



# Arizona College Connect

• Innovative FAFSA database that provides authorized high school and district personnel with their studentlevel 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 <u>84% more likely</u> 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)

#### **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

### Student-Level FAFSA Data

Does the student have a FAFSA on file?

IF Yes-

•Incomplete FAFSA – Missing Student/Parent Signatures/ SSN Not Matching/ Citizenship/Etc.

**FAFSA File** 

Match Status

- •Complete FAFSA Selected for Verification
- •FAFSA Submitted Date
- •FAFSA Processed Date

**ADE Roster** 

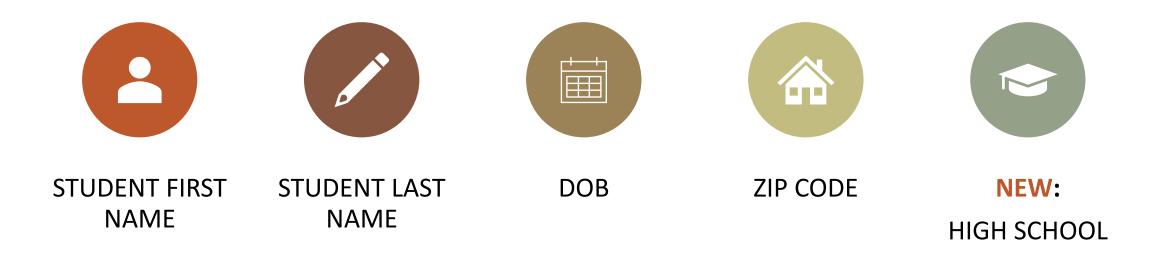
•IF No- Resources and strategic outreach

## Student Roster Summary

This roster lists your senior cohort, FAFSA Status, Student Status

#### Student Roster 🔅

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123456	Test High School	Emilio	Grant	No Match	Enrolled		
122345	Test High School	Gene	Chavez	Matched	Enrolled		
1234567	Test High School	Juan	Smith	Partial Match Birthdate Error	Enrolled		



# Enhanced Matching Criteria

# Editing Partial Matches

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#### Student Roster 🕸

	sais id $\sim$	School Name $\vee$	First Name $\vee$	Last Name $\vee$	Birthdate $\vee$	Zip Code $\vee$	FAFSA Match St $\vee$	Match Evaluation $\vee$	Edited by $\smallsetminus$	Edited Date an
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# Partial Match

Student Roster 🔅

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# 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.

