

POLICY

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2200.3 STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR POSTSECONDARY FINANCIAL AID

To increase graduation rates and college enrollment, and to prompt conversation about students' postsecondary plans, the Board of Education encourages every 12th grade student to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the New Jersey Alternative Application (NJAFSA), as appropriate.

The Superintendent is directed to develop and implement at least two FAFSA/NJAFSA evening/weekend workshops per year for families of students in grades 9 through 11, and two mandatory workshops per year during the school day for students in grades 9 through 11. The Superintendent is further directed to publish a list of resources that include instructions on how to complete FAFSA/NJAFSA documentation.

Workshops will be scheduled based on FAFSA/NJAFSA submission timelines, so as to maximize the number of timely application filings by Paterson students.

Implementation of this policy shall begin in the 2021-2022 school year.

Adopted: 21 October 2020

