



Iowa FAFSA Completion Initiative FAQs

Q: Is there a cost to participate?

A: No; participation in the Iowa FAFSA Completion Initiative is free!

Q: How often can I request FAFSA completion data?

A: Iowa College Aid pulls updated information once a week.

Q: What student information is required for the student data list sent to Iowa College Aid?

A: First name, last name, date of birth and zip code.

Q: What kinds of outreach could I do with this information?

A: Outreach ideas for schools:

- Schedule one-on-one appointments with students/parents with an incomplete FAFSA or no FAFSA to assist with completion.
- Schedule outreach events at the high school and bring in outside professionals to assist students/parents with completion of the FAFSA. These efforts would be targeted to students/parents with an incomplete FAFSA or no FAFSA. Follow-up evaluation could be performed after such events to determine if additional students completed the FAFSA as a result of the event.
- Set a milestone for the number of graduating seniors that will complete a FAFSA. Past baseline data will be useful in setting this percentage. This allows each school to compare results to historical data at their high school (not to other schools, which may have different initiatives taking place that affect results).
- Utilize the data on the “intentions” senior survey in conjunction with student FAFSA completion records to follow-up with students that intend to go to college but did not complete the FAFSA.



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Q: When is a student considered matched?

A: A student will be considered “matched” with when the matching criteria (first name, last name and date of birth) from your student data file match the FAFSA completion information.

Q: What does it mean if I have students who aren’t matched?

A: A student isn’t matched when two or more of the matching criteria from your uploaded student file does not match with ICAPS. It could mean that the student did not complete the FAFSA or that the student data from your file doesn’t match what the student put on the FAFSA.

Q: What does it mean if I have students who are listed as Partial?

A: A partial match means that three out of the four matching criteria has matched for that student. This student could have a complete FAFSA; however not all of the student data from your file doesn’t match what the student put on the FAFSA.

Q: Who do I contact with questions?

A: Keyli Keifer – keyli.keifer@iowa.gov; 877-272-4456 or 515-725-3456