

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: March 18, 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	238	52.8%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	702	346	49.3%
3.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	816	331	40.6%
4.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	217	39.2%
5.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	197	38.5%
6.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	482	185	38.4%
7.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,117	422	37.8%
8.	Palm Harbor University High	Palm Harbor	Pinellas	546	199	36.4%
9.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	689	248	36.0%
10.	Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School	Doral	Dade	487	170	34.9%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	138	70.8%
2.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	118	69.4%
3.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	176	120	68.2%
4.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	318	206	64.8%
5.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	313	182	58.1%
6.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	346	197	56.9%
7.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	118	50.0%
8.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	274	131	47.8%
9.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	330	155	47.0%
10.	Pompano Beach High School	Pompano Beach	Broward	270	124	45.9%

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1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	93	83.8%
2.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	45	37	82.2%
3.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	118	81	68.6%
4.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	55	37	67.3%
5.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	61	39	63.9%
6.	I Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	62	39	62.9%
7.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	121	76	62.8%
8.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	58	35	60.3%
9.	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando	Orange	38	22	57.9%
10.	Young Womens Preparatory Academy	Miami	Dade	38	22	57.9%

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Rank	District	Low-income Rate (2015-16)	12th Graders (2015-16)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	987	33.8%
2.	St. Johns	23.8%	2,358	684	29.0%
3.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	822	28.6%
4.	Franklin	59.9%	67	19	28.4%
5.	Gulf	60.5%	146	41	28.1%
6.	Dade	72.0%	26,342	7,202	27.3%
7.	Seminole	48.0%	4,618	1,234	26.7%
8.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	1,175	25.8%
9.	Highlands	75.9%	634	163	25.7%
10.	Monroe	47.9%	531	131	24.7%

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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	24.7%	31.8%	7.1%
2.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	21.7%	26.9%	5.1%
3.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	28.0%	33.0%	5.0%
4.	Western High School	Davie	Broward	734	27.9%	32.8%	5.0%
5.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	33.8%	38.5%	4.7%
6.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	35.4%	39.2%	3.8%
7.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	25.4%	28.9%	3.5%
8.	Mcarthur High School	Hollywood	Broward	514	22.6%	26.1%	3.4%
9.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	27.8%	31.2%	3.4%
10.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	21.0%	24.4%	3.4%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	37.9%	50.0%	12.1%
2.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	14.1%	25.3%	11.2%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	61.3%	70.8%	9.5%
4.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	27.2%	33.8%	6.6%
5.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	16.2%	21.7%	5.5%
6.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	28.5%	33.6%	5.1%
7.	Pine Forest High School	Pensacola	Escambia	319	15.7%	20.7%	4.9%
8.	Wesley Chapel High School	Wesley Chapel	Pasco	328	20.7%	25.6%	4.9%
9.	Dunedin High School	Dunedin	Pinellas	299	21.1%	25.8%	4.7%
10.	Rockledge Senior High School	Rockledge	Brevard	340	29.3%	33.8%	4.6%

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1.	Imagine School At North Port	North Port	Sarasota	49	21.6%	44.9%	23.3%
2.	Wildwood Middle/High School	Wildwood	Sumter	57	9.6%	28.1%	18.5%
3.	Professional Academy Magnet At Loften High School	Gainesville	Alachua	39	19.4%	33.3%	13.9%
4.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	17.1%	30.9%	13.8%
5.	Duval Virtual Instruction Academy	Jacksonville	Duval	31	20.0%	32.3%	12.3%
6.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	15.4%	27.4%	12.0%
7.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	39.2%	50.7%	11.6%
8.	Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School	Ft Myers	Lee	81	35.4%	46.9%	11.5%
9.	Blountstown High School	Blountstown	Calhoun	91	16.8%	27.5%	10.6%
10.	Vernon High School	Vernon	Washington	89	14.1%	24.7%	10.6%

