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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.

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Helios Education Foundation

ARIZONA Department of Education

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)

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.
- Complete FAFSA – Selected for Verification
- FAFSA Submitted Date
- FAFSA Processed Date

- IF No- Resources and strategic outreach

Student Roster Summary

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

Student Roster ☆

SAIS ID	School Name	First Name	Last Name	FAFSA Match St...	Match Evaluation	Student Status	Sign-off status	+ Add column
122345	Test High School	Amy	Delgado	Matched		Enrolled		
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		

STUDENT FIRST NAME

STUDENT LAST NAME

DOB

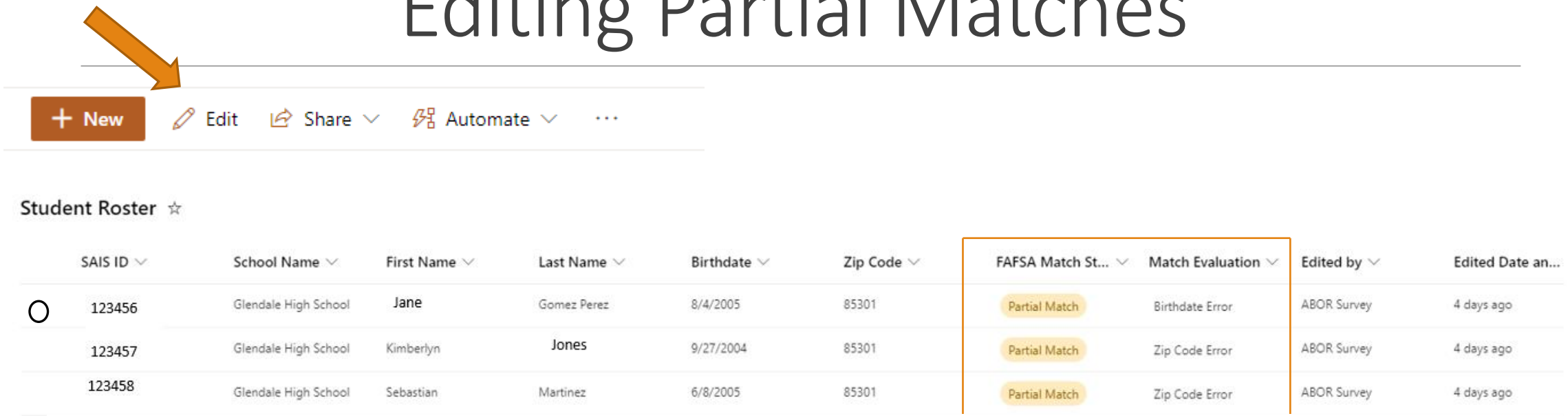
ZIP CODE

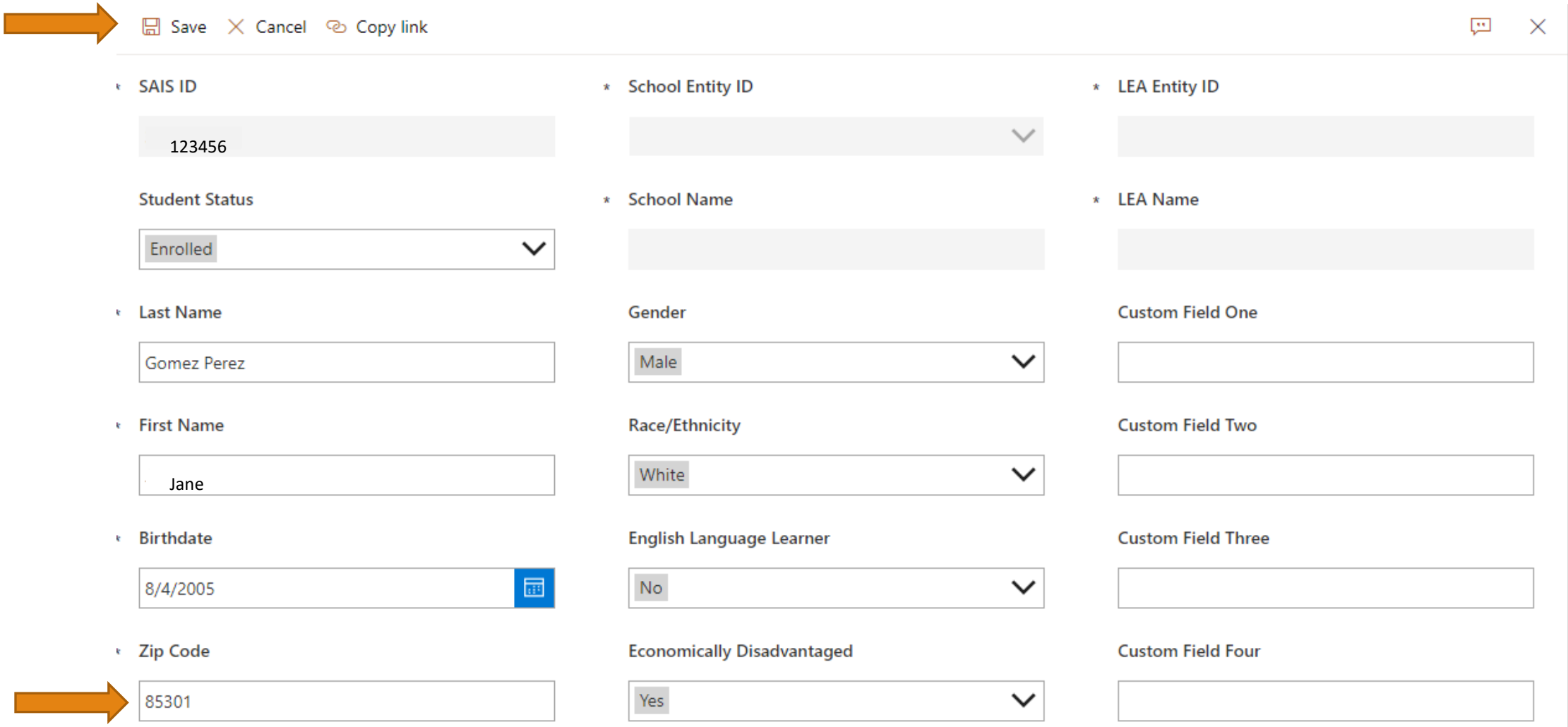
NEW:

HIGH SCHOOL

Enhanced Matching Criteria

Editing Partial Matches

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Student Status
Enrolled
School Name
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Gomez Perez
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Male
Custom Field One
First Name
Jane
Race/Ethnicity
White
Custom Field Two
Birthdate
8/4/2005
English Language Learner
No
Custom Field Three
Zip Code
85301
Economically Disadvantaged
Yes
Custom Field Four

