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 - AzCAN CAP Courses
 - Statewide College Resource Centers
 - Cox Charities FAFSA Campaign
 - Arizona FAFSA Challenge
 - Ask Benji / 1-833 Hotlines
 - AdviseAZ, an AmeriCorps program
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Arizona Department of Education: Office of Indian Education & Post-Secondary Support

ADE's Post-Secondary & Community Engagement Role

- Director of Post-Secondary & Community Engagement
- Wear two hats
 - Align ADE with post-secondary institutions & systems (our K12 inputs are post-secondary's 13-20 inputs)
 - Bridge relationships, partnerships, and collaborations within the K12 system and community to assist with our ESSER I, II, & III funds

Services/Support Provided

- Monthly Counselor Office Hours
- Academic Standards & Counselor Monthly Newsletter
- Technical Assistance Webinars
- ECAP Assistance (My Future AZ platform)
- Free CAP Courses provided by ADE to the field



ADE Office of Indian Education Dual Enrollment

Overview of OIE Dual Enrollment Program

The Tribal College Dual Enrollment Program provides thousands of Arizona's Native American high school students the opportunity to take college courses for both high school and college credit.

- Funds are provided so that tribal colleges can be reimbursed for credit hours taken by high school students. (this is free to the LEA & student/family)
- Participating Tribal Colleges Include:
 - Dina College
 - Navajo Technical University
 - Tohono O'odham Community College

Eligibility for Course Credit

- Students may enroll year-round
- No annual limit to number of credits earned
- The college course must be at 100-level or higher to qualify for reimbursement



CAP Training (College Access Professional Training)

Thanks to partnerships with Arizona GEAR UP and the ADE , CAP classes are currently FREE. This is a brand-new opportunity with limited tickets so register today!

- **October 4 – November 5, 2021**
[ADE: Financial Aid and College Applications \(CORE\)](#)
- **November 15 – December 17, 2021**
[ADE: College, Career, and Academic Planning \(CORE\)](#)
- **More classes starting January 2022**



Statewide College Access Support

College Depot	Website
Tempe College Connect	Website
Be A Leader Foundation	Website
Northern Arizona College Resource Center	Website
Regional College Access Center	Website



Cox Charities

Arizona FAFSA Coalition



(More AZ FAFSA Coalition Partners to be added this year)

- Statewide FAFSA Awareness Campaign
- Various Media outlets: TV, Radio, Print, Social Media
- Targeted outreach
- Will run the full academic year (2021-2022)

www.azfafsa.org



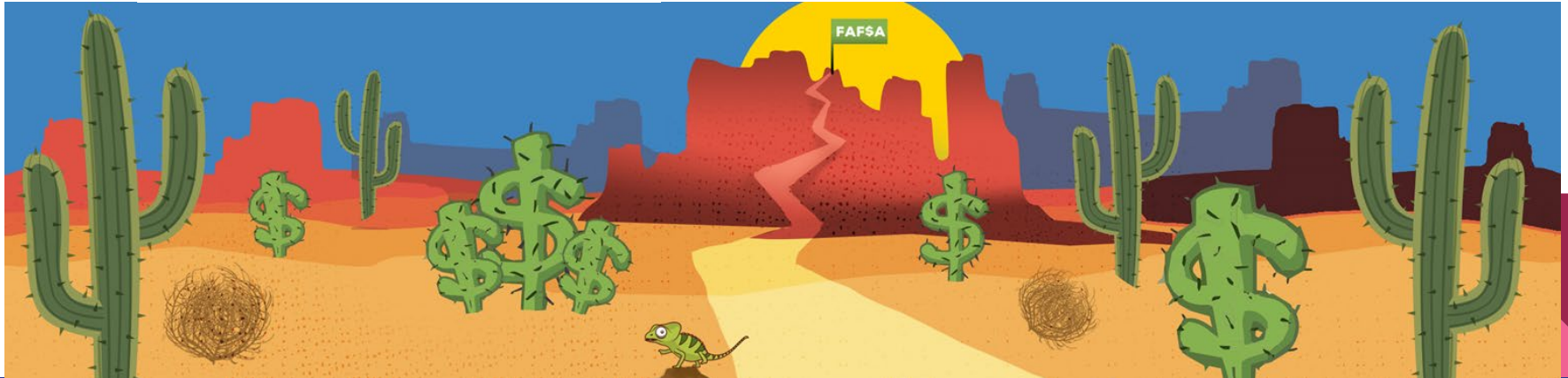
Arizona FAFSA Challenge

The Arizona FAFSA Challenge is a statewide initiative that aims to increase FAFSA completion rates for the state while promoting friendly competition among Arizona high schools.



