

Instruction

**POLICY TO IMPROVE COMPLETION RATES OF THE
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)**

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The Fairfield Board of Education (the “Board”) understands that completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”) is an important step in the path to postsecondary education and is associated with higher rates of college enrollment. The Board is committed to educating about the FAFSA for students enrolled in the Fairfield Public Schools (the “District”).

In order to improve the completion rates of the FAFSA by students enrolled in grade twelve, the District shall develop a systematic program through which such students are educated about the purpose, provided information resources and content, and encouraged to complete the FAFSA, as may be necessary and appropriate. The Board directs the Superintendent or designee to develop administrative regulations in furtherance of this policy.

Any information contained in a FAFSA, held by the District, shall not be a public record for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act and thus shall not be subject to disclosure under the provisions of section 1-210 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Board may accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, to implement the provisions of this policy.

Legal Reference:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10a-11i
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-223m

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