Partial Match

Student Roster ☆

SAIS ID	School Name	First Name	Last Name	Birthdate	Zip Code	FAFSA Match St...	Match Evaluation	Edited by	Edited Date an...
123456	Glendale High School	Jane	Gomez Perez	8/4/2005	85301	Match	Birthdate Error	ABOR Survey	4 days ago
123457	Glendale High School	Kimberlyn	Jones	9/27/2004	85301	Partial Match	Zip Code Error	ABOR Survey	4 days ago
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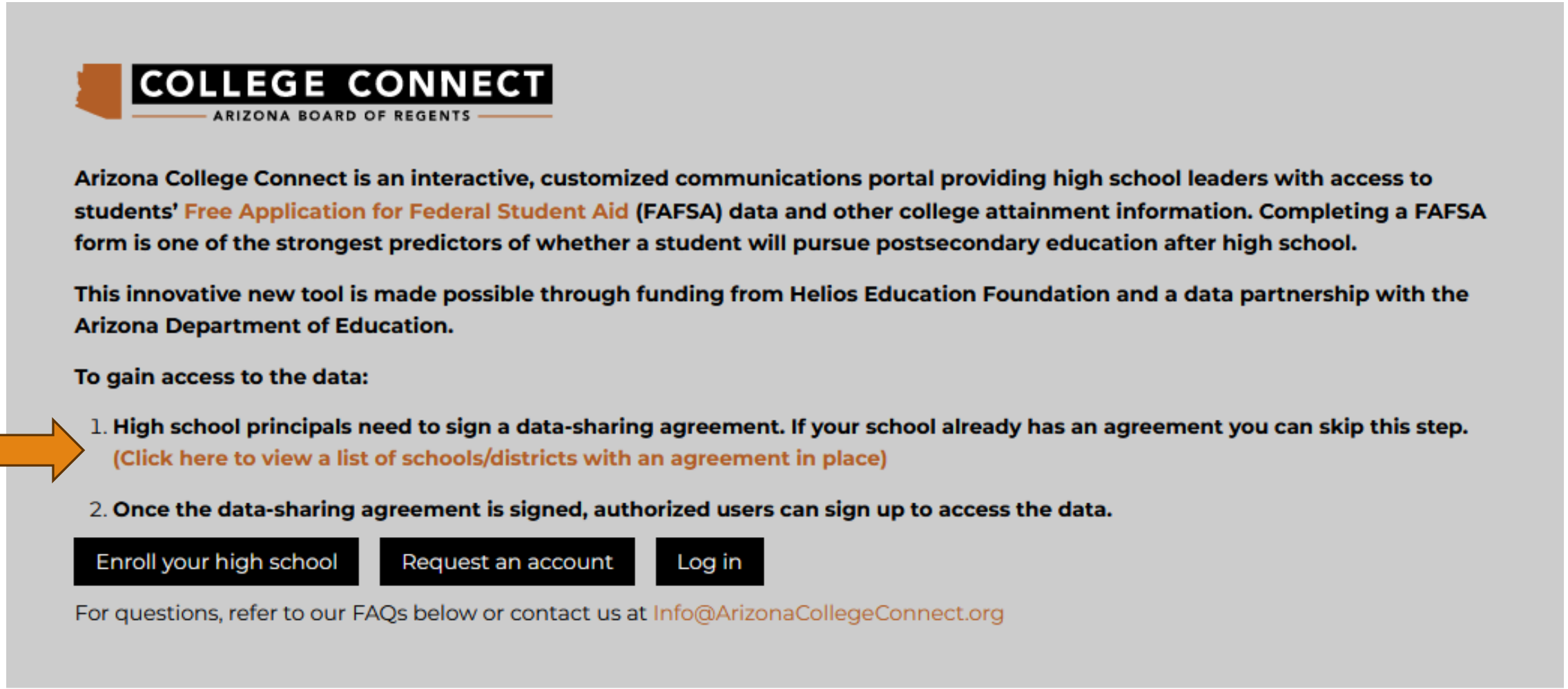
Setting up Access



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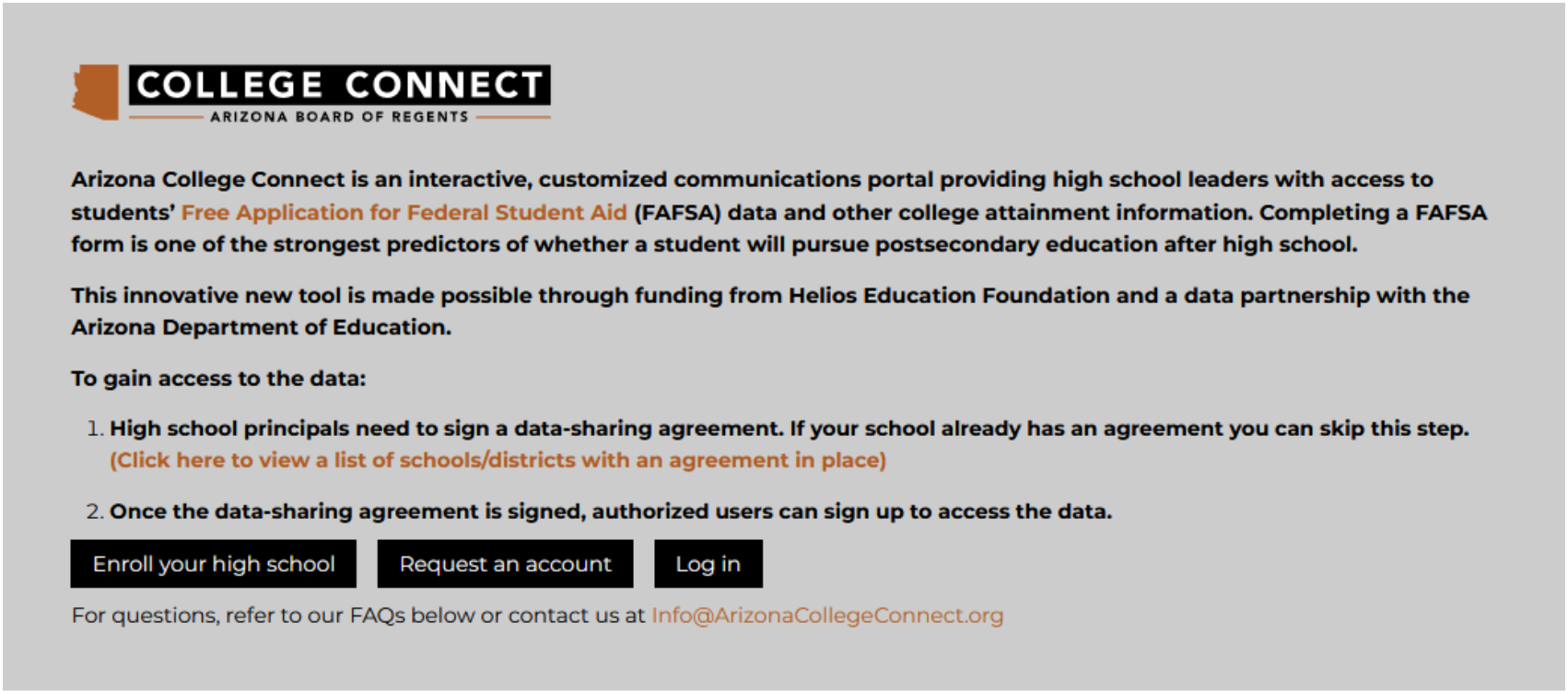


