



SPECIAL ALERT

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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: County and District Superintendents
High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: 2019-20 Race to Submit Winners

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019-20 Race to Submit statewide campaign, aimed to increase the number of high school seniors who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA). The Commission hereby recognizes the high schools with the highest completion rates in the state of California.

- The campaign took place between October 1, 2018, and the March 2, 2019, Cal Grant deadline; encouraging a friendly competition between California public high schools to increase 2019-20 FAFSA/CADAA submissions.
- The 2019-20 [Race to Submit Dashboard](#) tracked submissions of Grade Point Averages (GPAs) and completion rates of FAFSAs/CADAA for scoring purposes. This new scoring is in recognition of the importance of satisfying both components for students to receive Cal Grant High School Entitlement award consideration.
 - The 2018-19 Race to Submit scoring was based on completion rates of FAFSAs/CADAA only.
- Winners represent the top three high schools across eight tiers based on student population. For purposes of the Race to Submit competition, the Commission used the certified census enrollment data as reported by the California Department of Education, which may differ from current enrollment counts.
- An extra population tier was added this year to further recognize the efforts of highly populated schools. Level 8 now recognizes schools with student enrollment greater than or equal to 801.
- The winners will be invited to participate in the Race to Submit award ceremony that will take place in Indian Wells, on November 14, 2019. Each winning school will be honored with a Race to Submit banner to commemorate their accomplishment.

The Commission thanks all public high schools that participated in this year's Race to Submit, and honors high school counselors, teachers and administrators for positively impacting the lives of California students. The Commission looks forward to celebrating the 2019-20 winners and encourages all superintendents, presidents, and school counselors to prepare for the upcoming 2020-21 Race to Submit for the continued success of your students.

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Enclosure: 2019-20 Race to Submit Leaderboard Winners

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