Information for Parents & Students Attending a FAFSA Completion Event

Verified FAFSA IDs Are Required Prior to Event

All FAFSA completion event attendees (students and/or parents) need to have a verified FSA ID. If you arrive without an FSA ID, it is unlikely you will also be able to complete your FAFSA at the event (it can take up to three days for an FSA ID to be verified). We can help you obtain your FSA ID at the event, but it would be better if you can do it in advance. You can obtain your FSA ID here.

Important Changes to FAFSA Completion Procedures

Each Contributor Must Complete Their Own Section of the FAFSA
Previously, a parent could complete both the student and parent portions of the FAFSA. Now, the student and parent must each complete their own portion of the FAFSA. If both student and parent attend the event, we will help you fully complete and submit the form. However, if only the parent or the student attends, we will help you complete your own portion of the form and give you instructions on how to email the other “contributor” to complete their portion of the form and submit. Here is the information you should bring to complete the FAFSA. Be sure to have the email address of the other contributor if you do not attend the event together.

Contributors Must Agree to Use the Direct Link to the IRS Site
Please note FAFSA now requires all contributors to agree to link their FAFSA to the IRS site (even if you know you will not be able to use the direct link and will enter information manually). If you do not agree to the IRS link, any financial information you manually enter into the FAFSA will not be processed. If you do not agree to the transfer, we will be unable to help you complete the form, as we must use our limited resources to help those whose FAFSA will be fully processed.

There Will Be Limited Computers at the Completion Event

Ideally, the student and parent should attend the event together, and the student should bring their FCPS laptop. If a parent does attend without the student, please note we will only have a limited number of computers for participant use. Personal computers cannot connect to the FCPS Wi-Fi at the school, and it is against FCPS regulations to bring a student laptop without the student also being present.