Enroll your High School

Request an Account

Log In

1

2

3

Data Sharing Agreement Signed by High School OR District Administrator

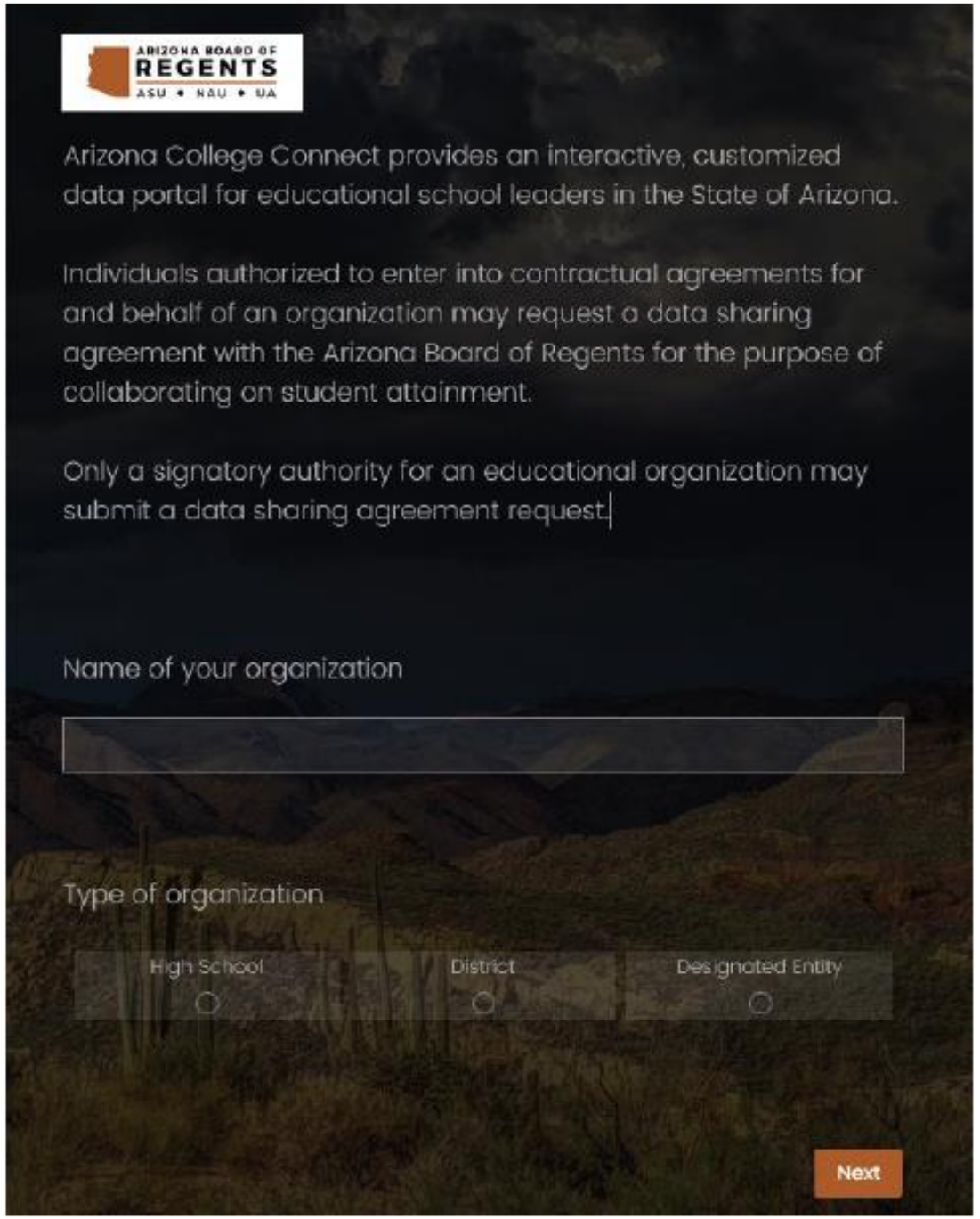
User Agreement

Access your FAFSA Data

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



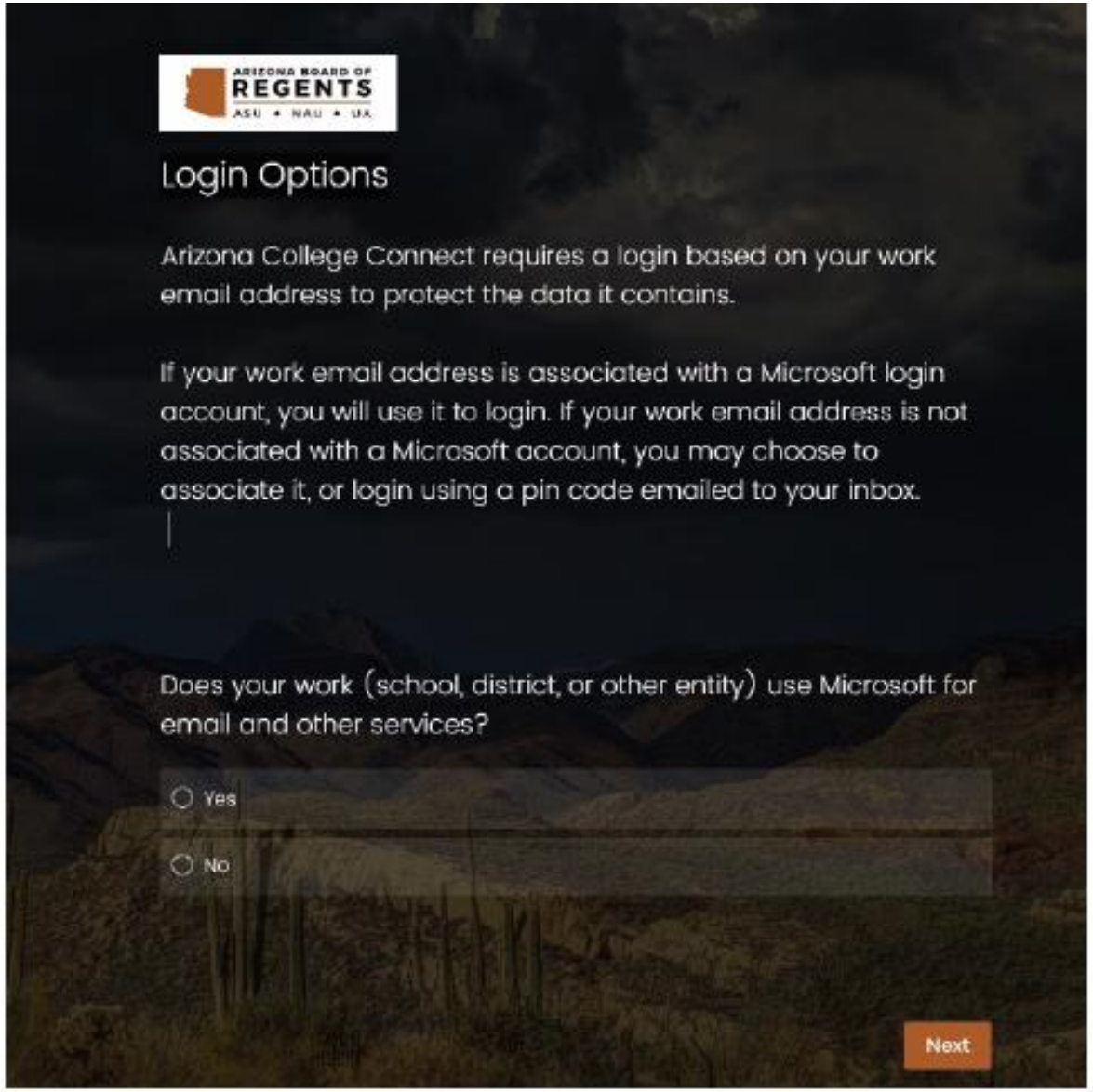
User Agreement

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



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

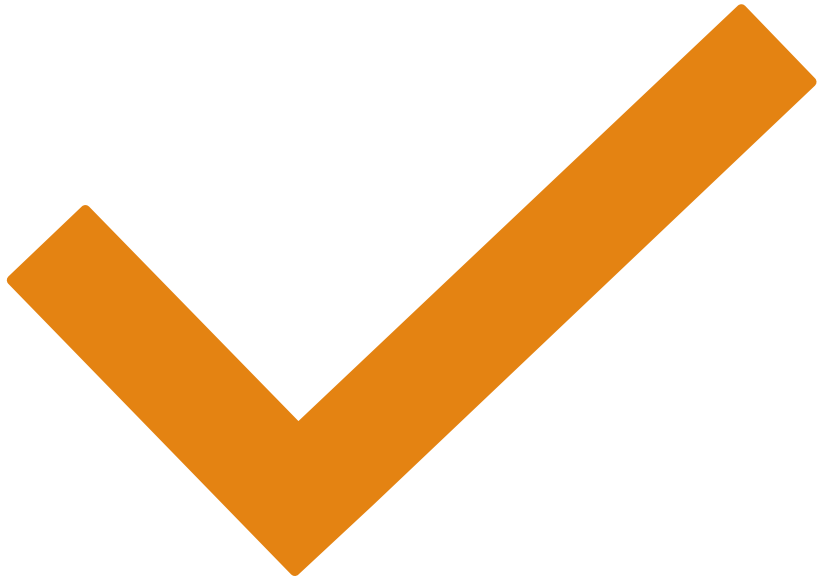
Student Demographic Data

FAFSA Completion Status Reports and Graphs Updated Nightly

