



# Lunch & Learn

Pathways to Student Success



**WED, OCTOBER 25**

**ABOR's AZ College Connect & College Connect  
Tempe Updates**



# Welcome!

## Agenda:

Icebreaker!

Announcements & Updates

Main Speaker: ABOR's College Connect by Julie Sainz

Special Guest: College Connect Tempe by Adrian Cascio

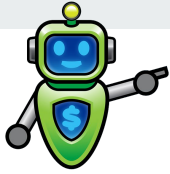
Outro - Next Lunch & Learn

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## ICE BREAKER



1. What day do you believe the FAFSA Application will open?  
Drop your guesses in the chat!
2. Any resource(s) or program(s) you are loving this Fall that you want to share? (feel free to give it a shout out! Drop a link if you have it.)



# Announcements

## FAFSA Bootcamp Series

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 10:00-11:00: **Preparing for the FAFSA:**

- **Registration link:** [https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XYG6jPRkSBuXkZJLWq05Ww](https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XYG6jPRkSBuXkZJLWq05Ww)

Thursday, November 2, 2023, 10:00-11:00: **FAFSA 101: Form Overview and Pell Eligibility**

- **Registration link:** [https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EzAgMcW5ReGcGkNmKoU2NQ](https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EzAgMcW5ReGcGkNmKoU2NQ)

Thursday, November 9, 2023, 10:00-11:00: **FAFSA 201: Advanced FAFSA Topics**

- **Registration link:** [https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fYOw2hRKQO-Aj5yKtZftlg](https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fYOw2hRKQO-Aj5yKtZftlg)

November 16, 2023, 10:00-11:00: **Arizona College Connect: New FAFSA database Enhancements and Updates**

- **Registration link:** [https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_t9JgU\\_ufRBixCtl19cxAtQ](https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t9JgU_ufRBixCtl19cxAtQ)

# Announcements



Become a member of the **Arizona College Access Network (AzCAN)** [here](#) and join a passionate network of professionals working to improve the education outcomes for Arizona students!

As a member of AzCAN, you can register for **College Access Professional (CAP) Training courses** during the 2023-2024 school year at no cost.

[2023-2024 CAP Training courses](#)

[CAP Training course registration](#)

# Announcements

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## 2023 Arizona FAFSA Kick-off & AzCAN Launch

The **event** will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at the ASU West campus. Breakfast, lunch, and free parking provided. Limited space – register ASAP if you plan to attend the event. Local, state, and national presenters!

[Follow link](#) or QR code



# Ask Benji Partner Announcements

Benji sent off its Welcome messaging to our Senior students at [our partner schools](#)\*  
October 10th @ 2:30 PM

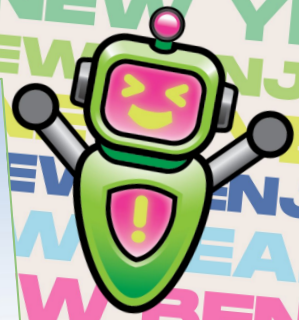
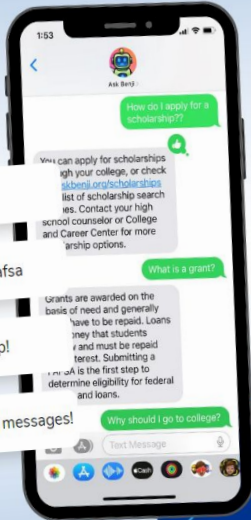
- [Join our NEW Facebook Group for Ask Benji Partners](#)
- Follow Benji's Instagram account @benjifafsa for on the go content!
- Look at [our Benji toolkit](#) for parent & student media items (scan or follow link)!



\*Unless data was delayed

## How to use Ask Benji!

- ✓ Ask quick questions via text
- ✓ Follow Benji on Instagram @benjifafsa
- ✓ #fafsasteps to get fafsa help!
- ✓ Engage in our student text messages!



