



GRANVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S WINNING STRATEGY

Implement 10 after-school events to personally speak with every student and provide hands-on assistance with completing the FAFSA.



01 Resources for Support

Capitalized off of in-person learning by posting flyers around the school, using time during school-wide morning announcements and classes to discuss the importance of completing the FAFSA and steps to take

Shared information early and often in both English and Spanish through weekly newsletters, social media, and group chat messaging apps

Presented to the entire senior class in the Fall semester before the FAFSA opened to get it on their radar, as well as in senior parent meetings in English and Spanish

Campaign trickled down to the juniors who are starting to meet with the college adviser about the college application process and are mentioning the FAFSA!

02 Create a college-going culture

College advisor reached out to students who have not completed the FAFSA and called parents to inform them about the importance of completing the FAFSA

Support provided to students who shared concerns over their and their parent's immigration status, including how this impacts their college-going plans and financial aid situation

Provided counseling support in-person and over the phone/ via messages in Spanish which, along with understanding of navigating the FAFSA with mixed-status families, allowed the adviser to build trusting relationships

Printed FAFSA signature forms and provided stamps/envelopes to mail parent signatures in order to complete the FAFSA

Granville Central High School

Granville County Schools

Located in Granville County, Granville Central High School is home to the Panthers. 60% are students of color. 57% of students are low income. The 2022 senior class has 127 students.

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DATA



Used the data system GRACE (used by College Advising Corps) and Finish the FAFSA to track FAFSA completion rates and family engagement data over the years-this year seeing a 16% point increase in FAFSA completion rates.

PARTNERSHIPS



The school's college advisor, family liaison, and senior counseling team partnered to create and implement the "FAFSA everywhere" awareness campaign with more students taking advantage of the Longleaf Commitment Grant to attend community college with free tuition.

PRO TIP!

"Many students were under the impression that they did not have a chance to go to college even if they were documented students. The largest barrier with this is encouraging the students to take a chance and continue their education. We have a few success stories of students who were planning to go to the workforce, and are now going to college with little to no debt."

56.7%

**FAFSA
completion rate**
as of June 3, 2022