Instant Partial Match Edit Updates

FAFSA Resources/Tools

Targeted Outreach

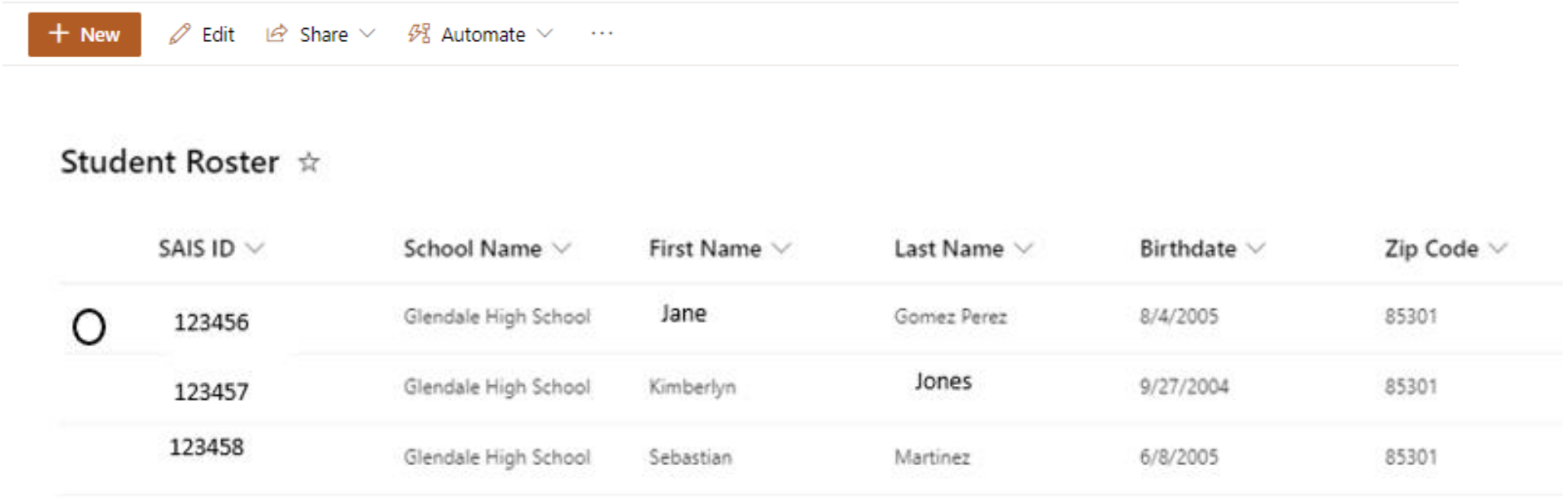


Senior Rosters

- 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

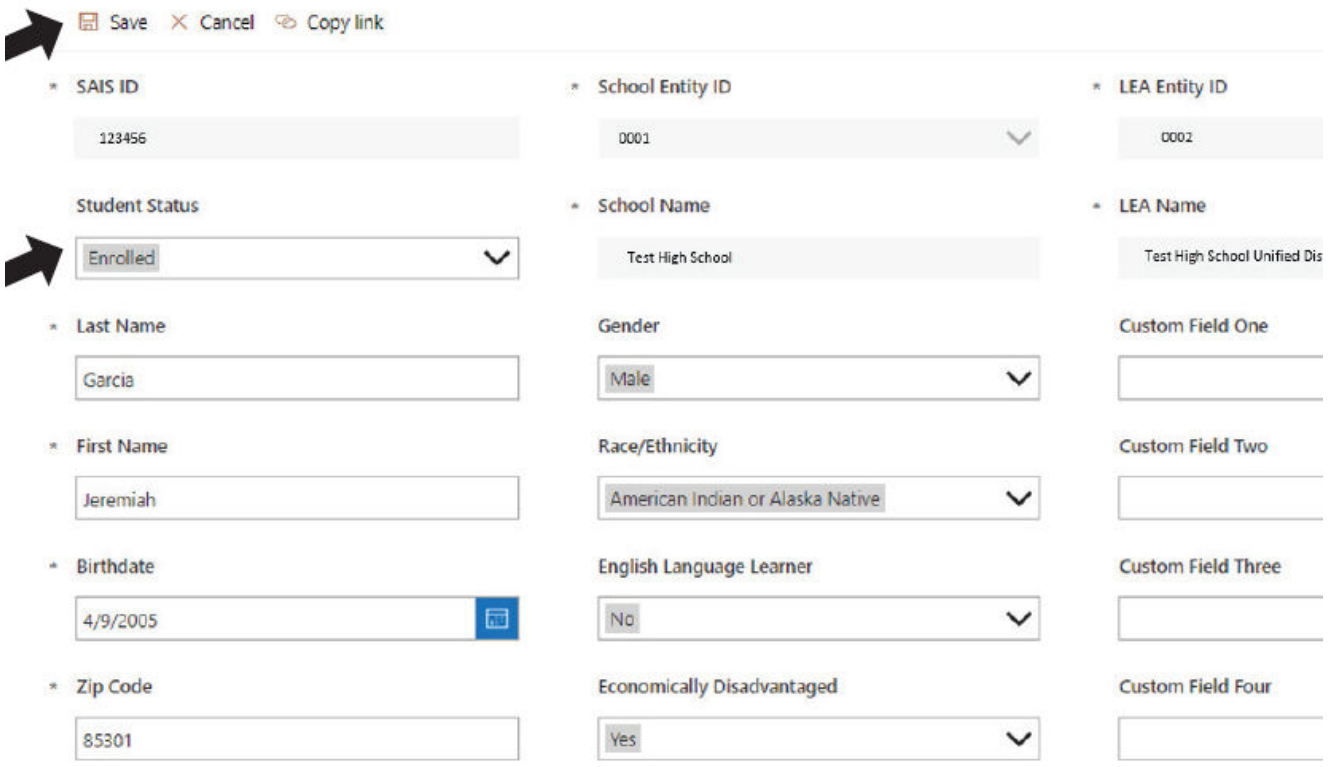


Deleting a Student Record

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.

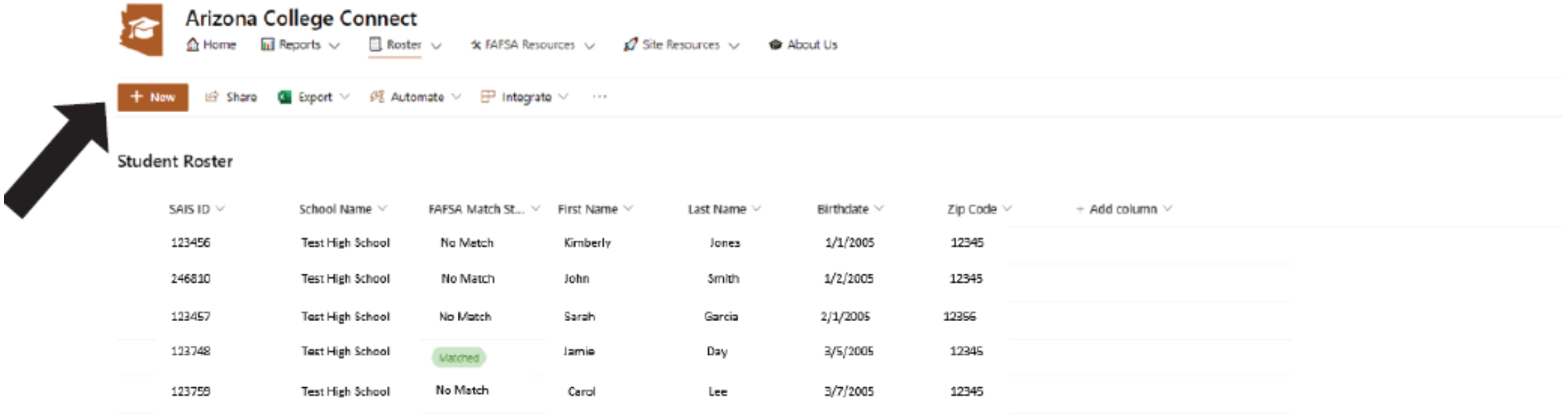


Deleting a Student Record "Unenroll"

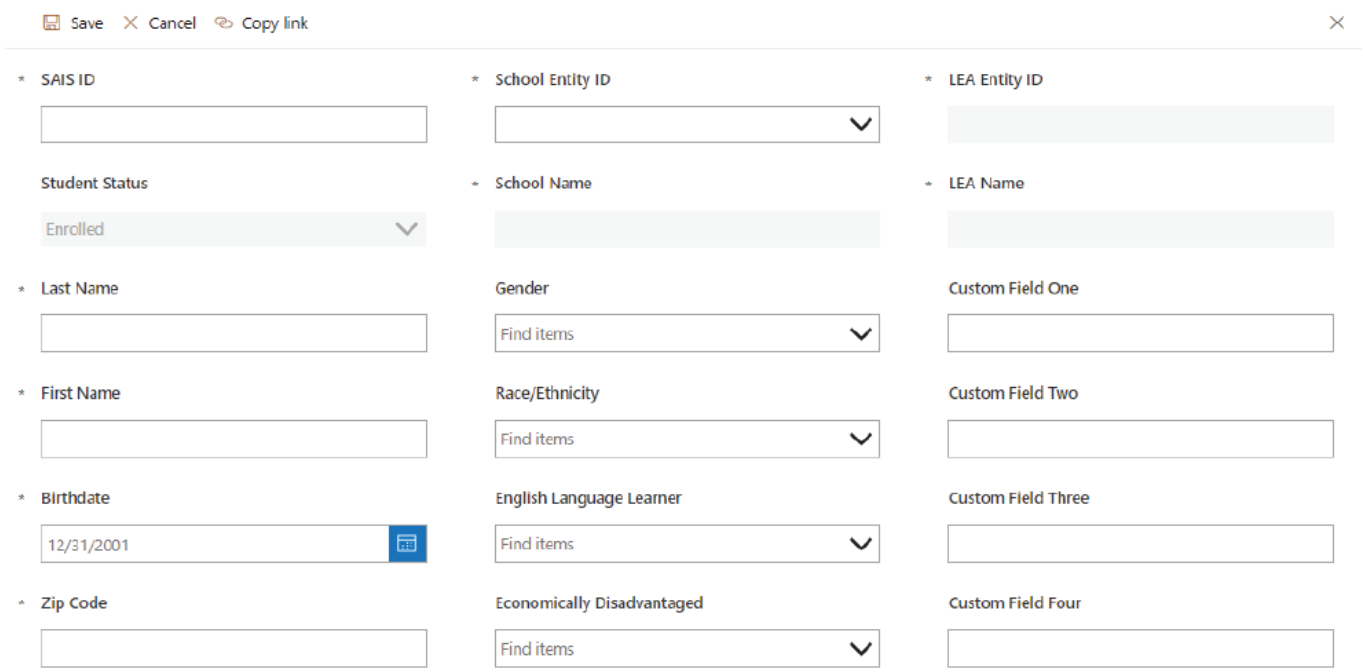
Adding a Student to the Roster

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

Click on the "+New" button.