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# COLLEGE CONNECT

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# Presenter

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Julie Sainz, Director of FAFSA Program and College Access Initiatives- ABOR



# Arizona College Connect

- Innovative FAFSA database that provides authorized high school and district personnel with their student-level FAFSA information and other college attainment data.



The new data portal is funded by Helios Education Foundation and developed through a data partnership with the Arizona Department of Education.

# A Case for Improvement

- Students who complete a FAFSA are [84% more likely](#) to enroll in a college or trade school 8immediately after high school.
- Schools that use this data on a consistent base have a 5% or higher FAFSA completion rate than schools that do not use this data.

## AZGRANTS- FAFSA FINISH LINE DATA (former database)

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### Download Activity

- 252 schools/districts have a Data Sharing Agreement
- 49% have downloaded the data
- 42% have downloaded 5 or more times.
- 33% have downloaded 10 or more time

### Challenges

- Accessing the data
- Time-consuming
- Limited high school resources/staff
- “I am not a data expert”
- File uploading difficulty
- What do we do with this data?

# Pell Grant Funding Left on the Table



Total Pell Grant Dollars Left on the Table by  
the **Arizona High School Class of 2021** Graduates:

**\$104,475,997**

Total Pell Grant Dollars Left on the Table by the  
**Arizona High School Class of 2022** Graduates:

**\$100,820,169**

Combined Pell Grant Dollars Left on the Table Across  
Classes of **2021 & 2022** (Arizona High School  
Graduates):

**\$205,296,166**



# Setting up Access



Arizona College Connect is an interactive, customized communications portal providing high school leaders with access to students' **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** data and other college attainment information. Completing a FAFSA form is one of the strongest predictors of whether a student will pursue postsecondary education after high school.

This innovative new tool is made possible through funding from Helios Education Foundation and a data partnership with the Arizona Department of Education.

To gain access to the data:

1. High school principals need to sign a data-sharing agreement. If your school already has an agreement you can skip this step. [\(Click here to view a list of schools/districts with an agreement in place\)](#)
2. Once the data-sharing agreement is signed, authorized users can sign up to access the data.

Enroll your high school

Request an account

Log in

For questions, refer to our FAQs below or contact us at [Info@ArizonaCollegeConnect.org](mailto:Info@ArizonaCollegeConnect.org)



Existing agreements prior to the new database will be transferred to Arizona College Connect.



Data Sharing Agreements are valid for 5 years- until a renewal agreement is needed.

