



# FAFSA Completion Initiative

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# FAFSA Completion Initiative - Ohio

## Overview

- Timely completion of a FAFSA form is an essential step for many families in obtaining financial aid to pursue a postsecondary education, the *FAFSA Completion Initiative* will enable school and district partners to identify those students who have not filed a FAFSA form and better target counseling, filing help and other resources to those students.
- These efforts can promote college access and success by ensuring that students, particularly those with a low family income, have access to financial aid to fund their education.

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As part of the U.S. Department of Education's *FAFSA Completion Initiative*, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) shares with school districts specific, limited information about the students that have **completed** the FAFSA form.

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**3 to GET READY!!!**  
Preparing for college is as easy as 1-2-3.

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## What is the FAFSA?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the key to student aid, especially federal financial student aid programs. In addition, many colleges and universities use the information from the FAFSA to determine eligibility for grants.

## When does the FAFSA window open and how do I apply?

The FAFSA window opens October 1 of each year. To apply online, visit the [official FAFSA website](#).

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ODHE, in partnership with Management Council of the Ohio Education Computer Network (MC OECN), provides data through a secure web portal

<https://www.ohio-k12.help>

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- NCES high school code is matched with the cross-walk to the high school and district at ODHE
- Filter by date of birth and only send 22 years or younger
- FAFSA completers data is sent using a secure web service each Wednesday
- District use a simple web interface with student name, DOB, and high school
- Data is available for download

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The K-12 Portal hosts many district initiatives, including assessment information and teacher evaluation data

District Superintendents have to electronically sign a data release and security agreement to gain access to the FAFSA student level information

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https://www.ohio-k12.help/fafsa/

Bookmarks Higher Education In... User account | Ohio... OTC data log in IPEDs handbook COF Login From Degree to Em... FAFSA Completion ... College Scorecard ...

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You must use the superintendent secure link to submit the Data Release and Security Agreement, and to view FAFSA student data.

### FAFSA Data Access Check

Use this to check if a superintendent has agreed to FAFSA data access.

IRN \*  
Enter the 6-digit IRN including leading zeros.

  

### FAFSA Completions for Fall 2019 College Admissions

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#### Updates

On Mar. 20, 2019, a new feature for searching for students by their name or home zip code when they are not known by high school NCES code.

#### Data Release and Security Agreement

Download the text of the agreement for your records.



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☰ FAFSA Student Data (all records)

🏠 FAFSA Page for Districts

The total number of agreements (active customers) is shown at the bottom of the table.

## IRNs with FAFSA Completion Data Sharing Agreements

Show  entries

Search:

District/School ▲	IRN ⇅	Type ⇅	Superintendent ⇅	Email ⇅
Adams County Ohio Valley Local SD	061903	Public District	Greg Grooms	greg.grooms@ovsd.us
Akron City SD	043489	Large Urbans	David James	djames@apslearns.org
Albert Einstein Academy for Letters Arts and Sciences Ohio	013994	Community School	Bruce Thomas	bruce.thomas@aeaohio.org
Alexander Local SD	045906	Public District	Lindy Douglas	ldouglas@alexanderschools.org
Allen East Local SD	045757	Public District	Mel Rentschler	rentschlerm@alleneastschool.org
Alliance City SD	043497	Public District	Jeffery Talbert	talbertje@alliancecityschools.org
Amanda-Clearcreek Local SD	046847	Public District	James Dick	jdick@amanda.k12.oh.us
Ansonia Local SD	046623	Public District	Jim Atchley	jim.atchley@ansoniaschools.org

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## FAFSA All Student Data

Clear filters

Search:

Student Name	DOB	Student Zip	District/School	District IRN	Building Name	School
[REDACTED]	04/07/1997	43219	Zenith Academy	000725	Zenith Academy	ZENITH ACADEMY
LIN	05/20/2000	43232	Zenith Academy	000725	Zenith Academy	ZENITH ACADEMY
AFI	01/01/1998	43219	Zenith Academy	000725	Zenith Academy	ZENITH ACADEMY
FAR MO	10/26/1996	43211	Zenith Academy	000725	Zenith Academy	ZENITH ACADEMY
ZAI	05/05/2001	43219	Zenith Academy	000725	Zenith Academy	ZENITH ACADEMY
MO TAS	06/22/1998	43003	Zenith Academy	000725	Zenith Academy	ZENITH ACADEMY
SAR	02/07/1998	43701	Zanesville Community School	009148	Zanesville Community School	ZANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
JUS	11/10/1998	43701	Zanesville Community School	009148	Zanesville Community School	ZANESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
KIL	10/09/1997	43701	Zanesville Community School	009148	Zanesville Community School	ZANESVILLE COMMUNITY

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## Ohio FAFSA Completion Initiative!



SECURE ACCESS FOR  
Ohio Department of Higher Education FAFSA  
Completion Initiative

[FAFSA Admin Dashboard](#)

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### Updates

On March 20, 2019, **Find More Students** is available to search for students by their name or home zip code when they are not associated by a high school NCES code on the FAFSA application.



### Find More Students

Some of your students many not appear below. To search for students who didn't provide a high school NCES code on the FAFSA application, click here.

Appropriate use and security terms and conditions apply in accordance with an agreement between the District and the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

**Tips:** To export all records, set Show Entries to "All". The total number of student records is shown at the bottom of the page. To logout, see the navigation bar at the top of this page.

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### Challenges:

- In Ohio, the Department of Education (K-12) isn't allowed to have SSNs or names of students
- This makes the match process difficult
- Can only match to the school or district, not to the student

## FAFSA Completion Initiative - Ohio

### Challenges:

- Unless the search option is used, the high school field in the FAFSA is filled in by the applicant and the NCES high school code is blank
- In these cases, ODHE can't match back to the district
- Have recently started to retrieve students not matched to a High School and allow a search for these students by Name or Zip Code.
- Data quality – names, dates of birth vary from school records

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Thank you!

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## Discussion Questions

- How has your state improved matching FAFSA completers to the high school data?
- Since this information is dynamic and changes occur on a regular basis, how have SHEEOs helped the districts track the changes?
- What targeted outreach has resulted from the data sharing? Best practices, etc.
- Has the FAFSA completion initiative increased applications and if so, has that translated to more students actually enrolling in college?