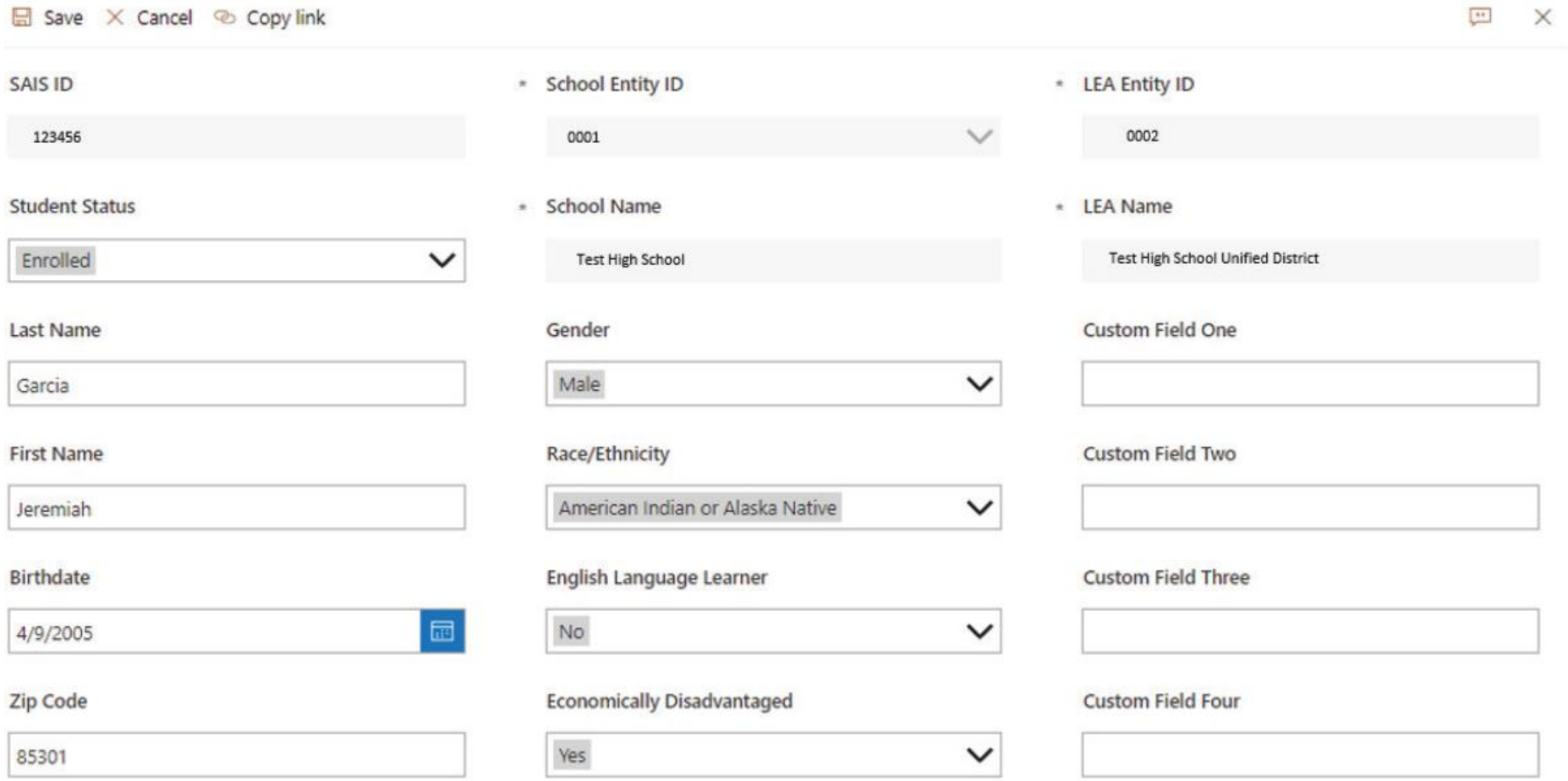
A window will pop up for you to enter student information. Fill out the information and click "save."



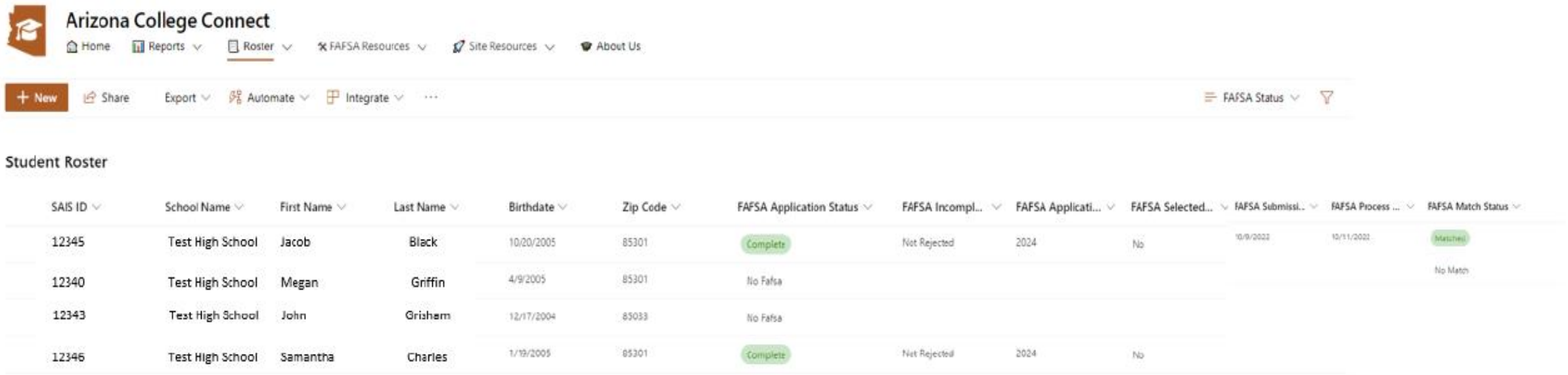
Required fields:

- 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.



