



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Superintendents, Principals, and Counselors

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SUBJECT: **March 2 FAFSA/CADAA Submission Rates**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to share initial results of submission rates for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) following the March 2 state financial aid priority deadline.

Attached is a letter from the Commission's Executive Director, Marlene Garcia, to school leaders in recognition of all the efforts to date in support of the [All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act](#) campaign, aimed to provide additional tools and resources to schools to help all high school seniors complete their financial aid application pursuant to the new law in [California Education Code \(CEC\) Section 51225.7](#). Some of the key highlights include:

- A 17.5% increase of FAFSA/CADAA March 2 submissions from high school seniors over the previous year.
- Also, while a smaller increase, there was a 1.6% increase for California Dream Act students over last year.
- California now ranks 7th in the country for FAFSA completions, up from 18th in the country last year.

Please share this communication and the attached letter with your district superintendent, school principal, and any other k-12 leader that would benefit from this information.

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Enclosure: Letter to School Leadership