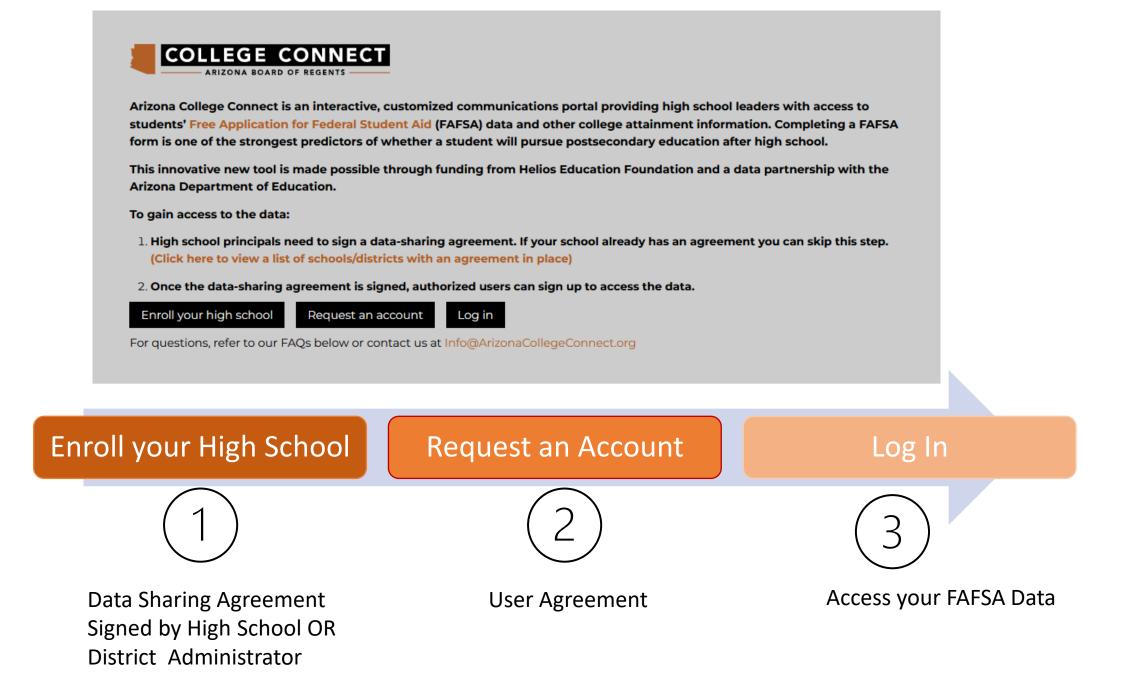
Enroll your high school

Request an account

Log in

For questions, refer to our FAQs below or contact us at Info@ArizonaCollegeConnect.org

https://www.azregents.edu/fafsa/arizona-college-connect



### 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



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



### 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 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?

O Yes

O No



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. UNLESS THE USER IS NO LONGER IN THEIR ROLE.

# Phase I Implementation

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

- 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 early December 2023
- The FAFSA will launch in December 2023
- FAFSA Data will be available in January 2024

# Adding or Deleting a Student Record

# Deleting a student Record

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#### **Deleting a Student Record**

If you have a student who is no longer enrolled at your high school, click on the student your high school roster. A separate window will pop up with the student's information.

Click the status drop-down menu and select "not enrolled." Click "save."

#### This removes the student from your roster.

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* Birthdate	English Language Learner		Custom Field Three
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Deleting a Student Record "Unenroll"

#### Adding a Student to the Roster

On the homepage menu, click on "roster," then "student roster summary."

#### Click on the "+New" button.

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	123457	Test High School	No Match	Sarah	Garcia	2/1/2005	12355		
	123748	Test High School	Vatched	Jamie	Day	3/5/2005	12345		
	123758	Test High School	No Match	Carol	Lee	3/7/2005	12345		

A window will pop up for you to enter student information. Fill out the information and click "save."

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#### Required fields:

- Student SAIS ID
- Student last name
- Student first name

- Student birthdate
- Student zip code
- School entity ID number

The other student demographic fields are optional.

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- Student Information- Name, DOB, Zip Code
- FAFSA Application Status
- FAFSA Incomplete Status
- FAFSA Application Year
- Selected for Verification Y/N
- FAFSA Submitted Date
- FAFSA Processed Date
- FAFSA Match Status



# New Features

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# Better FAFSA Form Updates

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



# Communication

### 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

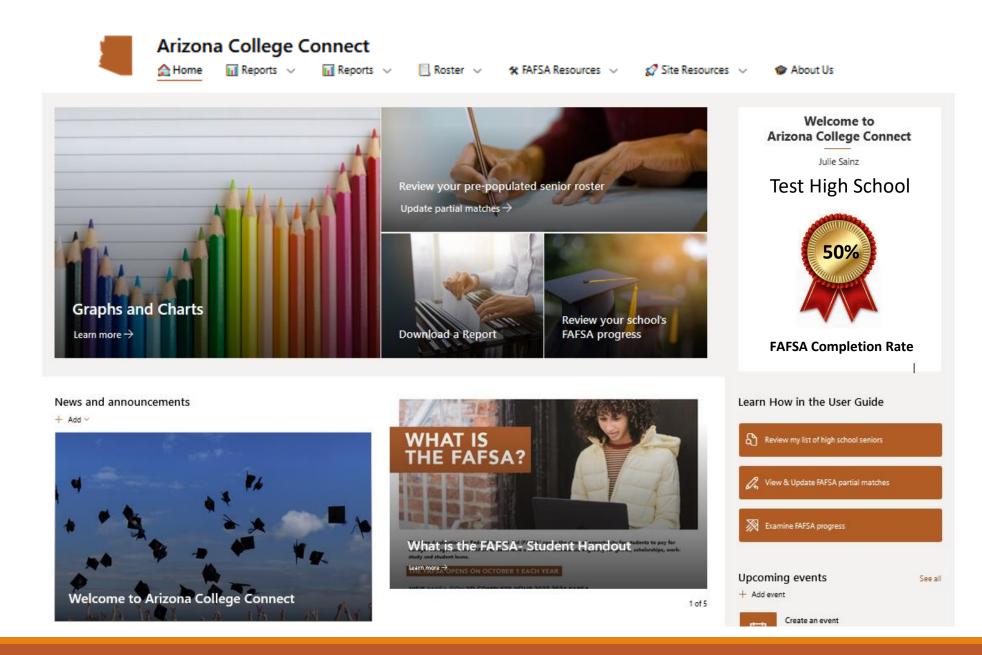
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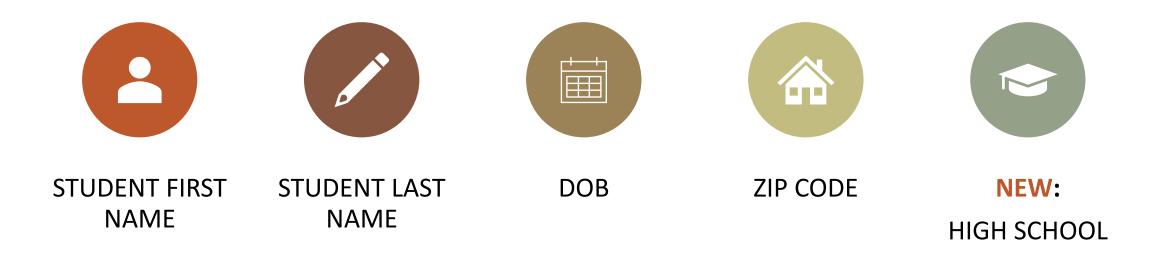


