



Chapter 577 – Student financial aid outreach and planning

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Chapter 577 Requirements

- Requires each county board of education to encourage and assist high school seniors to complete and submit certain financial aid forms by a certain deadline;
- Requiring each county board of education to develop an outreach plan;
- Requiring each county board of education to send the outreach plan to various state agencies, annually on Oct 1st;
- Requiring each county board of education to provide FAFSA completion data to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System; and
- Requiring the Financial Assistance Advisory Committee (FAAC) to review plans and make recommendations on updates annually



Financial aid outreach plan components

- Completion of data sharing agreement with MHEC to receive FAFSA filing status information under the FAFSA Completion Initiative
- A minimum of three (3) evening or weekend financial aid nights at each school within the school district.
- A description of partnerships, if any with;
 - A community college or 4-year institution on higher education servicing that jurisdiction
 - Non-profit organizations with the purpose of assisting students with accessing postsecondary education or college access organizations



Financial aid outreach plan components (cont.)

- A description of the county's student awareness campaign about completing the FAFSA or the MSFAA if ineligible to complete the FAFSA, and the postsecondary education financial aid planning process, including when during high school years, students will begin receiving information.
- Plans to ensure that students and their families from the following populations intentionally receive the necessary information, assistance and support:
 - Traditionally underserved students, including low-income, minority and nonnative English speakers;
 - Unaccompanied and homeless youth; and
 - Foster children



Financial aid outreach plan

- Plans should be updated each year to address gaps and disparities among school and student populations
- On October 1, 2022 and each October 1 thereafter, the outreach plan is to be submitted to:
 - Maryland State Department of Education
 - Maryland Higher Education Commission, Financial Assistance Advisory Council (FAAC)
 - Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
 - House Appropriations Committee
 - House Committee on Ways and Means



Financial aid outreach plan

- On July 1, each year beginning July 1, 2023, each county board of education shall report the data disaggregated by high school. The following information is required:
 - The number of students who completed and submitted the FAFSA in the immediately preceding school year;
 - The number of students who did not complete and submit the FAFSA in the immediately preceding school year;
 - The number of students who completed the FAFSA by the deadline for eligibility for State financial aid.



Summary of HCPS Plan

[FAFSA Completion Plan for HCPS](#)

[FSA ID completion - FAFSA data dashboard](#)

[Introduce students to the Common Black College Application](#)

[Baseline Data for FAFSA Completion](#)



Questions



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Submissions by High School

Applications processed through October 29 of the first 15 months of each cycle

Name	City	State	2022 / 2023 Cycle		2021 / 2022 Cycle	
			Through October 29, 2021		Through October 29, 2020	
			Applications Submitted	Applications Complete	Applications Submitted	Applications Complete
ABERDEEN HIGH	ABERDEEN	MD	30	28	56	55
BEL AIR HIGH	BEL AIR	MD	67	61	73	71
C. MILTON WRIGHT HIGH	BEL AIR	MD	45	40	43	43
CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY	ABERDEEN	MD	<5	<5	<5	<5
EDGEWOOD HIGH	EDGEWOOD	MD	37	34	38	34
FALLSTON HIGH	FALLSTON	MD	35	33	45	45
HARFORD TECHNICAL HIGH	BEL AIR	MD	46	40	55	54
HAVRE DE GRACE HIGH	HAVRE DE GRACE	MD	29	26	22	21
JOPPATOWNE HIGH	JOPPA	MD	19	17	16	14
PATTERSON MILL HIGH SCHOOL	BEL AIR	MD	60	56	48	47

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Estimated Completion Rates by Public School District

Applications processed through October 29 of the first 15 months of each cycle

LEAID	District Name	State	2021/ 2022 Cycle		2020/ 2021 Cycle	
			Through October 29, 2021	Through October 29, 2020	Through June 2020	Through December 2020
			Estimated FAFSA Completion Percentage	Estimated FAFSA Completion Percentage	Estimated FAFSA Completion Percentage	Estimated FAFSA Completion Percentage
2400300	DORCHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	35-39	35-39	30-34	35-39
2400330	FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	60-64	60-64	55-59	60-64
2400360	GARRETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	55-59	50-54	45-49	50-54
2400390	HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	50-54	50-54	45-49	55-59
2400420	HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	70-74	70-74	65-69	70-74
2400450	KENT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	40-44	60-64	55-59	60-64
2400480	MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	60-64	65-69	60-64	65-69
2400510	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	50-54	55-59	45-49	55-59
2400540	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	50-54	60-64	55-59	60-64
2400027	SEED SCHOOL OF MARYLAND	MD	50-54	45-49	45-49	45-49
2400570	SOMERSET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	40-44	35-39	30-34	35-39
2400600	ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	40-44	50-54	45-49	50-54
2400630	TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	40-44	50-54	45-49	50-54
2400660	WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	45-49	50-54	45-49	50-54
2400690	WICOMICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	50-54	55-59	45-49	55-59
2400720	WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	MD	50-54	60-64	55-59	60-64

