

Creating an FSA ID Lesson Plan Script

For the 2025-26 FAFSA

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Creating an FSA ID	Let's talk about the FAFSA and creating an FSA ID.
FAFSA: HS Graduation Requirement	<p>Starting with the class of 2025, Nebraska law requires all public high school students to complete and submit the FAFSA, or actively opt out, as a graduation requirement.</p> <p>The law ensures that all Nebraska seniors complete the FAFSA, unlocking federal financial aid and encouraging you to consider further education beyond high school.</p> <p>Don't leave money on the table. In 2022, Half of Nebraska graduates missed out on \$23 million by not filing.</p> <p>Also, the law supports Nebraska's goal of 70% credential attainment by 2030.</p>
Create an FSA ID	<p>To begin the process of applying for financial aid, create a Federal Student Aid account (FSA ID) at studentaid.gov.</p> <p>Your parent will also need an FSA ID, and both of you will need a non-school email address.</p> <p>Write down your usernames and passwords because you will need them when you complete the FAFSA after December 1.</p>
Slide 4	<p>Go to studentaid.gov and click on Create Account.</p> <p>As you continue through the screens, a line at the top will indicate where you are in the process.</p>
Slide 5	Enter your full legal name; it must match your social security card.
Slide 6	If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, they would check that box and hit continue.
Slide 7	This message will pop up on the screen, and they will again select (I do NOT have an SSN) and continue through the rest of the questions.

Slide 8	<p>You must have a valid email address but do not use your school email. This account will be active until you leave college or repay your student loans.</p> <p>Create a username and password, the username must be at least 6 characters long, you cannot use special characters.</p> <p>The password must be at least 8 characters long and contain an uppercase letter, lowercase letter, number, or special character. You cannot use your name, birthday, or Social Security Number when creating the password.</p>
Slide 9	<p>Next, indicate your primary address and mobile phone number. You will also need to agree to use your mobile phone number for account access.</p> <p>If you get an error message that your phone number is already in use, skip using a mobile number.</p>
Slide 10	Indicate your desired communication options from Federal Student Aid.
Slide 11	Answer four challenge questions. Make sure that you use easy to remember questions and answers, not things that will change over time.
Slide 12	Now, you can preview the information you added and make any necessary changes. Before you can continue, you must agree to the terms and conditions.
Slide 13	<p>Verify your mobile phone number and email to be set up for 2-factor verification.</p> <p>If you did not provide a mobile phone number, then verify your email or use the authenticator app.</p>
Slide 14	Enter the six-digit code that is sent to your phone.
Slide 15	Next, you will verify your email.
Slide 16	You will now see a Backup Code – this code can be used if you are not able to log in using your username and password.

Slide 17	This page confirms that your account has been created successfully. The Social Security Administration will verify your information before you can use it to complete the FAFSA. This can take up to 3 days.
Questions?	Do you have any questions?