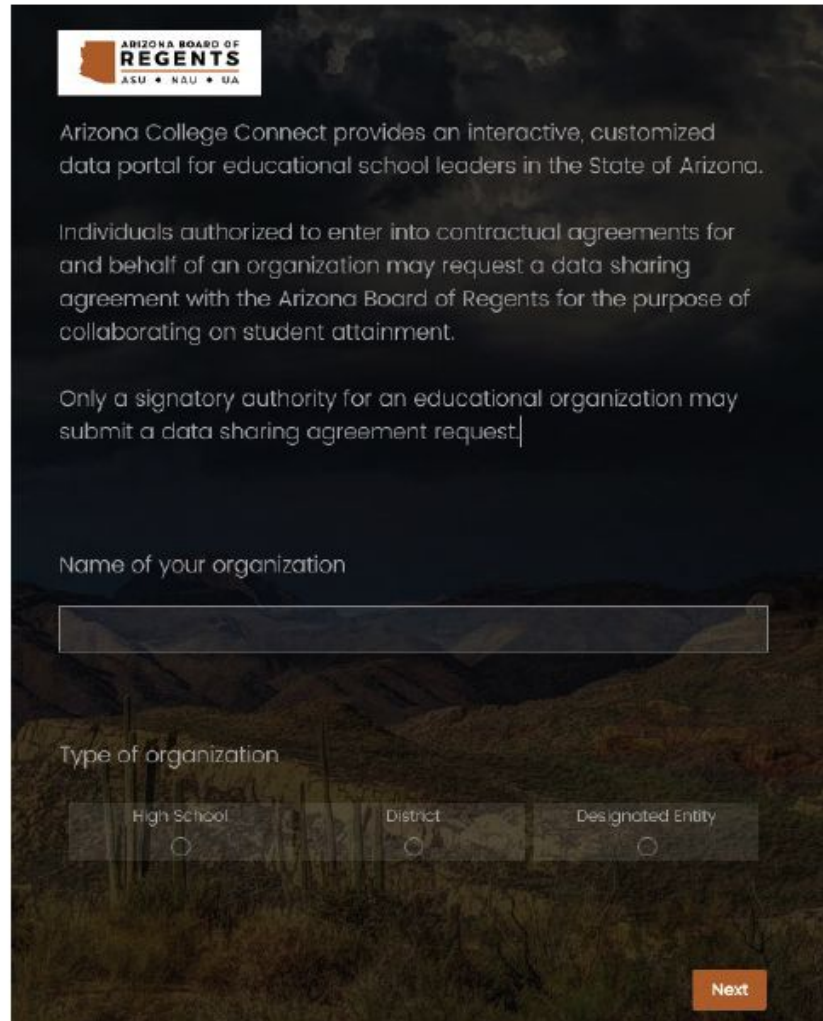


User Agreements do not expire.

# Data Sharing Agreement

1. Complete Online Form
2. Email sent to Principal to sign
3. ABOR signs agreement
4. Access is set up

Users can be added



The screenshot shows a digital form for the Arizona Board of Regents. At the top left is the logo for the Arizona Board of Regents, which includes the text 'ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS' and 'ASU • NAU • UA' below it. The background of the form is a dark, scenic image of a desert landscape with mountains and cacti. The form contains the following text and fields:

Arizona College Connect provides an interactive, customized data portal for educational school leaders in the State of Arizona.

Individuals authorized to enter into contractual agreements for and behalf of an organization may request a data sharing agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents for the purpose of collaborating on student attainment.

Only a signatory authority for an educational organization may submit a data sharing agreement request|

Name of your organization

[Empty text input field]

