FAFSA Graduation Requirement

September 24, 2026

Dear Senior Parents/Guardians,

We would like to inform you of an important change in Pennsylvania's graduation requirements.

Under **Act 47 of 2025**, beginning with students graduating in the **2026-2027 school year and beyond**, Pennsylvania law requires high school students to complete and submit one of the following prior to graduation:

- The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)**, or
- A signed **opt-out form** if a student and parent/guardian choose not to complete the FAFSA.

The FAFSA is the primary application used by colleges, universities, career and technical schools, and many scholarship organizations to determine eligibility for federal, state, and institutional financial aid. Completing the FAFSA may help students access grants, scholarships, work-study opportunities, and student loans to support their postsecondary education goals. The FAFSA is now officially open.

Additional FAFSA information is available at:

- **Federal Student Aid:** Home | Federal Student Aid
- **PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency):** PHEAA: One of the Nation's Leading Student Aid Organizations

We encourage all families to explore financial aid opportunities available through the FAFSA and to begin planning early for life after high school.

Please click on this link below to complete this state graduation requirement and indicate your intention. ***This form is required for all senior families*.**

Parent/Guardian Notification Letter: PDE FAFSA Graduation Requirement – Fill out form

Sincerely,

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