



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3333.303 Statewide FAFSA support system.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "FAFSA" means the free application for federal student aid.

(2) "Public schools" means school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and STEM schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(B) The chancellor of higher education shall designate a statewide system of FAFSA support teams to support public schools with FAFSA completion and college access programming. The chancellor shall divide the state into regions based on available resources and assign at least one FAFSA support team to operate in each region. A FAFSA support team may include existing efforts by educational service centers, colleges and universities, and community-based organizations.

(C) The chancellor shall do all of the following in administering the statewide FAFSA support system:

(1) Develop with state and local stakeholders a comprehensive, multiyear, and statewide strategy for increasing FAFSA completion in this state that coordinates the new and ongoing efforts to increase completion at the state and local level;

(2) Oversee the selection and coordination of FAFSA support teams;

(3) Provide continuous information updates to FAFSA support teams;

(4) Identify strategies that have been successful nationally to increase FAFSA completion and college access and share them with stakeholders in this state;

(5) Develop and expand partnerships with existing organizations that work to expand college access



and success for the purpose of assisting high school students in this state;

(6) Partner with states that have implemented FAFSA requirements to learn best practices.

(D) Each FAFSA support team shall do all of the following:

(1) Offer FAFSA programming and training for all public schools in the team's region, including supplementing existing programs;

(2) Provide annual updates on FAFSA changes to all public schools in the team's region;

(3) Coordinate and financially support FAFSA and college application completion events for public schools in the team's region;

(4) Contribute to the marketing of local FAFSA and college access events;

(5) Analyze FAFSA data and report the results of that data to the chancellor;

(6) Partner with local institutions of higher education to expand current strategies and services to public schools in the team's region;

(7) Commit to participate in professional development regarding any updated FAFSA requirements;

(8) Develop new strategies to increase FAFSA completion rates based on the team's knowledge and experiences.