




SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **FAFSA / DREAM ACT Completion Program**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces its FAFSA / DREAM ACT Completion Program Agreement (Agreement) for school districts, secondary schools and Local Educational Agencies.

- The FAFSA Completion Initiative is an initiative through which the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) is partnering with state student grant agencies to allow these agencies to provide secondary schools, school districts, and certain designated entities with limited, yet important, information on student progress in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.
- In order to comply with the Department's new FAFSA Completion Initiative, the Commission requires all high schools and school districts to enter the Commission's FAFSA / DREAM ACT Completion Program Agreement beginning now and no later than June 30, 2015.
- The FAFSA / DREAM ACT Completion Program agreement, allows schools and school districts to receive certain FAFSA and California Dream Act (CADA) application filing status information for their students.
- WebGrants provides high schools with the ability to upload Cal Grant GPA data, access reports and use online services. Because the Commission shares FAFSA / CADA completion data through WebGrants, beginning July 1 of 2015, a signed FAFSA / DREAM ACT Completion Program Agreement in addition to the [System Access forms](#) will be required to gain/maintain access to the WebGrants System.
- School districts, secondary schools and Local Educational Agencies can download a copy of the [Agreement](#) from the Commission's website www.csac.ca.gov by selecting the High Schools tab and the FAFSA/DREAM ACT Completion Program link. Once completed and signed, please send it to the Commission:
 - If using US Postal Service, please return to:
California Student Aid Commission
Program Administration and Services Division
ATTN: Institutional Support
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Rancho Cordoba, CA 95741-9028

- If using another delivery service, return to:
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11040 White Rock Road
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- Submit the signed agreement by June 30, 2015

If you have any questions or need further guidance, please contact the Commission's Institutional Support at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov or at (888) 294-0153

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