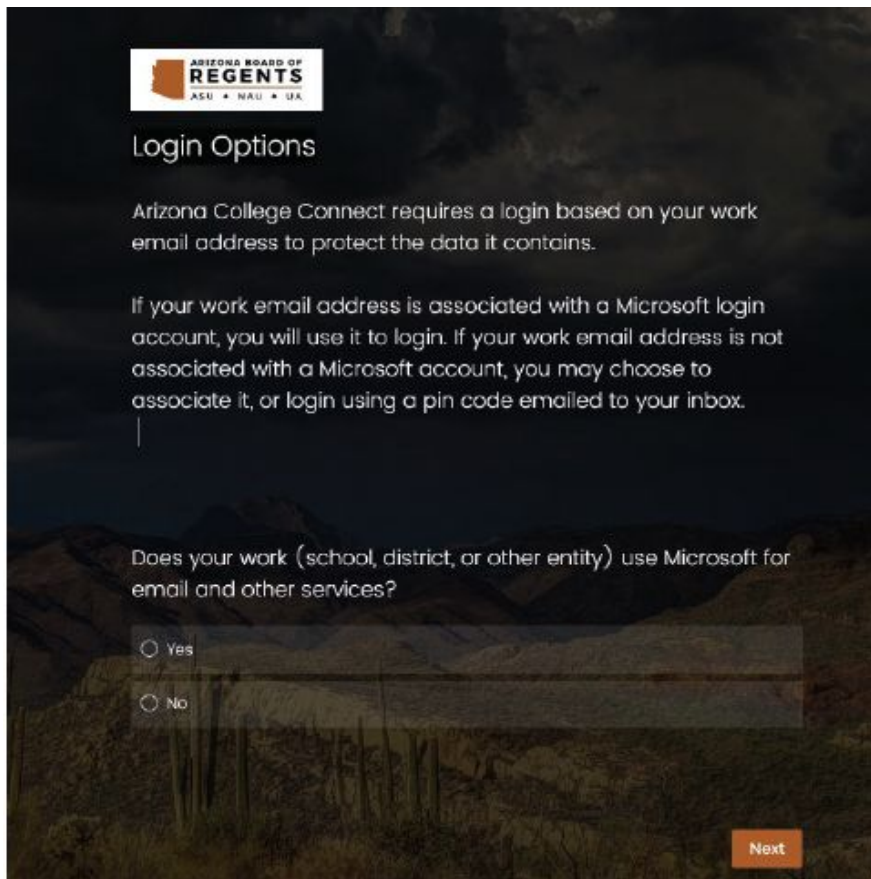
Type of organization

High School  District  Designated Entity

Next

# User Agreement

1. Complete online form
2. Emails are sent to the principal to authorize your access.
3. The account is set up
4. The user receives an email from [info@arizonacollegeconnect.org](mailto:info@arizonacollegeconnect.org) with log in information



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## Login Options

Arizona College Connect requires a login based on your work email address to protect the data it contains.

If your work email address is associated with a Microsoft login account, you will use it to login. If your work email address is not associated with a Microsoft account, you may choose to associate it, or login using a pin code emailed to your inbox.

Does your work (school, district, or other entity) use Microsoft for email and other services?

Yes

No

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# Phase I Implementation

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Electronic  
Data-Sharing and User  
Agreements

Preloaded High School  
Senior Rosters

- Edit and Add student  
functions

Weekly FAFSA  
Completion Status  
Data

Student Demographic  
Data

FAFSA Completion  
Status Reports and  
Graphs Updated  
Nightly

Instant Partial Match  
Edit Updates

FAFSA  
Resources/Tools

Targeted Outreach



# Senior Rosters

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- Data from ADE- uploaded once each school year
- All Seniors rosters can be edited by authorized high school and district users
- Delete or Add Student Records
- Adjust Enrollment Count and FAFSA Completion Rate
- Rosters will be loaded in November 2023
- The FAFSA will launch in December 2023



# New Features

# Better FAFSA Form Updates

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Arizona College Connect has is updated to accept the NEW 2024-25 Better FAFSA Form updates and new layout

```
mirror_mod = modifier_ob.  
set mirror object to mirror.  
mirror_mod.mirror_object
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```
operation == "MIRROR_X":  
mirror_mod.use_x = True  
mirror_mod.use_y = False  
mirror_mod.use_z = False  
operation == "MIRROR_Y":  
mirror_mod.use_x = False  
mirror_mod.use_y = True  
mirror_mod.use_z = False  
operation == "MIRROR_Z":  
mirror_mod.use_x = False  
mirror_mod.use_y = False  
mirror_mod.use_z = True
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```
selection at the end -add  
mirror_ob.select= 1  
modifier_ob.select=1  
context.scene.objects.active  
("Selected" + str(modifier  
mirror_ob.select = 0  
= bpy.context.selected_obj  
data.objects[one.name].se  
print("please select exactly
```

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----- OPERATOR CLASSES -----
```

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types.Operator):  
X mirror to the selected  
object.mirror_mirror_x"  
mirror X"
```

```
context):  
context.active_object is not
```



# Communication

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**Data Driven Emails Campaigns to Authorized Users regarding high school FAFSA activity**

Examples:

Schools FAFSA Completion Rate has increased compared to last year

Less students are completing the FAFSA this school year.