Program created in 2018

The Governor's Office of Education
Workforce Innovation Opportunity Grant



Goals

- Improving Arizona's FAFSA Completion Efforts
- Creation of a Statewide FAFSA Coalition
- Collaboratively creating FREE FAFSA resources for AZ students and families
- Highlighting high school, counselors, and students for their FAFSA completion efforts.
- Establishing a state FAFSA completion goal



Long- Term Goal: To reach a 78% FAFSA Completion Rate Among Arizona High School Seniors by 2030



Current State Goal to reach a 52% FAFSA Completion Rate Among Arizona High School Seniors

AZ FAFSA Completion Dashboard

State Overview

Arizona FAFSA Completion Dashboard | Summary View

Click on a county in the map to filter to the school districts/charter holders and schools in that county. Click on a school district/charter holder name in the table to view the schools in that school district/charter holder. Click on a school name to be taken to the High School View page and view details about that school. To reset the page after clicking on counties and/or school districts/charter holders, click the **Reset** button. To find a specific high school, go to the High School Search page.

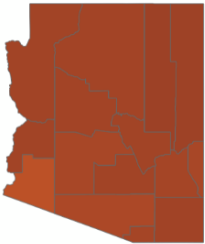


5% of Arizona High School Seniors have completed the FAFSA

\$13.4M estimated Pell Grant eligibility for Arizona

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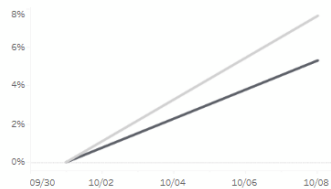
Current FAFSA Completion Rate by County



Current FAFSA Completion Rate



State FAFSA Completion Rate by Week



Current FAFSA Completion Rate by School District/Charter Holder

School District/Charter Holder	FAFSA Completion Rate
Academy of Building Industries, Inc.	6%
Academy of Tucson, Inc.	29%
Accelerated Learning Center, Inc.	3%
Agua Fria Union High School District	6%
Ajo Unified District	7%
American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Alta Vista High School	7%
American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Apache Trail High School	4%
American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Crestview College Preparatory High Sc	4%
American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Desert Hills High School	7%
American Charter Schools Foundation d.b.a. Estrella High	6%

Notes

Green FAFSA Completion Rate in the tables above indicates School or District/Charter Holder is a FAFSA Finish Line Program Participant.

Total State Pell Grant Eligibility Estimate is based on the FAFSA Completions of included high schools, the average Pell

Current FAFSA Completion Rate by High School

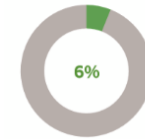
School	FAFSA Completion Rate
AAEC - Paradise Valley	3%
AAEC - SMCC Campus	5%
Academy of Building Industries	6%
Academy of Tucson High School	29%
Accelerated Learning Center	3%
Agua Fria High School	6%
Ajo High School	7%
Alhambra High School	2%
Alta Vista High School	6%

High School View

Current School Year

2021-2022 School Year (Starting Oct 2021, YTD)

FAFSA Completion Rate



374
12th Graders

25
FAFSAs Submitted
23
FAFSAs Completed

Last School Year

2020-2021 School Year (Starting Oct 2020, YTD)

FAFSA Completion Rate



434
12th Graders

47
FAFSAs Submitted
45
FAFSAs Completed

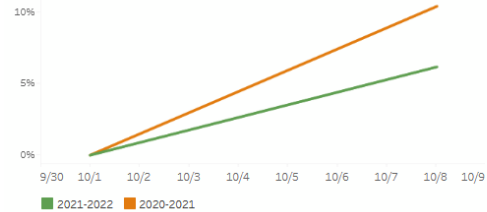
Difference

Difference from last school year (current - last)