Embedded FAFSA Challenge Awards

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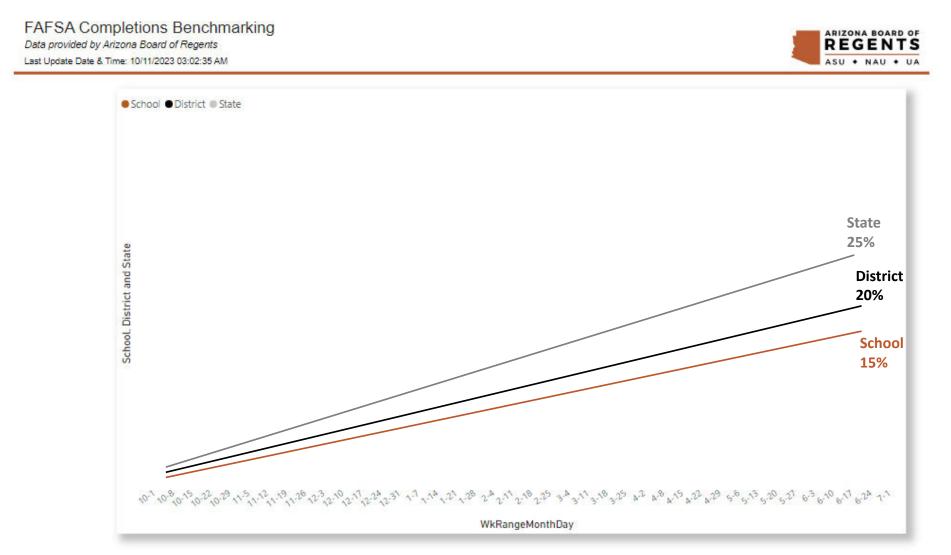
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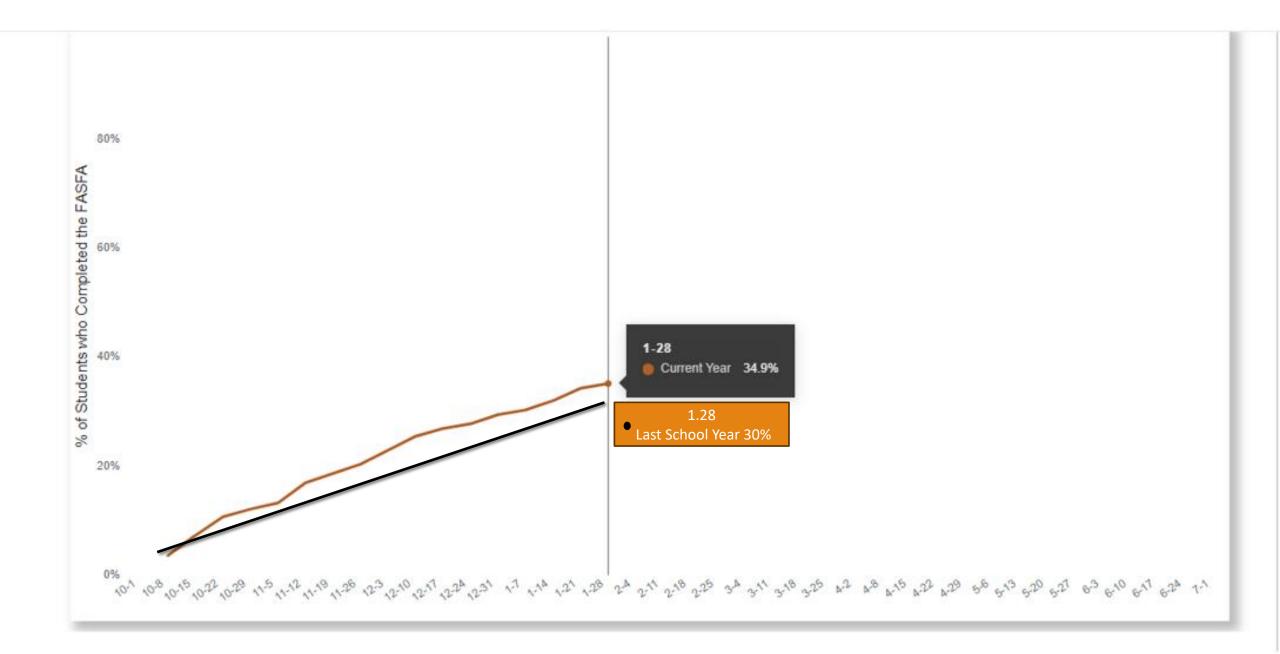