Recognition to high schools throughout the FAFSA Cycle



Increase in FAFSA completion



Increase in FAFSA completion among specific student populations



Embedded FAFSA Challenge Awards

MVP  
Most Improved

# Badging



**Graphs and Charts**

[Learn more →](#)

Review your pre-populated senior roster

[Update partial matches →](#)

[Download a Report](#)

Review your school's FAFSA progress

**Welcome to Arizona College Connect**

Julie Sainz

**Test High School**

**FAFSA Completion Rate**

## News and announcements

+ Add

**Welcome to Arizona College Connect**

**WHAT IS THE FAFSA?**

**What is the FAFSA - Student Handout**

[Learn more →](#)

OPENS ON OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR

1 of 5

## Learn How in the User Guide

- [Review my list of high school seniors](#)
- [View & Update FAFSA partial matches](#)
- [Examine FAFSA progress](#)

## Upcoming events

[See all](#)

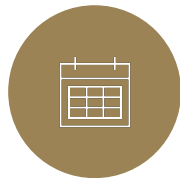
- + Add event
- [Create an event](#)



STUDENT FIRST  
NAME



STUDENT LAST  
NAME



DOB



ZIP CODE



**NEW:**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Enhanced Matching Criteria

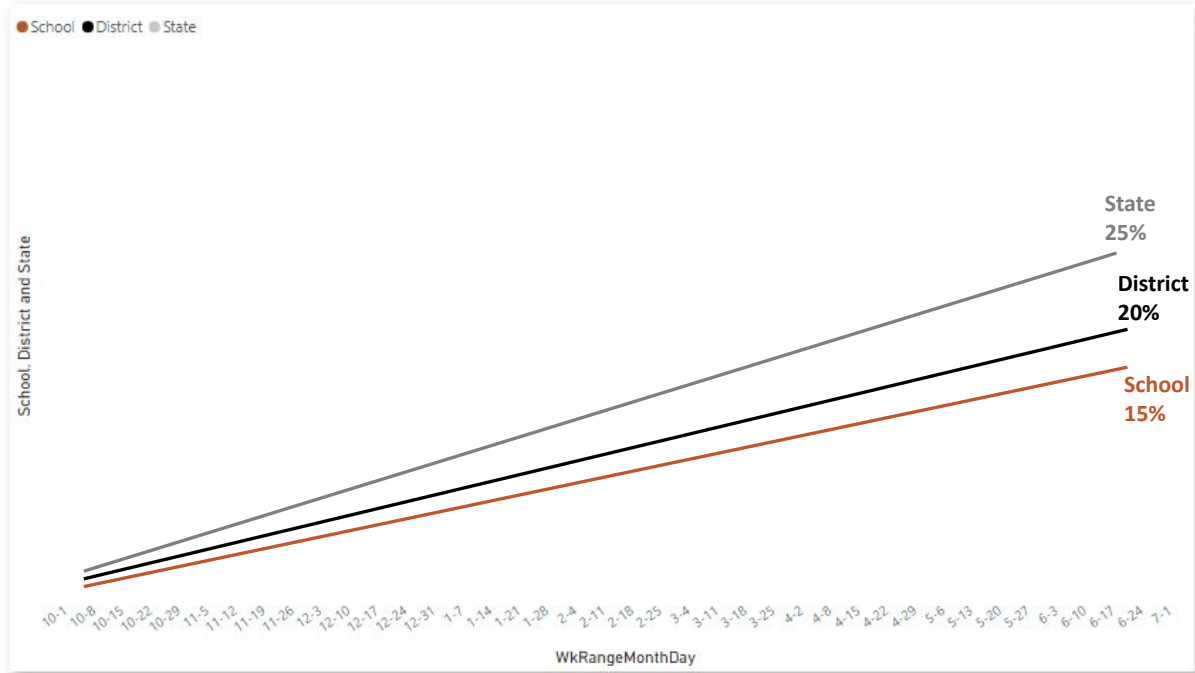


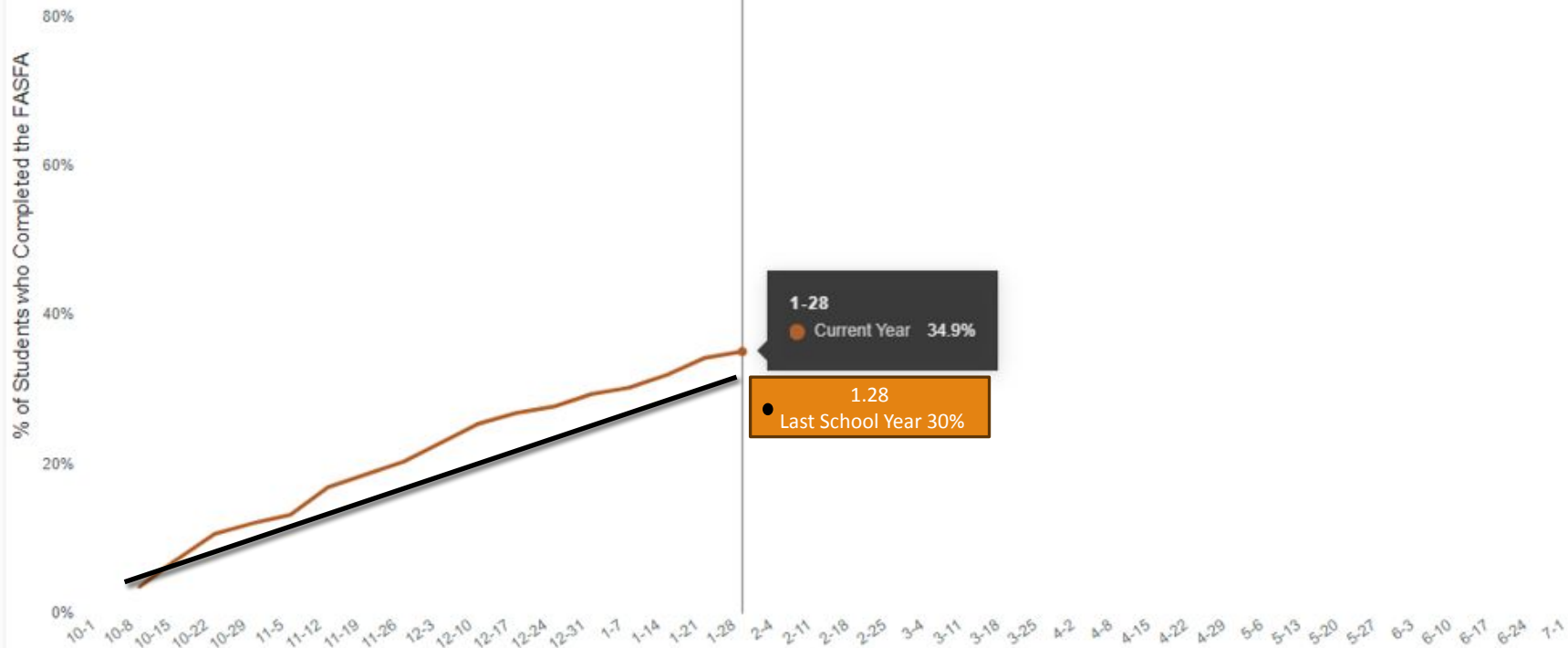
# Added Data on Reports

## FAFSA Completions Benchmarking

Data provided by Arizona Board of Regents

Last Update Date & Time: 10/11/2023 03:02:35 AM





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### Student Roster ☆

SAIS ID	School Name	First Name	Last Name	Birthdate	Zip Code	FAFSA Application Status	FAFSA Incompl...	FAFSA Applicati...	FAFSA Selected...	FAFSA Submissi...
		Neydine		10/20/2005	85301	Complete	Not Rejected	2024	No	10/9/2022
		Emilio		12/17/2004	85033	No Fafsa				
		Rai		1/19/2005	85301	Complete	Not Rejected	2024	No	10/10/2022
		Juan		8/4/2005	85301	Complete	Not Rejected	2024	No	12/7/2022
		Osiris		5/11/2005	85301	Incomplete	Other Reason For Rejection	2024	No	10/26/2022
		Karen		3/27/2005	85361	Complete	Not Rejected	2024	No	10/26/2022
		Jessica		12/14/2004	85301	Complete	Not Rejected	2024	No	8/18/2023

