



ISAC
FAFSA
SYMPOSIUM

Lessons Learned: FAFSA Graduation Requirement

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Agenda

1. West Aurora & FAFSA Completion Requirement
2. Strategies Implemented
3. What Didn't Work & What Worked
4. Goals
5. Questions/Sharing of Implementation Successes

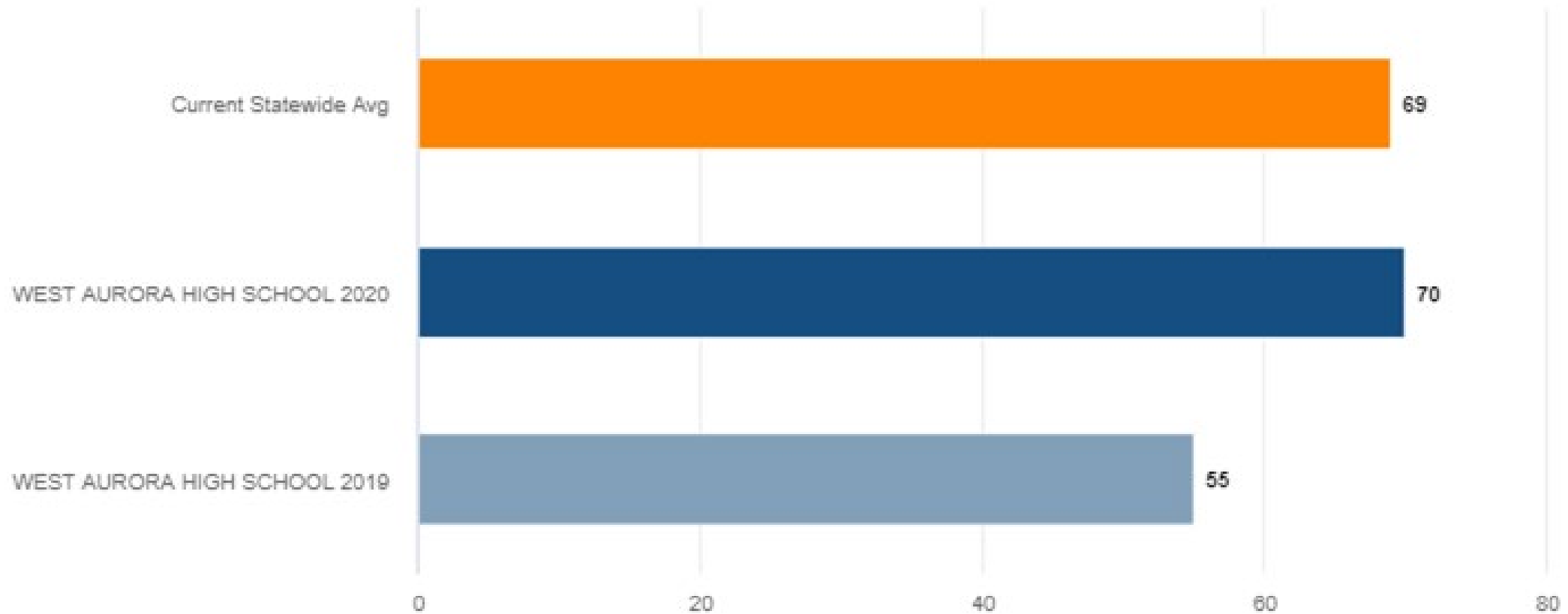
West Aurora High School

- ★ Located in Aurora, Illinois
- ★ Serves approximately 3,700 students
- ★ Diverse population
- ★ House System



