

Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard: March 30, 2018



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 31, 2018)
2. **"Most Improved"**: Improved their FAFSA completion rate the most, compared to last year through March 31, 2018

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.

50/50 Club

Florida school and districts that have 50% or more students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch and achieve 50% or more FAFSA completion by March 31, 2018. 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.

Champions

Florida schools and districts that set and achieve a boost in FAFSA completion by at least 5% over last year, or that meet a goal they set for their school. 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 416 12th graders ***

Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2017-18)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Mater Academy Charter High	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	446	305	68.4%
2.	Coral Reef Senior High School	Miami	Dade	784	518	66.1%
3.	Timber Creek High	Orlando	Orange	889	531	59.7%
4.	Fort Myers High School	Fort Myers	Lee	453	267	58.9%
4.	Coral Gables Senior High School	Coral Gables	Dade	863	508	58.9%
6.	Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High	Miami	Dade	602	352	58.5%
7.	Ocoee High	Ocoee	Orange	562	327	58.2%
8.	Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Hialeah Gardens	Dade	733	416	56.8%
9.	Sickles High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	545	309	56.7%
10.	Cypress Bay High School	Weston	Broward	1,178	664	56.4%

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1.	College Academy At Broward College	Davie	Broward	169	139	82.2%
2.	Terra Environmental Research Institute	Miami	Dade	385	315	81.8%
3.	Pine View School	Osprey	Sarasota	187	150	80.2%
4.	Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	West Palm Beach	Palm Beach	354	275	77.7%
5.	Mast Academy	Key Biscayne	Dade	243	182	74.9%
6.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	177	132	74.6%
7.	Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	Palm Beach	349	250	71.6%
8.	Douglas Anderson School Of The Arts	Jacksonville	Duval	230	159	69.1%
9.	Stanton College Preparatory	Jacksonville	Duval	367	252	68.7%
10.	Doral Academy Charter High School	Doral	Dade	380	259	68.2%

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Rank	School	City	County	12th Graders (2017-18)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	School For Advanced Studies - South	Miami	Dade	110	99	90.0%
2.	New World School Of The Arts	Miami	Dade	105	94	89.5%
3.	Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Miami	Dade	65	58	89.2%
4.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	59	52	88.1%
5.	School For Advanced Studies North	Miami	Dade	62	54	87.1%
6.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	127	110	86.6%
7.	Brooks Debartolo Collegiate High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	151	125	82.8%
8.	Youth Co-Op Preparatory High School	Hialeah	Dade	80	64	80.0%
9.	School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Miami	Dade	57	45	78.9%
10.	Jose Marti Mast 6-12 Academy	Hialeah	Dade	64	50	78.1%

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Rank	District	12th Graders (2017-18)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Sarasota	3,017	1,441	47.8%
2.	Dade	27,423	12,482	45.5%
3.	Seminole	4,746	2,156	45.4%
4.	Orange	14,571	6,503	44.6%
5.	Martin	1,397	613	43.9%
6.	Leon	2,022	882	43.6%
7.	Collier	3,049	1,325	43.5%
8.	St. Johns	2,835	1,222	43.1%
9.	Santa Rosa	2,013	844	41.9%
9.	Indian River	1,253	525	41.9%

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

Rank	District	12th Graders (2017-18)	FAFSAs Completed	FAFSA Completion Rate
1.	Gulf	144	77	53.5%
2.	Highlands	700	319	45.6%
3.	Walton	521	221	42.4%
4.	Franklin	62	26	41.9%
5.	Sumter	514	213	41.4%
5.	Putnam	565	234	41.4%
7.	Hardee	283	116	41.0%
8.	Monroe	553	224	40.5%
9.	Flagler	996	381	38.3%
10.	Hendry	468	175	37.4%

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“Most Improved”