# Faster upload times and Filtering

## FAFSA Current Year Overview

Data provided by Arizona Board of Regents

Last Update Date & Time: 01/28/2023 04:34:30 AM



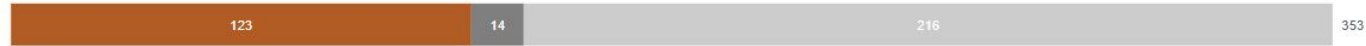
### All Students by FAFSA Application Match Status

● Matched ● Partial ● No Match



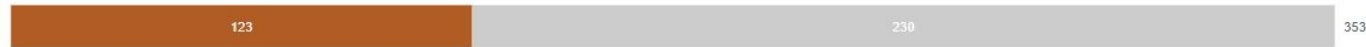
### Matched FAFSA Applications by Application Status

● Complete ● Incomplete ● None



### FAFSA Applications by FAFSA Year

● 2023-2024 FAFSA ● None

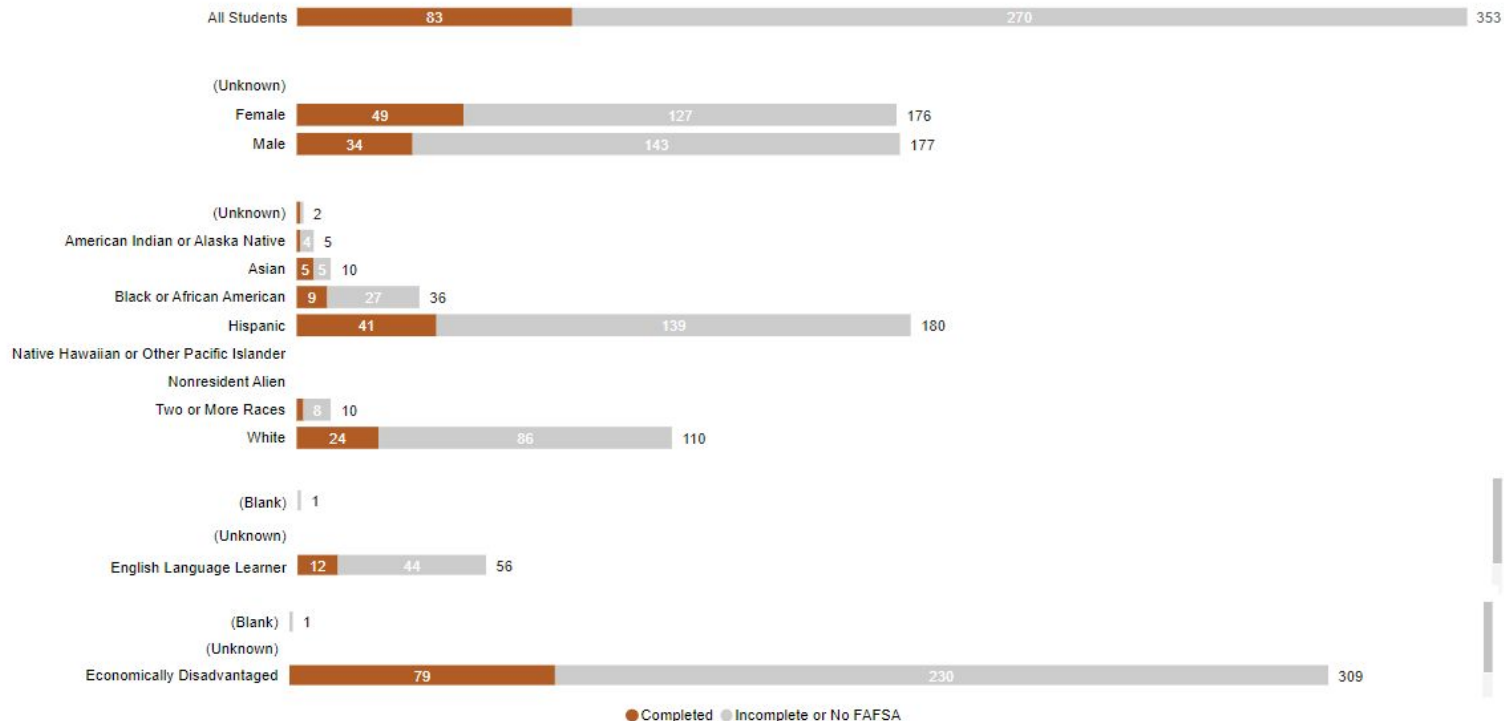


# Report: Current Year Overview

# FAFSA Completions by Demographics

Data provided by Arizona Board of Regents

Last Update Date & Time: 12/09/2022 04:03:41 AM



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Confirm that your high school has a data-sharing agreement on file

2

Confirm that you have a user agreement on file

3

In November, a communicator will be sent out to all authorized users notifying them that their senior rosters have been loaded

4

Review and edit your senior rosters if needed.

5

December 2023- FAFSA Launches

# Things to do Now

# ANALYTICS

257

Active Data-Sharing Agreements

377

Individual Users Set-up  
Since Launch (Oct 2022)

An increase of 28 data-sharing  
agreements when compared the  
previous system

82%

Usage Rate

Captures over 50% of the Arizona  
high school senior population

## TESTIMONIAL

*"As a Career Specialist, I use the Arizona College Connect System to provide weekly updates on our FAFSA applications progress, and I appreciate how the database is effective, efficient, and a very useful tool."*

-Danielle Padia, Career Specialist,  
Ironwood High School

## SITE ANALYTICS

**Over 13,000 site visits**

Over the Last 90 Days

**311**

Unique viewers