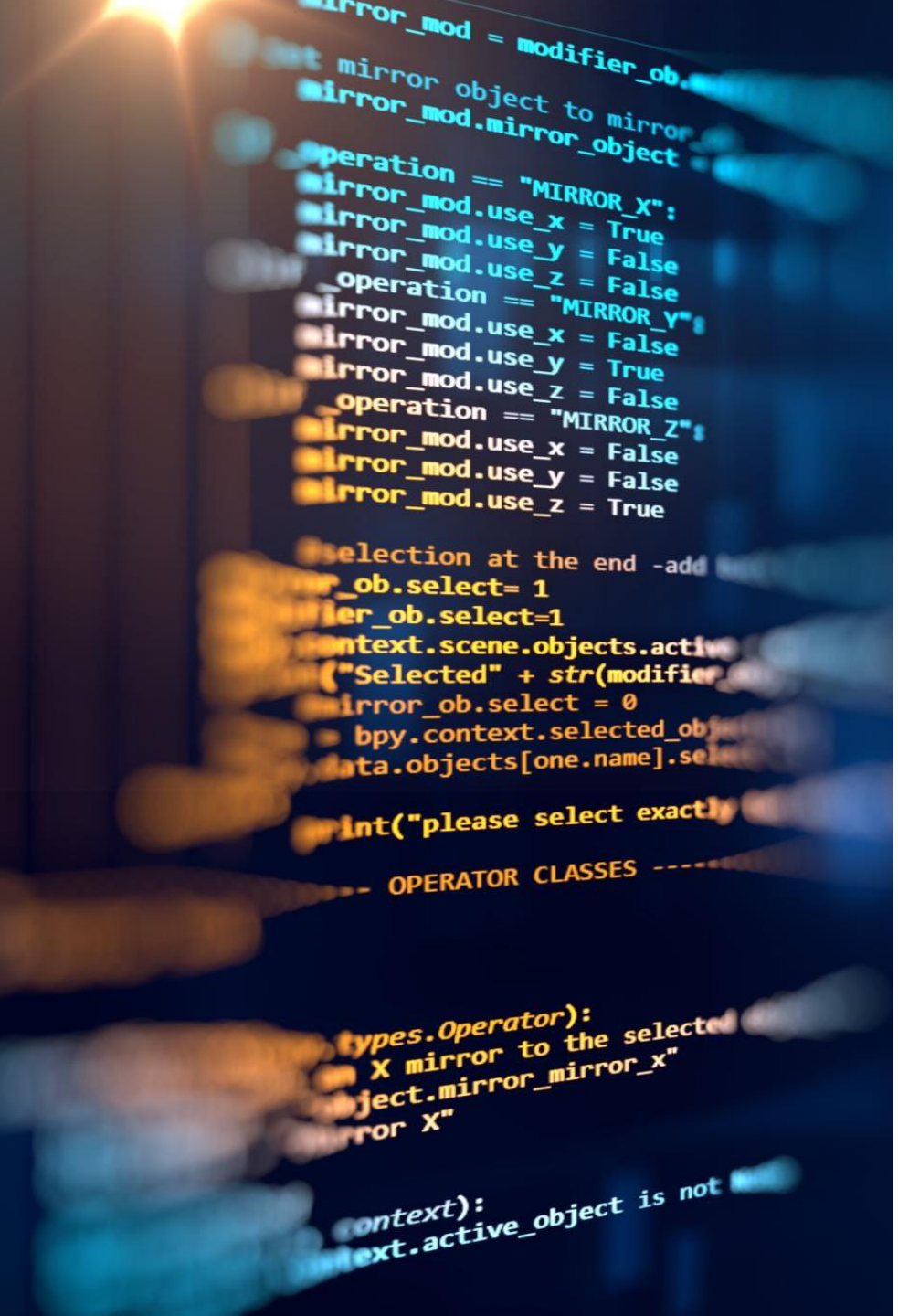
Editing Function



- 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

FAFSA Status

New Features



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

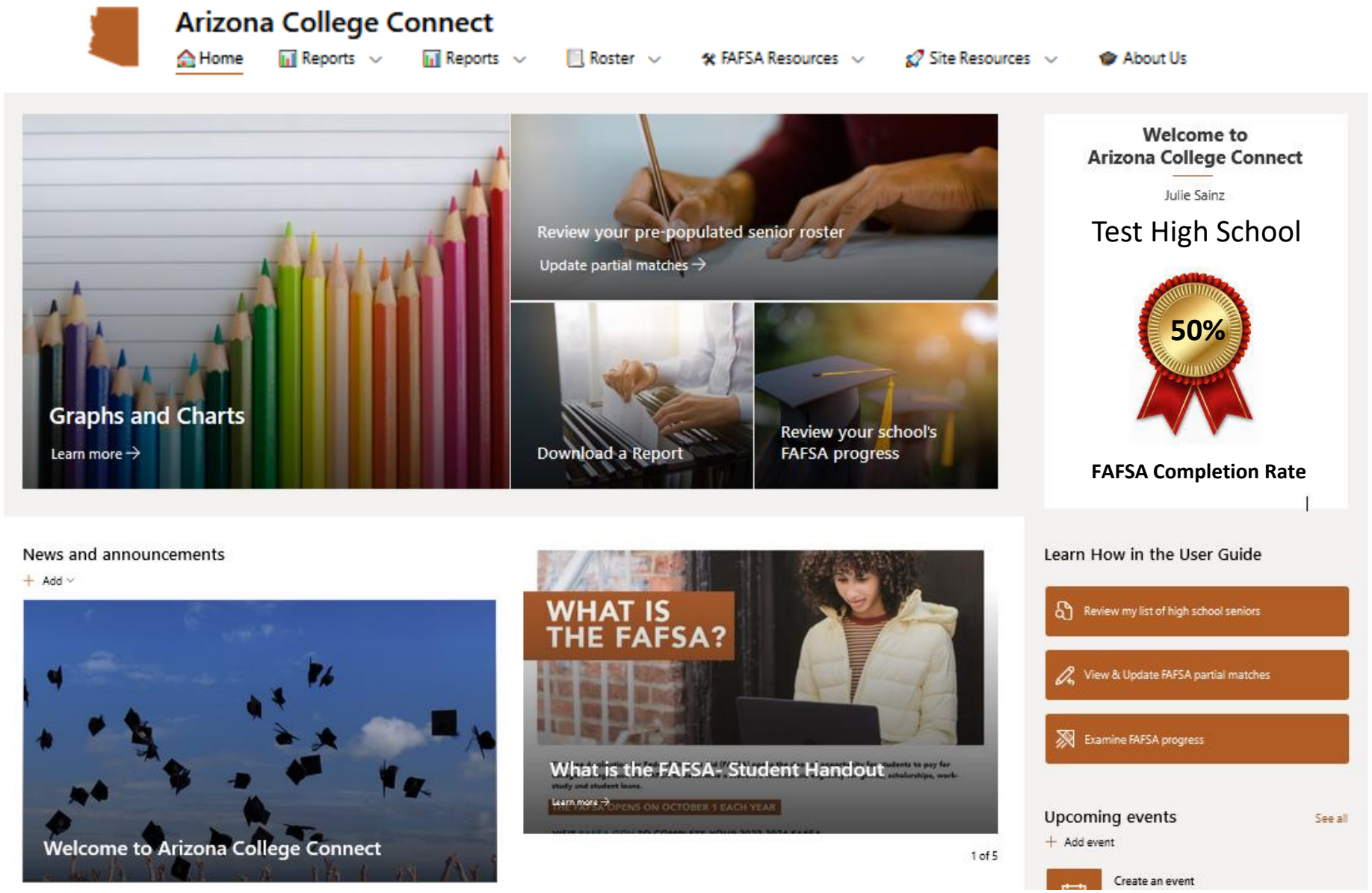
Examples:

Schools FAFSA Completion Rate has increased compared to last year

Less students are completing the FAFSA this school year.

Badging

- 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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About Us
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
50%
FAFSA Completion Rate
News and announcements
Add
Welcome to Arizona College Connect
WHAT IS THE FAFSA?
What is the FAFSA- Student Handout
Learn more
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

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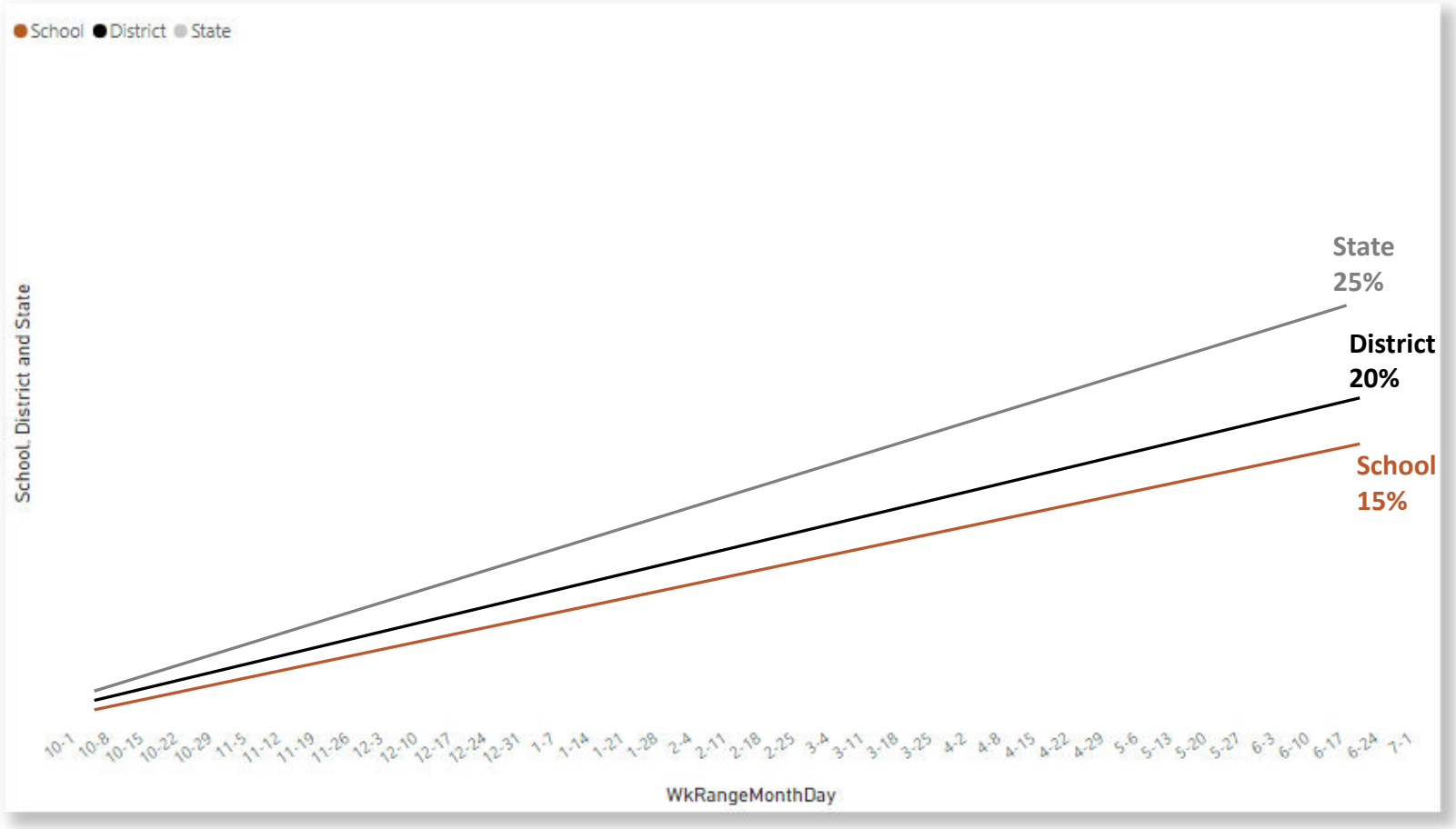