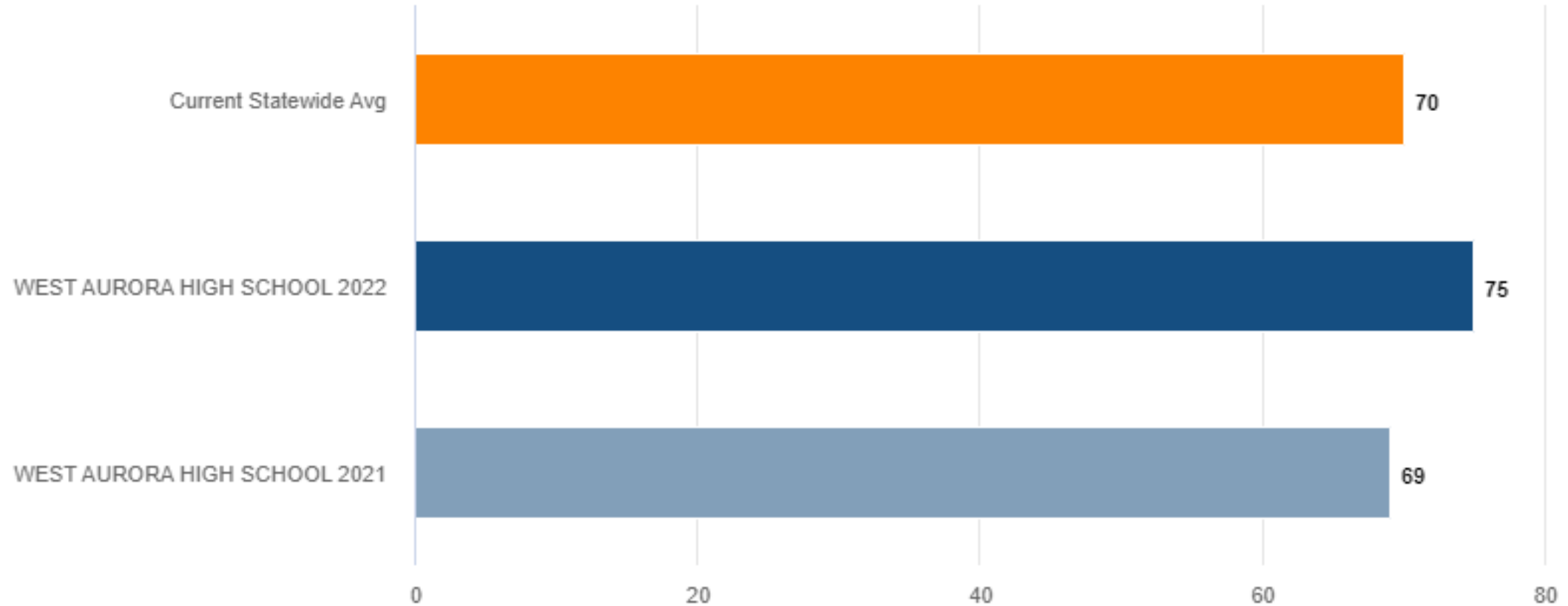
Completion Rate Prior to Requirement

FAFSA Percentage Completed



2021-2022 Completion Rate

FAFSA Percentage Completed



Strategies Implemented

Communication

Counselors

- ★ Professional Development about the new FAFSA Requirement
- ★ Weekly Updates

Students

- ★ Schoology announcements
- ★ Newsletter
- ★ Individual follow-up
- ★ Social media

Families

- ★ District/CCRC newsletters and e-blasts
- ★ Mailers
- ★ Social Media

Staff

- ★ Written and oral notification
- ★ Announcements and updates

ISACorps Member

- ★ Weekly meetings and reflections

Administration

- ★ Frequent updates

Financial Aid Overview

- ★ Presentation by ISACorps Member held each fall and spring
- ★ English and Spanish options for all WAHS families

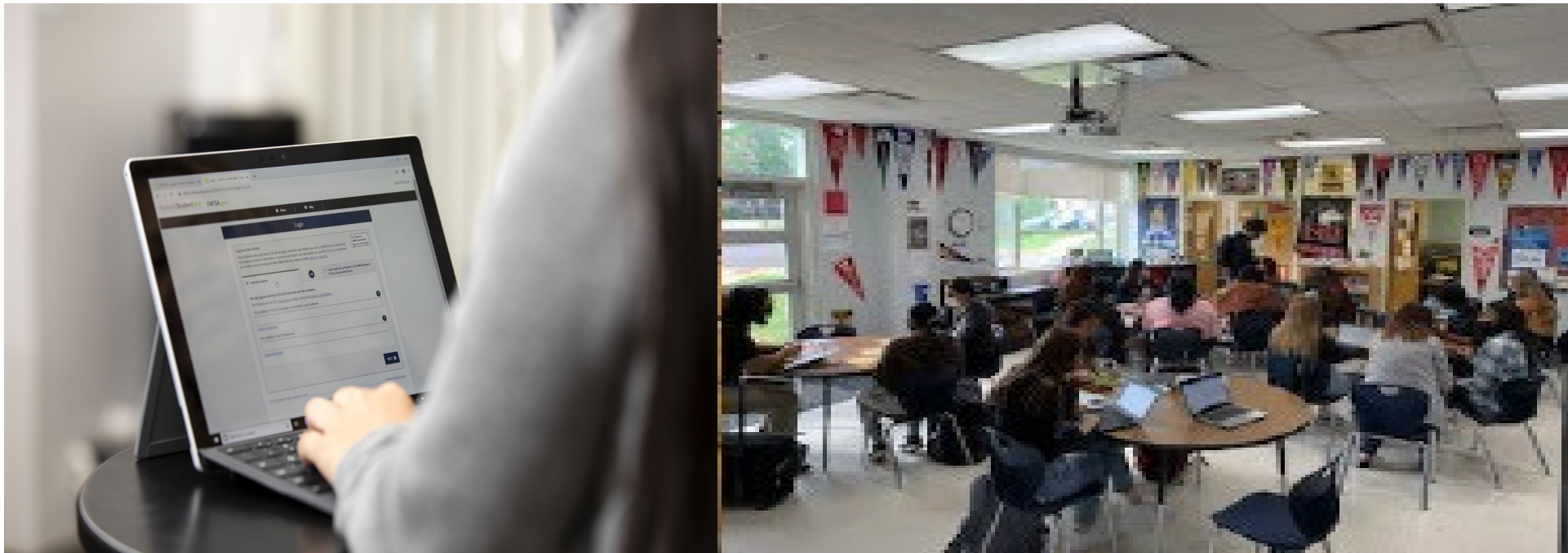


Evening Financial Aid Application Workshops

- ★ Offered English and Spanish workshops for WAHS families
- ★ Held *four* fall events and *five* spring events (Evening)