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1.	Melbourne Senior High School	Melbourne	Brevard	492	46.5%	32.5%	14.0%
2.	Miami Senior High School	Miami	Dade	733	43.7%	31.0%	12.7%
3.	Maynard Evans High	Orlando	Orange	561	39.0%	28.8%	10.2%
4.	George W. Jenkins Senior High	Lakeland	Polk	536	39.6%	29.5%	10.1%
5.	Columbia High School	Lake City	Columbia	467	34.3%	25.8%	8.5%
6.	Flagler-Palm Coast High School	Palm Coast	Flagler	588	38.1%	30.0%	8.1%
7.	Pace High School	Pace	Santa Rosa	482	51.2%	43.3%	8.0%
7.	Bloomingdale High School	Valrico	Hillsborough	565	49.0%	41.1%	8.0%
9.	Miami Norland Senior High School	Miami	Dade	473	34.7%	27.0%	7.7%
9.	Fort Pierce Central High School	Fort Pierce	St. Lucie	686	40.1%	32.4%	7.7%

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1.	Miami Arts Charter	Miami	Dade	177	74.6%	54.9%	19.7%
1.	Lake Wales Senior High School	Lake Wales	Polk	311	51.4%	31.7%	19.7%
3.	Hardee Senior High School	Wauchula	Hardee	283	41.3%	23.7%	17.7%
4.	Palatka High School	Palatka	Putnam	254	45.3%	27.6%	17.6%
5.	Immokalee High School	Immokalee	Collier	356	44.1%	29.7%	14.4%
6.	Mulberry Senior High School	Mulberry	Polk	214	36.9%	22.7%	14.2%
7.	Rockledge Senior High School	Rockledge	Brevard	326	43.9%	30.6%	13.2%
8.	Fernandina Beach High School	Fernandina Beach	Nassau	226	48.2%	35.2%	13.0%
9.	Miami Sunset Senior High School	Miami	Dade	400	51.0%	38.2%	12.8%
10.	Lake Gibson Senior High School	Lakeland	Polk	409	40.3%	28.5%	11.8%

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1.	Youth Co-Op Preparatory High School	Hialeah	Dade	80	80.0%	34.2%	45.8%
2.	iMater Preparatory Academy High School	Hialeah	Dade	142	50.0%	20.9%	29.1%
3.	Florida A&M University Developmental Research School	Tallahassee	Leon	33	45.5%	17.9%	27.6%
4.	School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Homestead	Dade	59	88.1%	66.0%	22.1%
5.	Graceville High School	Graceville	Jackson	43	39.5%	17.5%	22.0%
6.	Mater Academy East Charter High School	Miami	Dade	65	66.2%	45.6%	20.6%
7.	Design & Architecture Senior High	Miami	Dade	127	86.6%	66.7%	19.9%
7.	A. Philip Randolph Academies	Jacksonville	Duval	47	40.4%	20.5%	19.9%
9.	Brooks Debartolo Collegiate High School	Tampa	Hillsborough	151	82.8%	64.6%	18.2%
10.	Professional & Technical High School	Kissimmee	Osceola	140	60.0%	43.2%	16.8%

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1.	Polk	7,092	34.6%	29.9%	4.8%
2.	Martin	1,397	43.9%	39.6%	4.3%
3.	Santa Rosa	2,013	41.9%	38.1%	3.8%
4.	Hernando	1,683	28.9%	26.1%	2.8%
5.	Citrus	1,099	31.0%	28.4%	2.6%
6.	Brevard	4,772	39.9%	37.4%	2.5%
7.	Indian River	1,253	41.9%	39.6%	2.3%
8.	St. Lucie	3,442	30.7%	28.6%	2.1%
9.	Palm Beach	15,027	38.6%	36.6%	2.0%
10.	Seminole	4,746	45.4%	43.6%	1.8%

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1.	Hardee	283	41.0%	23.7%	17.3%
2.	Dixie	117	30.8%	15.2%	15.6%
3.	Madison	164	32.3%	20.4%	11.9%
4.	Walton	521	42.4%	32.8%	9.6%
5.	Putnam	565	41.4%	31.9%	9.5%
6.	Flagler	996	38.3%	30.4%	7.9%
7.	Taylor	135	26.7%	18.9%	7.8%
8.	Columbia	629	33.7%	27.2%	6.5%
9.	Union	142	25.4%	19.1%	6.3%
10.	Nassau	908	36.3%	32.2%	4.2%



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.