-4% point decrease in
FAFSA Completion Rate

22 fewer
FAFSAs Submitted
22 fewer
FAFSAs Completed

Weekly FAFSA Completion Rates



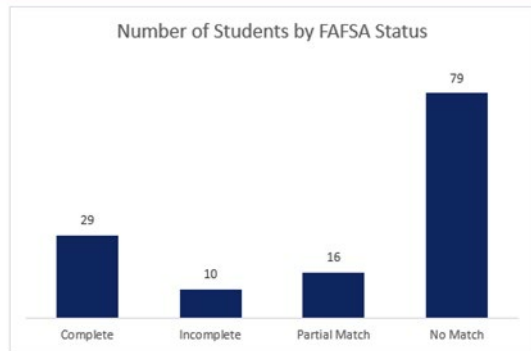
Final FAFSA Completion Rates as of the week of 6/30 in each year



FAFSA Finish Line Data

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Student Last Name	Student First Name	Student Date of Birth	Student Zip Code	Special Use Field	Submitted Date	Processed Date	Selected for Verification	FAFSA Status	Incomplete Reason(s)
1	Last	First	mm/dd/yyyy	12345	987654	mm/dd/yyyy	mm/dd/yyyy	Y/N		
2	Doe	Jan	5/15/1998	85202	876543	10/2/2017	10/2/2017	N	Complete	
3	Cross	Sue	10/1/1997	85203	abcdefg	10/1/2017	10/2/2017	N	Incomplete	Missing Signature(s)
4	Henderson	Adam	12/9/1997	85204					Partial Match	
5	Taylor	Rachel	1/18/1998	85205	987abc				No Match	
6	Williams	Sandy	3/5/1998	85206	abc987	10/1/2017	10/2/2017	Y	Complete	
7										

FAFSA Status	Number of Students
Complete	29
Incomplete	10
Partial Match	16
No Match	79



- Student- Level Data
- Provides detailed FAFSA completion Information
 - Complete
 - Incomplete
 - Verification
 - Missing Signatures
 - student and/or parent
- Schools/ Districts must have a data sharing agreement on file to access the data
 - Valid for 5 years
- Student and high school specific data

FAFSA

BOOT CAMP SERIES

Become a FAFSA expert! This FREE FAFSA training series will provide a comprehensive overview of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This series will provide school counselors, teachers, and college access professionals the skills and knowledge to assist students and families with completing the FAFSA!

Trainings

- Before the FAFSA
- FAFSA 101
- FAFSA 201
- After the FAFSA
- FAFSA Finish Line Data

All webinar recordings and resources are available at:

<https://fafsachallenge.az.gov/fafsa-toolkit/bootcamp>



Arizona's Digital FAFSA Assistant

- **Completely virtual** FAFSA assistance, confidential and secure
- **Robust “knowledge base”** of FAFSA and Financial Aid topics, Arizona-specific content, sensitive mental health responses, etc
- Team of experts managing the bot, **Benji's brain is constantly updated** with new understandings



I'm Benji, your digital FAFSA assistant.