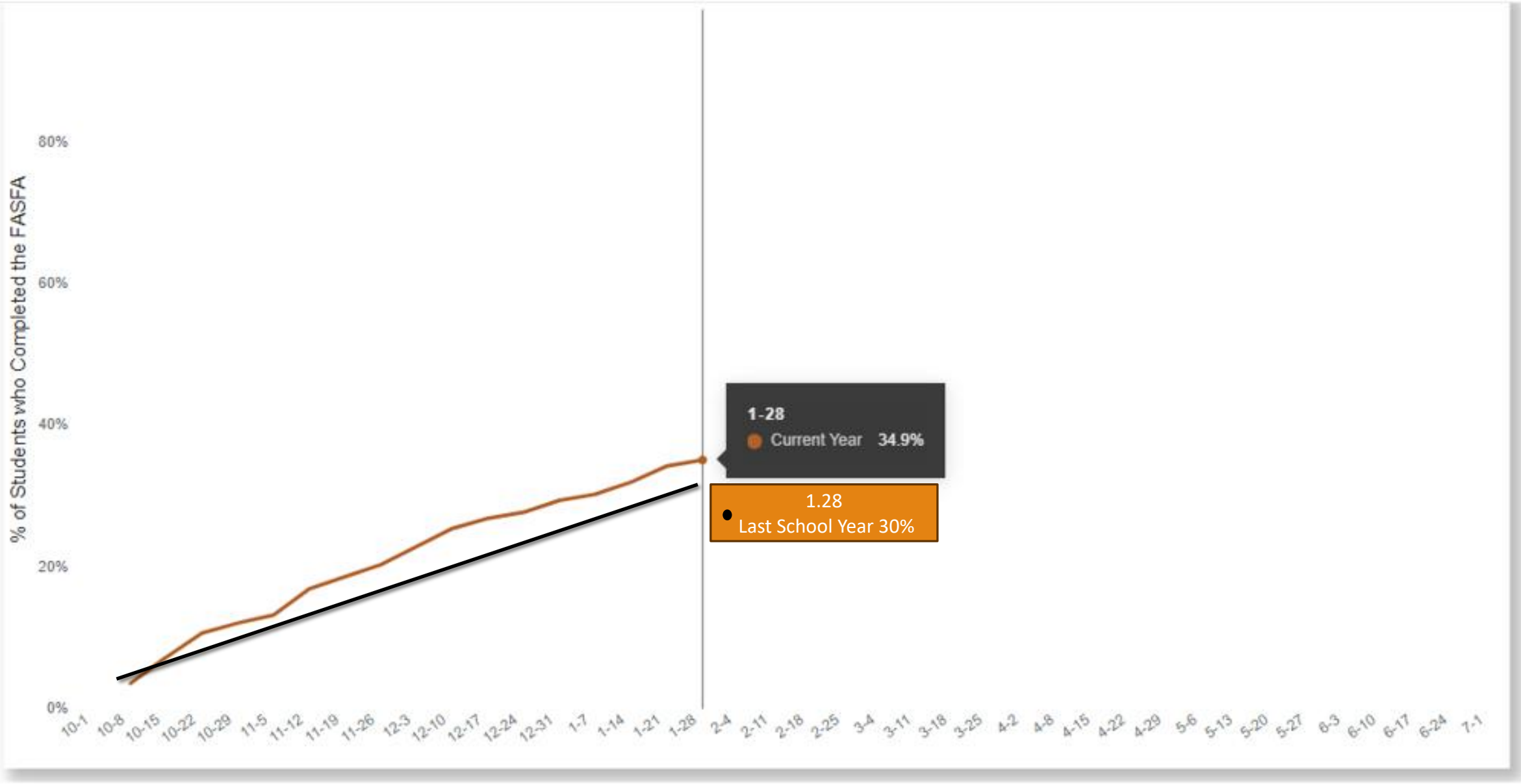
% of Students who Completed the FASFA
80%
60%
40%
20%
0%
1-28
Current Year 34.9%
1.28
Last School Year 30%
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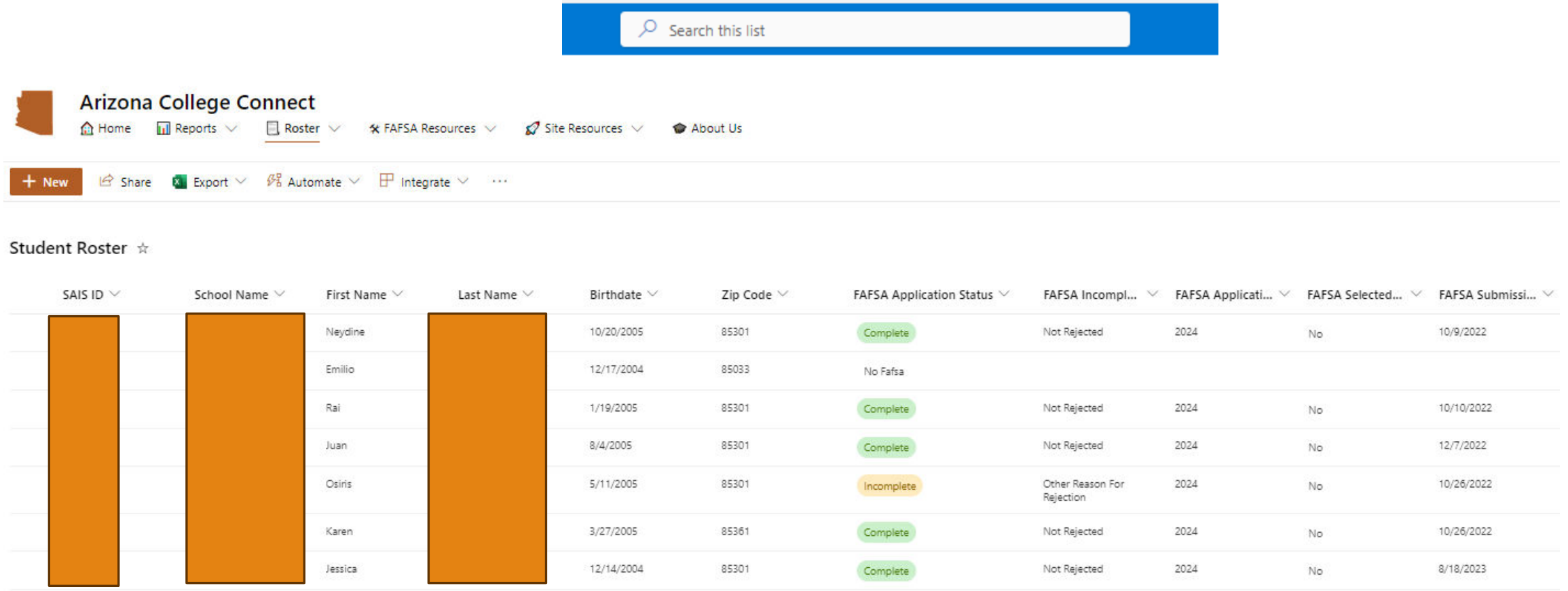
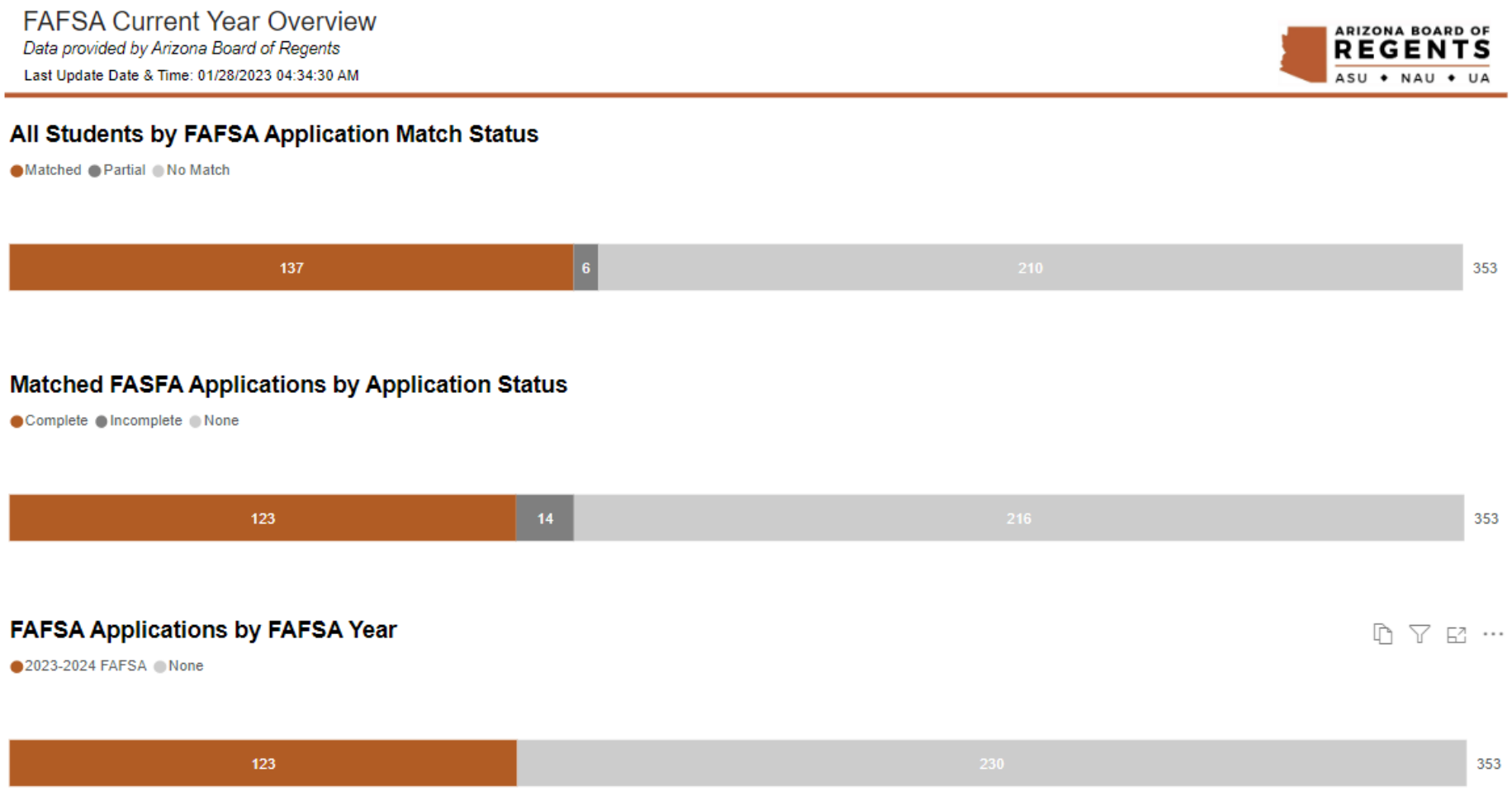


