11.1%	15.0%	4.0%
10.	Middleton High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	295	11.7%	15.6%	3.9%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	18.9%	38.8%	19.9%
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	14.7%	27.5%	12.7%
3.	Wildwood Middle/High School	Wildwood	Sumter	57	8.5%	21.1%	12.5%
4.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	27.1%	37.0%	10.0%
5.	Oasis Charter High School	Cape Coral	Lee	152	24.6%	34.2%	9.7%
6.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	12.3%	21.9%	9.6%
7.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	73.3%	82.9%	9.5%
8.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	106	41.5%	50.0%	8.5%
9.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	39.1%	47.4%	8.2%
10.	Doctors Charter School Of Miami Shores	Miami Shores	Dade	61	41.3%	49.2%	7.9%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	10.2%	17.9%	7.6%
2.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	25.2%	28.2%	3.0%
3.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	15.8%	17.6%	1.8%
4.	Nassau	50.6%	830	15.1%	16.0%	1.0%
5.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	9.7%	10.5%	0.8%
6.	Highlands	75.9%	634	18.0%	18.8%	0.8%
7.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	16.6%	17.2%	0.5%
8.	Gadsden	75.0%	280	9.6%	10.0%	0.4%
9.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	13.0%	13.1%	0.1%
10.	Pinellas	51.1%	6,843	18.0%	17.9%	-0.1%

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“Fastest Lap”: Fastest to reach 5% goal

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1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	27.4%	25.6%	30.6%	3.2%
2.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	22.7%	23.9%	28.9%	6.2%
3.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	27.6%	29.8%	34.8%	7.2%
4.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	23.9%	26.8%	31.8%	8.0%
5.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	20.8%	24.7%	29.7%	8.8%
6.	Colonial High	Orlando	Orange	814	12.0%	15.9%	20.9%	8.9%
7.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	32.6%	36.6%	41.6%	9.0%
8.	Palmetto High School	Palmetto	Manatee	427	15.0%	19.3%	24.3%	9.3%
9.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	32.5%	36.8%	41.8%	9.3%
10.	Apopka High	Apopka	Orange	705	22.1%	26.7%	31.7%	9.6%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	43.2%	36.3%	41.3%	Reached goal! (2/26/16)
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	17.9%	15.5%	20.5%	2.6%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	60.0%	60.4%	65.4%	5.4%
4.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	23.1%	23.9%	28.9%	5.8%
5.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	25.6%	27.1%	32.1%	6.5%
6.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	62.9%	64.5%	69.5%	6.5%
7.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	15.0%	16.9%	21.9%	6.9%
8.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	27.5%	29.6%	34.6%	7.0%
9.	Ridgeview High School	Orange Park	Clay	400	16.8%	19.0%	24.0%	7.2%
10.	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	328	19.8%	22.4%	27.4%	7.6%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	38.8%	18.9%	23.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
2.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	27.5%	17.9%	22.9%	Reached goal! (2/5/16)
3.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	37.0%	28.1%	33.1%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	82.9%	75.0%	80.0%	Reached goal! (2/19/16)
5.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	21.8%	17.1%	22.1%	0.3%
6.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	21.9%	18.5%	23.5%	1.5%
7.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	42.5%	41.2%	46.2%	3.7%
8.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	56.5%	56.8%	61.8%	5.4%
9.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	47.4%	47.8%	52.8%	5.5%
10.	Duval Charter High School At Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	19.8%	20.4%	25.4%	5.6%

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1.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	17.1%	17.9%	22.9%	5.9%
2.	Franklin	59.9%	67	25.4%	26.9%	31.9%	6.5%
3.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	28.2%	32.0%	37.0%	8.8%
4.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	17.6%	22.3%	27.3%	9.7%
5.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	17.2%	22.3%	27.3%	10.1%
6.	Putnam	66.5%	559	11.4%	16.5%	21.5%	10.1%
7.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	19.5%	25.6%	30.6%	11.1%
8.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	13.1%	19.4%	24.4%	11.3%
9.	Hernando	66.6%	1,670	13.1%	19.9%	24.9%	11.7%
10.	Pinellas	51.1%	6,843	17.9%	24.7%	29.7%	11.8%

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