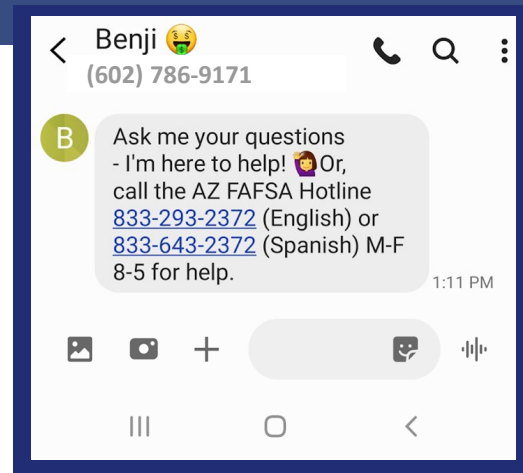
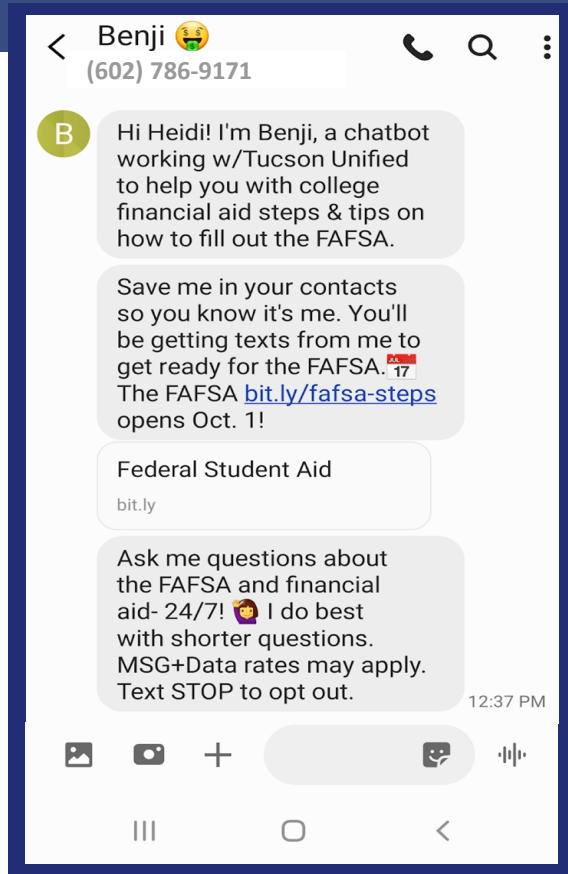
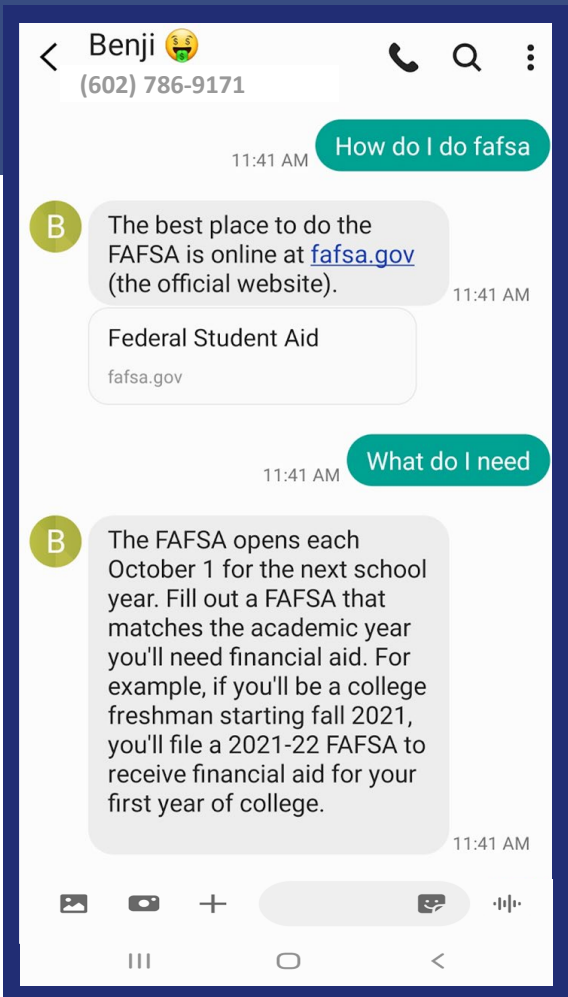
Just text
602.786.8171

Ask Benji

Power of the FAFSA



Leveraging Nudging Technology



FAST FACTS



Chatbot Growth & Expansion

- October 2019: Mesa Public Schools pilot
- **2020-2021: 35 signed agreements**
 - 127 High Schools
 - Representing half of Arizona seniors
- Ten of 15 counties in Arizona
- 37,000+ Benji users
 - Students, Parents, Educators
- 2.2.+ million messages sent/received
- 678 topics in Knowledge Base
- Less than 10% opt out rate
- www.AskBenji.org and [@BenjiFAFSA](https://twitter.com/BenjiFAFSA)



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WHAT WE OFFER TO STUDENTS

1:1 Virtual Meetings - assist with college application processes and career exploration and provide near-peer support.

College Awareness - help facilitate campus visits, tours and college fairs.

FASFA Help - assist students in applying for federal aid and facilitate understanding between the different types of aid.

College Applications - assist students in the application process by helping them create lists for “safety, match and reach” schools.

SAT/ACT - ensure students are prepared for SAT/ACT to maximize test scores.

Transitions - help students transition from high school to post-secondary education.

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