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1.	Calhoun	58.6%	140	11.7%	17.9%	6.2%
2.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	17.9%	22.0%	4.0%
3.	Sarasota	47.6%	2918	31.0%	33.8%	2.8%
4.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	20.3%	22.0%	1.7%
5.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	16.1%	17.4%	1.3%
6.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	21.7%	22.8%	1.0%
7.	Putnam	66.5%	559	15.7%	16.5%	0.7%
8.	Okeechobee	79.2%	382	10.7%	11.0%	0.3%
9.	Collier	62.1%	2,877	29.0%	28.6%	-0.4%
10.	Pinellas	51.1%	6,843	23.5%	23.1%	-0.5%

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1.	North Port High School	North Port	Sarasota	544	31.8%	25.6%	30.6%	Reached goal! (3/18/16)
2.	Venice Senior High School	Venice	Sarasota	463	33.0%	29.8%	34.8%	1.77%
3.	Oakleaf High School	Orange Park	Clay	532	26.9%	23.9%	28.9%	2.03%
4.	Western High School	Davie	Broward	734	32.8%	30.4%	35.4%	2.53%
5.	Riverview High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	554	39.2%	36.8%	41.8%	2.66%
6.	Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School	Doral	Dade	487	34.9%	32.6%	37.6%	2.68%
7.	Leon High School	Tallahassee	Leon	436	28.9%	26.8%	31.8%	2.91%
8.	Sarasota High School	Sarasota	Sarasota	436	31.2%	29.3%	34.3%	3.08%
9.	Nova High School	Davie	Broward	512	38.5%	36.6%	41.6%	3.10%
10.	Monarch High School	Coconut Creek	Broward	558	24.4%	22.6%	27.6%	3.22%

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1.	Mater Academy Lakes High School	Hialeah	Dade	236	50.0%	36.3%	41.3%	Reached goal! (2/26/16)
2.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	195	70.8%	60.4%	65.4%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
3.	Hallandale High School	Hallandale Beach	Broward	273	25.3%	15.5%	20.5%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
4.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	170	69.4%	64.5%	69.5%	0.1%
5.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	207	33.8%	29.0%	34.0%	0.2%
6.	Atlantic Technical College	Margate	Broward	188	32.4%	27.7%	32.7%	0.3%
7.	Blake High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	406	31.5%	27.1%	32.1%	0.6%
8.	Lakewood High School	St Petersburg	Pinellas	265	33.6%	29.6%	34.6%	1.0%
9.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	267	21.7%	17.7%	22.7%	1.0%
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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	46.9%	28.1%	33.1%	Reached goal! (2/12/16)
4.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	111	83.8%	75.0%	80.0%	Reached goal! (2/19/16)
5.	Marco Island Academy	Marco Island	Collier	55	30.9%	17.1%	22.1%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
6.	Mater Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	98	24.5%	17.5%	22.5%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
7.	Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Doral	Dade	134	50.7%	41.2%	46.2%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
8.	Professional Academy Magnet At Loften High School	Gainesville	Alachua	39	33.3%	19.4%	24.4%	Reached goal! (3/4/16)
9.	Bronson Middle/High School	Bronson	Levy	73	27.4%	18.5%	23.5%	Reached goal! (3/11/16)
10.	Duval Charter High School At Baymeadows	Jacksonville	Duval	96	26.0%	20.4%	25.4%	Reached goal! (3/11/16)

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2.	Jefferson	75.6%	41	22.0%	17.9%	22.95%	1.0%
3.	Sarasota	47.6%	2,918	33.8%	32.0%	37.04%	3.2%
4.	Franklin	59.9%	67	28.4%	26.9%	31.92%	3.6%
5.	Bay	54.2%	1,582	22.8%	22.3%	27.26%	4.5%
6.	Brevard	50.0%	4,547	25.8%	25.6%	30.59%	4.8%
7.	Putnam	66.5%	559	16.5%	16.5%	21.54%	5.1%
8.	Clay	41.6%	2,714	22.0%	22.3%	27.26%	5.3%
9.	Gilchrist	51.7%	172	17.4%	18.1%	23.06%	5.6%
10.	Suwannee	46.4%	359	18.4%	19.4%	24.39%	6.0%

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