# Enhanced Matching Criteria

### Added Data on Reports





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#### Student Roster 🖈

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		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



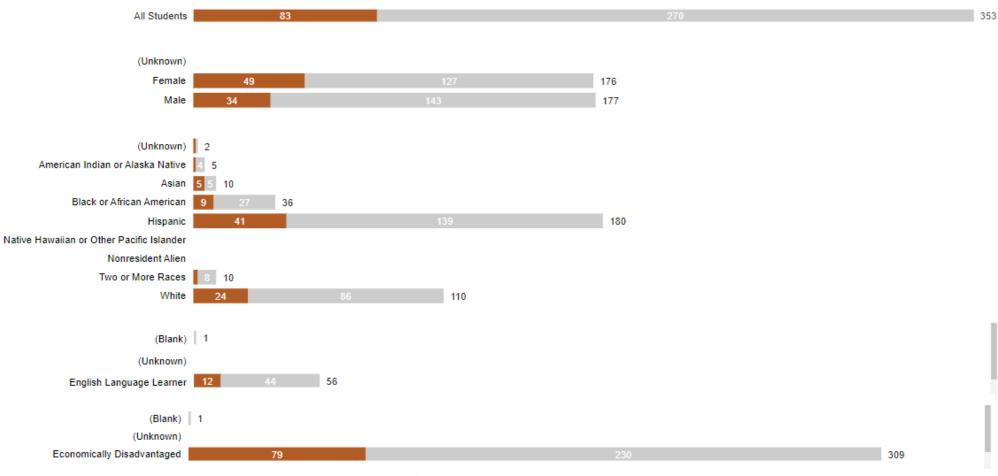
#### All Students by FAFSA Application Match Status

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137	6	353
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123	14	353
AFSA Applications by FAFSA Year		

### Report: Current Year Overview





Completed Incomplete or No FAFSA





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

Confirm that you have a user agreement on file



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



Review and edit your senior rosters if needed.



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





#### Over 13,000 site visits Over the Last 90 Days

**311** Unique viewers

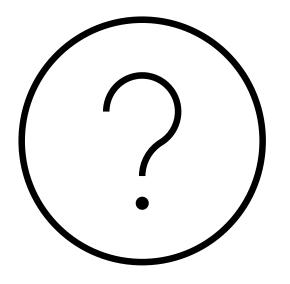
#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"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









### Thank You



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