Time Frame	Grade Level	Student Task Completion	Outreach to Ensure Task Completion	LEA Outreach to Ensure Task Completion	Metrics	Data Measures for Equity	Comments
August - September 2022			FAFSA completion plan workgroup; Prepare presentation for BOE;	Individual LEA plan and administrative approval	HCPS FAFSA Completion Action Plan	HCPS BOE Approval School Principal approval	9/19/2022: Planned presentation to HCPS BOE 10/1/2022 School Principal approval
Fall 2022 October - November	12	College Admissions Advising/ Post-Secondary Planning		EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL: Consultation w/ School Counselor Parent Information Nights Email college application process PPT to all rising seniors SAT date flyers sent in mail/email Encourage students to submit meal benefit forms (FARMs) - SAT fee waivers, college application fee waivers	Attendance count at parent information nights Roster/count individual college counseling sessions		
	12	Access Naviance for College Planning		EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL: Classroom lessons College application submissions for Early Action Acceptance Small Group Intervention	Survey post-secondary plans	Identify 2 year/4 year college, 1st generation college, FARMs/McKinney - Vento/Unaccompanied Youth, EL applicants for FAFSA support	
	12	College Application Submissions for Early Decision		MCAC Initiative - October	MHEC/MCAC college application data		

	12	Attend FAFSA/MSFAA Workshops for students and families to complete FAFSA	<p>Community outreach: Joint HCC/HCPS Financial Aid Information Sessions</p> <p>Wednesday, 10/6: NHHS/HTHS</p> <p>Tuesday, 10/11:BAHS/PMHS</p> <p>Tuesday, 10/18 :JHS/EHS</p> <p>Wednesday, 10/25:AHS/HVDGHS/Swan Creek</p> <p>Wednesday, 11/2: CMWHS/FHS</p> <p>HCC FAFSA Completions Sessions Open to All High Schools: Saturday, 11/5 Saturday 2/4</p> <p>Wednesday, 9/28 :HCC FAFSA Information Session, Virtual Recorded</p>	<p>EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL:</p> <p>Distribute flyers to promote county wide financial aid night dates</p> <p>Promote Financial Aid Information Nights within community/announcements/Connect 5/email/social media/PTSA</p> <p>Incentives to attend Financial Aid Information Sessions</p> <p>FAFSA Bulletin Board in main hallway</p>	Roster/Attendance count at each venue	Completion data from attendance roster	
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	12	Complete FAFSA Create FSA ID		<p>EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL:</p> <p>Set a FAFSA completion goal</p> <p>Display FAFSA barometer in hallway</p> <p>Reach out to McKinney-Vento/Unaccompanied Youth/EL for targeted assistance</p> <p>LASOS Partnership for FAFSA/MSFAA Completion Session</p> <p>Community Schools Specialist partnership-individual and afterschool parent FAFSA support</p> <p>Arrange transportation to Financial Aid nights to families in need</p>	Baseline Data for FAFSA Completion	Monitor data on subgroups completion; # of students that completed FAFSA/MSFAA by subgroups in comparison to total # of students in subgroup	
Winter 2022-2023 December - February	12	College Admissions Advising College Application College Application Submissions for Regular Decision Continue applying for scholarships and submitting FAFSA/MSFAA		<p>EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL:</p> <p>Ongoing FAFSA completion support</p> <p>FAFSA promotion via Business Mgmt students, AVID program, clubs</p> <p>Special Focus: HBCU opportunity</p> <p>Scholarship applications/promotion</p>	HBCU acceptance/attendance	FSA ID completion - FAFSA data dashboard	Introduce students to the Common Black College Application
Spring 2023 March-June	12	Continued College Admissions Advising MHEC/MSFAA Deadlines		<p>EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL:</p> <p>Individual FAFSA/MSFAA completion meetings with students</p>	Monitor FAFSA/MSFAA Completion		March 1 Deadline for Guaranteed Access & Educational Assistance Grant, & Maryland Community College Promise

	12	College Decision and Acceptance		<p>EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL:</p> <p>College & Career Decision Day Celebrations</p>	College Acceptance; Scholarship \$ Totals; FAFSA/MSFAA Completion data		MHEC FAFSA Data Upload Dates should be included in plan
	11	Access Naviance for College Planning Create College Wish List		<p>EXAMPLES AT SCHOOL LEVEL:</p> <p>11th grade Post-Secondary Planning Lessons</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Post-Secondary Planning Workshops</p> <p>Share information about financial aid & financial aid calendar</p>	Roster/Attendance for parent/guardian information night		