College & Career Readiness Center Drop-In Hours



What Didn't Work

College & Career Center Drop-In Hours

Without a personal invite, students didn't come

Completion Status Report

Lack of access to completion status

Workshops

Whole group less effective than smaller groups

What Worked

Weekly Reporting

Notifications sent to students and counselors

Team Approach

Counselors, Staff, Administration, and ISAC efforts

Workshops

Multiple opportunities for assistance

Goals for This School Year

2022-2023

Increase Number of Dedicated Workshops

Adding additional dates 2nd semester

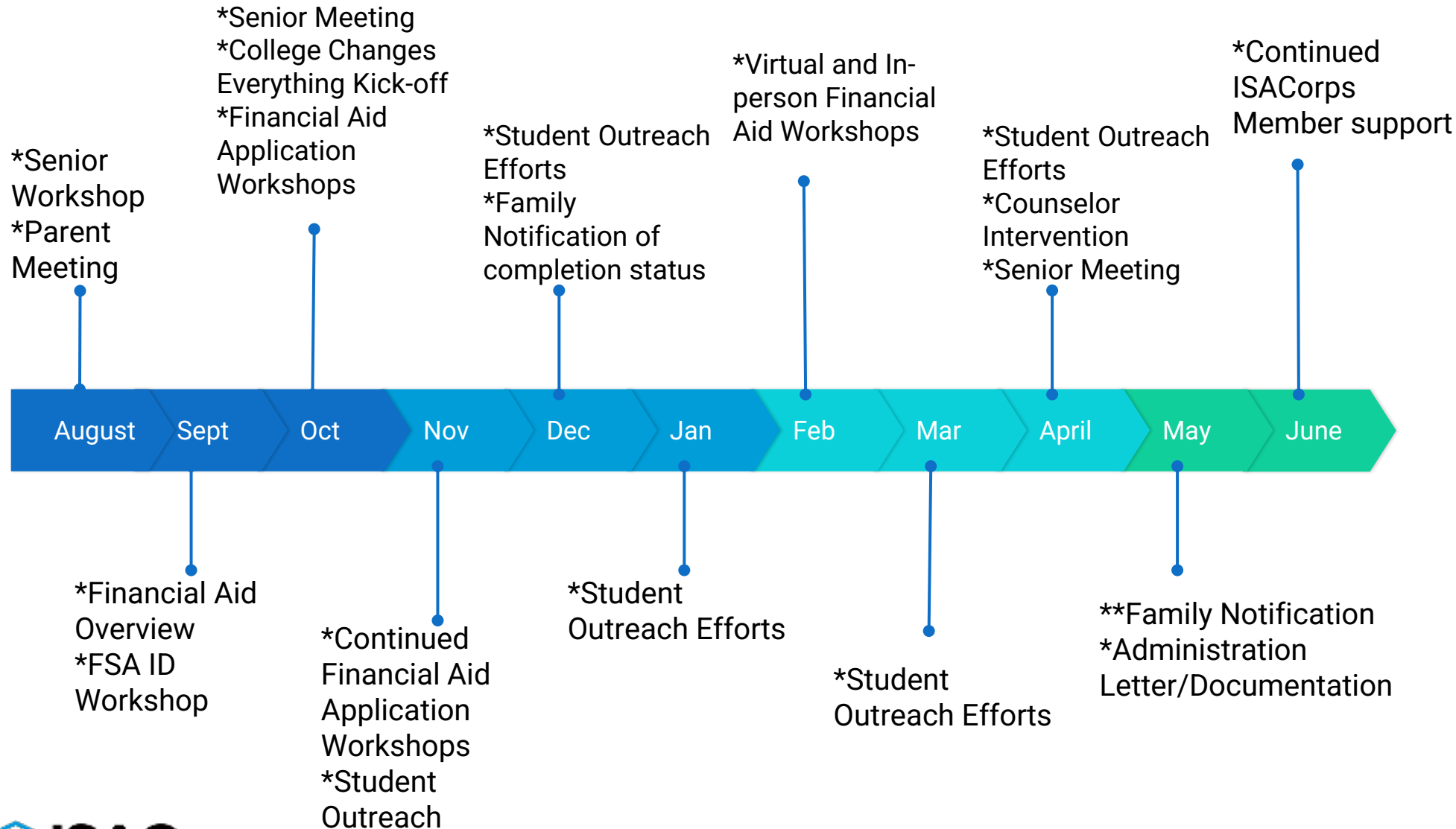
Increase Student Outreach Efforts

Senior study hall presentations and follow-up

Continue To Offer Virtual Events

Multiple opportunities for assistance

Timeline





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