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NOTE: IF YOUR CHILD *HAS* FILED A FAFSA OR NYS DREAM ACT APPLICATION, OR *WILL* FILE EITHER APPLICATION IN THE COMING MONTHS, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS EMAIL.

Dear Seniors & Parents/Guardians,

You may have read that Governor Hochul introduced the [Universal FAFSA policy](#), which requires that all New York State graduating seniors complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or the [New York State Dream Act Application](#).

We strongly encourage any eligible student who needs financial aid for college to file the FAFSA or Dream Act applications.

However, some students may choose not to file for financial aid for reasons including (but not limited to):

- they have no financial need;
- they are not enrolling in college next year;
- they are [ineligible](#) for federal financial aid and not attending college in NY;
- they are enlisting in the military

In order to ensure that this new policy does not in any way complicate your graduation process, **any student who will not file the FAFSA or Dream Act application must complete [this waiver](#)**. The waiver must include the student's name, OSIS number, and parent/guardian signature (or student signature if 18 years old or over).

Completed [waivers](#) must be delivered to Casey Pedrick, AP PPS in room 222, or emailed to her at cpedrick@schools.nyc.gov by **MARCH 3, 2025**.

Again, if you filed or will file a FAFSA or Dream Act Application this school year, you will not need to complete the [waiver](#).

Please contact your assigned college counselor if you have any questions.