

Males of Color Initiatives in America's Great City Schools: Expanding FAFSA

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City School System	Expanding FAFSA (8)
Anchorage	Continue ELL workshops for families; conduct Title VII workshops for families; promote FAFSA through TRIO in three high schools; provide support through CTE/counselor coordinators and promote FAFSA completion in three high schools.
Cincinnati	FAFSA completion is built into M.O.R.E. high school clubs.
Clark County (Las Vegas)	Historic Black College and University Tours Affiliations with Fraternal and Sorority programs at schools. Gear Up Partnerships
Cleveland	Increase number of Males of Color who complete the FAFSA. Expand College Now program.
Dayton	Create baseline for all students completing FAFSA and disaggregate by gender and ethnicity. Participate in country's first "Signing Day" for college acceptance.
Denver	Strengthen partnerships with higher education and pre-collegiate mentoring providers. Establish accountability for FAFSA and post-secondary applications. Start identifying middle-school students.
Duval County	Will begin collecting quarterly data on numbers of Males of Color who have completed FAFSA form. Set goals to have District School Counseling Office to increase attendance at Financial Aid Nights at each high school as well as College Goal Sunday held each spring.

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Fort Worth	<p>FWISD has college days, which helps students and parents with college admittance. There is a monthly scholarship bulletin made available district-wide that outlines criteria for scholarships from elementary to college. FWISD has district-wide college financial aid nights hosted at each traditional high school from January through March. In the college and career classes and programming, financial aid workshops are given for both parents and students in both English and Spanish. FWISD has strong educational partnerships with every major college and university in the north Texas area that provides peer-to-peer mentoring for college access. FWISD works with UNCF and MACE to help students receive scholarships. UNCF provided over 50% of the scholarships to young men of color.</p>
Hillsborough County	<p>Continue the partnership with the Florida HBCU Alliance to increase numbers of students of color who enroll in college.</p> <p>Promote and increase participation in the Black/Brown College Bound program in partnership with Hillsborough Community College.</p> <p>Strengthen marketing to all high schools and CTE schools of College Goal Sunday, a student and parent workshop geared to increase FAFSA completion rates.</p>
Louisville	Design new dashboard that charts participation in scholarships and FAFSA
Miami-Dade County	<p>Create opportunities for universities and colleges to present information on college readiness, financial aid applications, FAFSA completion, and admissions requirements to Males of Color.</p> <p>Require 12th grade Males of Color to complete FAFSA forms at school computer labs.</p> <p>Meet monthly with school-level student services staff to monitor FAFSA submissions.</p>

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Orange County	<p>Work with guidance offices and directors to develop a protocol to report on progress of Males of Color who complete the FAFSA process.</p> <p>Meet with parent groups on the importance of the FAFSA forms. Schedule annual meetings for parents of students who are in junior class.</p> <p>Meet with sponsors of the Minority Leadership Scholars to increase the numbers of Males of Color who complete FAFSA.</p> <p>Monitor effects of the effort and make adjustments.</p>
Palm Beach	<p>We have required all high school students to participate in FAFSA workshops facilitated by school guidance counselors. At our Title I schools the graduation coach ensures that all males of color complete the FAFSA form.</p>
Portland	<p>Have GEAR UP and AVID participants complete FAFSA.</p> <p>Have counselors at schools not participating in GEAR UP or AVID provide needed support to Black and Latino males in completing FAFSA.</p> <p>Collecting data monthly on numbers of Males of Color who have completed FAFSA form (through All Hands raised program).</p>
Sacramento	<p>Culturally relevant Supplemental providers and Youth Development staff support boys of color, foster youth and Men's Leadership Academy students with FAFSA participation.</p>
Toledo	<p>Naviance</p> <p>Graduation coaches</p>