What Data Tells Us About College Going and Increasing FAFSA Completion in Arizona: A Playbook for Success

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Understanding the Relationship Between FAFSA Completion and College Going
Understanding the Opportunities

Poverty and College Going

- Percentage of students going to college
- Percent on free or reduced lunch

FAFSA Is A Leading Indicator Of College Going

- Percentage of seniors completing FAFSA
Current College Going Rate: 49%

If you increased college-going rate 10% over 4 years:

Increase in Lifetime Learnings for Selected School Areas: $1,175,845,118

Increase in Funding for Local Governments: $386,124,076
• Partner school districts further honed their use of data to inform strategies to support student success.

• More than 202,000 students took the ACT College Entrance Exam.

• FAFSA completion rates at CKG schools increased by 10 percent.

• Postsecondary enrollment rates at CKG schools increased by 4 percent.

• The ACT has been included as part of the menu of assessments.

• College and career readiness and FAFSA completion rates have been integrated into the statewide A-F accountability formulas.

Key Elements of the Program:

District and School Support for:

• FAFSA Completion
• ECAP Planning
• College Applications
• ACT Examination Fees

New Pilot: College Readiness Teams
FAFSA Playbook

- Have a Goal
- Plan Events
- Provide Incentives
- Have a Deadline
- Get the Community Involved
- Participate in Professional Training