

2012 SENIOR FAFSA SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Table 1. What percentage of AISD's 2012 seniors completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process? The FAFSA completion rate (54%) was the same in 2011 and 2012. This total was consistent with the 58% of seniors self-reporting a FAFSA completion on the AISD High School Exit Survey in 2012. Beginning in January 2011, high school staff had real-time FAFSA completion information for the purpose of supporting and following up with students. This information is presumed to be a contributing factor in the increased FAFSA completion rates after 2010.

	2010 FAFSA completion (<i>N</i> = 4,648)	2011 FAFSA completion (<i>N</i> = 4,453)	2012 FAFSA completion (<i>N</i> = 4,444)
Akins	24.1%	50.3%	46.0%

Who is concerned with college

affordability? Most American families have college affordability concerns (College Board, 2012; Lumina Foundation, 2012; National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, 2002). From 1980 to 2010, average family income declined. Tuition and fees at public universities increased almost 130% over the last 20 years, and the share of family income that is needed to pay for tuition and other college expenses has increased. More students at all income levels are borrowing more money than ever before to pay for postsecondary education.

How much federal financial aid for college do Texas students receive?

College students receive financial aid from three major sources: the federal government, the state government, and the colleges and universities they attend. Of these three, the federal government's contribution is primary.

Nationally, the federal government provided 77 percent of the generally available direct financial aid for students in 2009–2010. In Texas, the federal government's role accounted for 85 percent of aid that year. Texas colleges and universities

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