



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors  
County and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: **AB 469 FAFSA/CADAA Completion Requirement and Opt-Out Form**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) notifies school districts, county offices of education, and California charter schools of the new AB 469 requirement per [California Education Code Section 51225.7](#). Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are required to confirm that high school seniors complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Students may alternatively complete an opt-out form, which shall be collected and retained by the high school. These requirements apply beginning with the 2022-23 school year for the 2023-2024 FAFSA/CADAA application cycle that starts on October 1, 2022.

The Commission initiated the rulemaking process to establish a model opt-out form and to establish a model acceptable use policy for data collected by the LEAs in compliance with California Education Code Section 51225.7. The Commission's proposed regulations received final approval from the Office of Administrative Law on May 10, 2022. [Approved regulations and model opt-out form are accessible on the Commission's website.](#)

### Purpose and Applicability

- A model opt-out form for LEAs to document their high school seniors who elect not to submit or are determined to be exempt from submitting the FAFSA or CADAA in accordance with California Education Code Section 51225.7 (c) and (d).
- A model acceptable use policy for the secure handling of parent, guardian and student personal information gathered by the LEAs pursuant to California Education Code Section 51225.7 (e)(2).
- The CSAC Regulations provide a model opt-out form for LEA use. The regulations do not require that schools or LEAs use the CSAC provided model opt-out form. However, LEAs are encouraged to seek guidance from their counsel regarding the statutory requirement relating to use of the model opt-out form.
- Completion of FAFSA or CADAA, or an opt-out form, is not a high school graduation requirement.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all California students receive consideration for financial aid opportunities to help them attain their educational goals.

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