## TESTIMONIAL

*"Working with ABOR has provided a sense of security for our school data. If I have any issues, they are always a phone call away for helping us. They listen, and work to help resolve any issues with Arizona College Connect. I love collaborating with the ABOR team. The data we receive is valuable and has many reports we can request for our school and district data."*

*Zulema Fragoso, High School Counselor,  
Nogales High School.  
2023 Arizona Counselor of the Year*



Questions?



Thank You



[Julie.Sainz@azregents.edu](mailto:Julie.Sainz@azregents.edu)



For Questions regarding Arizona College Connect, please email:

[Info@arizonacollegeconnect.org](mailto:Info@arizonacollegeconnect.org)

# College Connect Tempe

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**VIRTUAL EVENTS**  
Monthly  
@11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Registration Zoom links are attached to each event title, RSVP and share!

**WED, AUG 30**  
4 yr College Programs & Tribal College Updates  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**WED, SEP 20**  
TRIU Admission Updates  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**WED, OCT 25**  
ABOR's AZ College Connect Updates  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM


**WED, NOV 15**  
Better FAFSA Updates & Resource Kickoff  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**WED, JAN 17**  
Better FAFSA "Best" Practices  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**WED, FEB 21**  
Summer Programs (College and University Resources!)  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**WED, MAR 27**  
ECAP with AZ Dept. of Education  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Dr. Jennifer Murphy and Graciela Nobles**, members of the Education Forward Arizona team, hope to create a community of practice by exploring relevant and insightful topics throughout the 2023-24 academic year.

**Thank you for attending!**

**Our next Lunch and Learn!**

[NCAN's Better FAFSA](#)

WED, NOV 15

@11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

[Register for our next event!](#)

