

FAFSA Portal Fact Sheet



The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) administers **The Portal**, a website that serves K-12 educators, college campuses, students, and families in a variety of ways.

Who's Included?

Every Monday, the **FAFSA Completion Portal** is populated by:

Public high school seniors

(based on the expected graduation year) reported by the district to OSPI via CEDARS reporting, and

FAFSA filers for the current year who either list a Washington college, or note they live in Washington.

Making changes in the portal

Students without a FAFSA

match: Most students are automatically matched to FAFSAs using programmed logic. Staff with access to the portal can match students who are missed by automatic matching.

Graduation year: Expected graduation year can only be adjusted in very limited situations. Please contact your district's CEDARS administrator. As enrollments are reported to WSAC from OSPI (via CEDARS), please visit <https://www.k12.wa.us/data-reporting/reporting/cedars>

Who has access?

The **FAFSA completion** and **College Bound** sections of the portal may seem similar, but they report differently. Access to the **FAFSA completion section**

of the portal is limited to district/school staff or non-profit organizations who work with all seniors.

In the **College Bound section**, non-profit partners have additional data access because when students apply they sign a release or can opt out.

Need Help?

Understanding data and rate calculation is important,

but primarily, **The Portal is a tool to help students complete the FAFSA.** If you have concerns about:

Enrollments: confirm with your district CEDARS administrator how the student is reported.

FAFSA: Confirm the student completed the right year, fully submitted, and listed a Washington address and/or college.

Aggregate FAFSA data:

www.wsac.wa.gov/fafsa-completion

How to calculate FAFSA completion rates:

Seniors (based on graduation year) with a current, fully processed FAFSA matched to their enrollment record

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Seniors (based on graduation year) received from OSPI

