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 ÷ Seniors (based on graduation year) received from OSPI

Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)