Faster upload times and Filtering



Report: Current Year Overview

FAFSA Completions by Demographics

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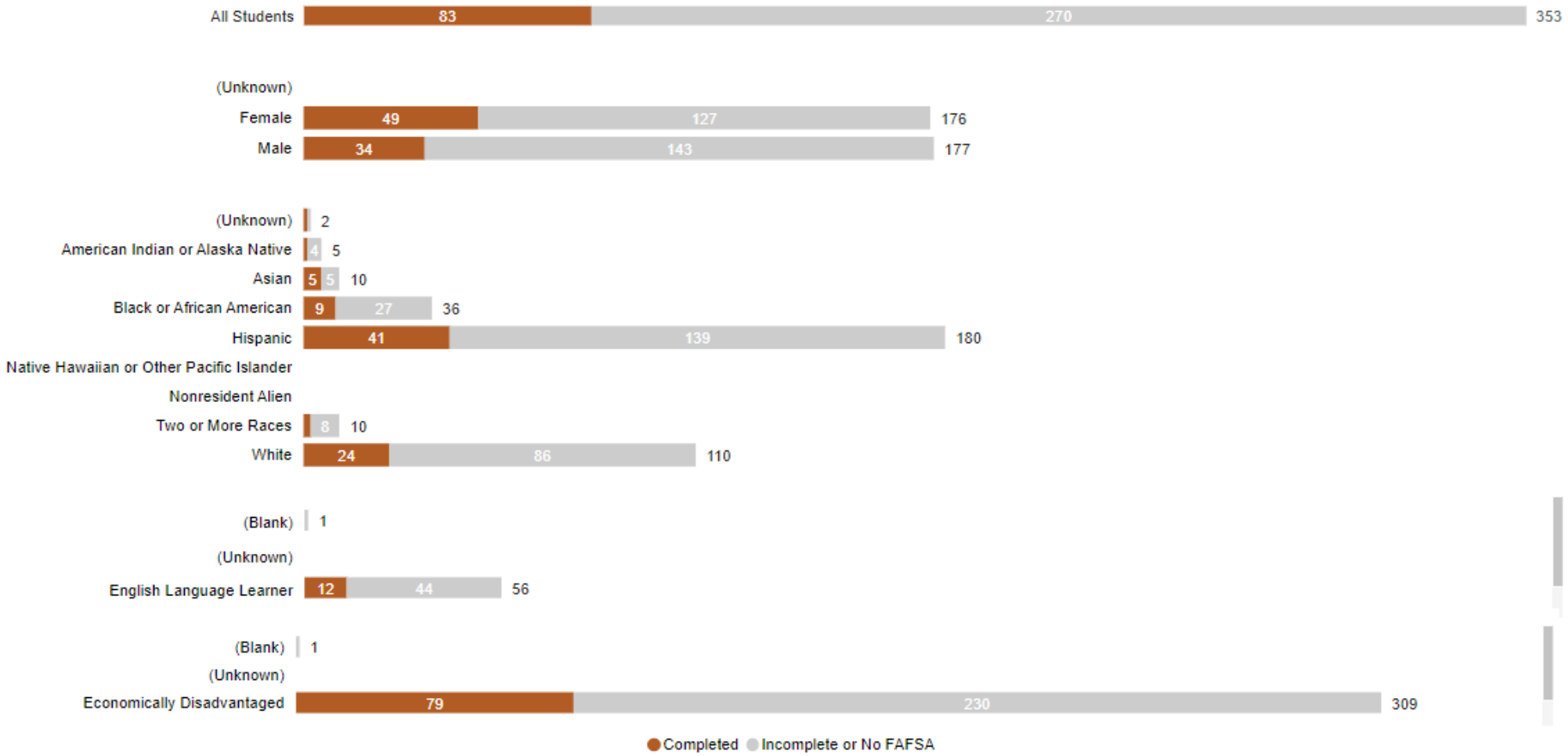

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Confirm that your high school has a data-sharing agreement on file

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

Data as of April 4, 2023

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

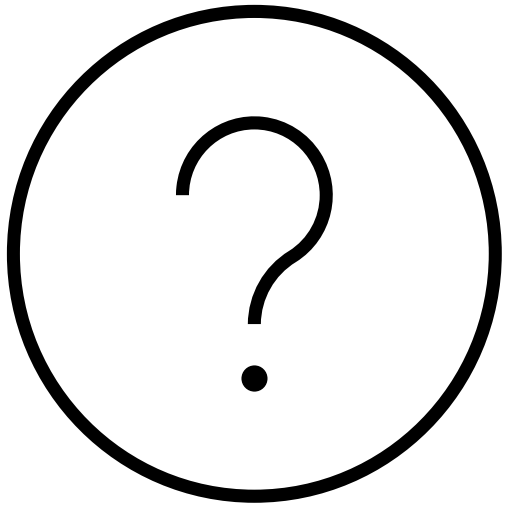
TESTIMONIAL

"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

Data as of April 4, 2023

Questions?



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Thank You

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