



# Final Release Notes

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## **RELEASE NOTES SUMMARY**

These release notes detail the product improvements and new features included in the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, release.

### **Resolved Issues**

1. When viewing Job Banks with a Career Profile, Job Banks has new styling.
2. All Compass organizations and opportunities approved or inactivated since August 2022 were sent to Golden Path Solutions to ensure their employer records are accurate.
3. When viewing the Connections page for the Legal Secretary career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name, National Association for Legal Support Professionals (NALS).
4. When viewing the Connections page for the Veterinarian career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name, American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges.
5. When viewing the Connections page for the Travel Agent career profile the name of the society was updated to reflect the correct name, American Society of Travel Advisors.
6. When viewing the Connections page for the Medical Equipment Repairer career profile, the link for the Virginia Biomedical Association was removed.
7. When a professional views a student's Work Value Sorter activity, the images will now display.
8. When a professional views a student's Career Key activity, the images will now display.

### **Enhanced & New Features**

- Testive was replaced by Methodize. Methodize is the new provider of ACT and SAT test prep.
- The Compass Assessment was renamed Compass Profile.
- The Work-Based Learning badge on the Homepage was updated. Badges for Compass Profile and Work-Based Learning Opportunities were added to the Career Planning page.
- Style improvements were made to the timeline menus.
- All FAFSA documentation was updated to indicate a change in the open date from October to December for the 2023 calendar year.

## 1. RESOLVED ISSUES

This table summarizes the product improvements included in the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, release.

	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Improvement</b>
1	The styling is off when viewing Job Banks within a Career Profile. (PPS-4367)	The styling was updated when viewing Job Banks within a Career Profile.
2	There is an issue with Compass organizations and opportunities approved by the school but not showing as approved in Compass. (PPS-4180)	To resolve this issue, all Compass organizations and opportunities approved or inactivated since August 2022 were sent to Golden Path Solutions to ensure their employer records are accurate.
3	When viewing the Connections page for the Legal Secretary career profile, National Association for Legal Professionals (NALS) is displayed. This is incorrect. (PPS-4720)	When viewing the Connections page for the Legal Secretary career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name; National Association for Legal Support Professionals (NALS).
4	When viewing the Connections page for the Veterinarian career profile, Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges is displayed. This is incorrect. (PPS-4675)	When viewing the Connections page for the Veterinarian career profile, the name of the association was updated to reflect the correct name; American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges.
5	When viewing the Connections page for the Travel Agent career profile, the American Society of Travel Agents is displayed. This is incorrect. (PPS-4719)	When viewing the Connections page for the Travel Agent career profile, the name of the society was updated to reflect the correct name, American Society of Travel Advisors.
6	When viewing the Connections page for the Medical Equipment Repairer career profile, the link for the Virginia Biomedical Association does not work. (PPS-4721)	When viewing the Connections page for the Medical Equipment Repairer career profile, the link for the Virginia Biomedical Association was removed.
7	When a professional views a student's Career Key activity, the images are not displayed (PPS-4798)	When a professional views a student's Career Key activity, images will now be displayed.

	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Improvement</b>
8	Career Key images are not displayed on the activity panel when professionals view the Career Key activity. (PPS-4798)	Career Key images will now be displayed when a professional views the Career Key activity.

## 2. NEW ACT & SAT TEST PREP

Testive was replaced by Methodize, the new provider of ACT and SAT test prep.

Methodize courses provide a comprehensive overview of the most effective strategies and most relevant content for raising ACT and SAT test scores. They also offer robust features for teachers looking to improve their students' ACT and SAT skills and performance in math, reading, and English. Both modules incorporate quizzes, evaluation tests, and full-length tests. Resources include review packets, teacher and student user guides, presentations, and videos. There is also a self-paced option.

The screenshot shows the RUPrimary ND Professional Center Home Page. The page has a header with the RUPrimary ND logo and the text 'EDUCATION & CAREER PLANNING Professional Center'. A navigation menu is located below the header, with options: Students & Groups, Reports, Resources, Communication, Colleges & Applications, Work-Based Learning, and Administration. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains five sections: 'Students & Groups' (Find individuals, define groups of students and manage your groups.), 'Reports' (Create reports showing site usage, assessment results and outcomes.), 'Resources' (Find lesson plans for your subject, and get help using the system.), 'Communication' (Send or review messages and set up your events calendar.), and 'Colleges & Applications' (Track students' application progress.). The right column contains a 'Companion Account' section, a 'Methodize' section (highlighted with a red box) with a 'Track your students' test prep progress' button, and a 'Communication Log' section (Add new or manage existing communication log entries.).

*Professional Center Home Page*



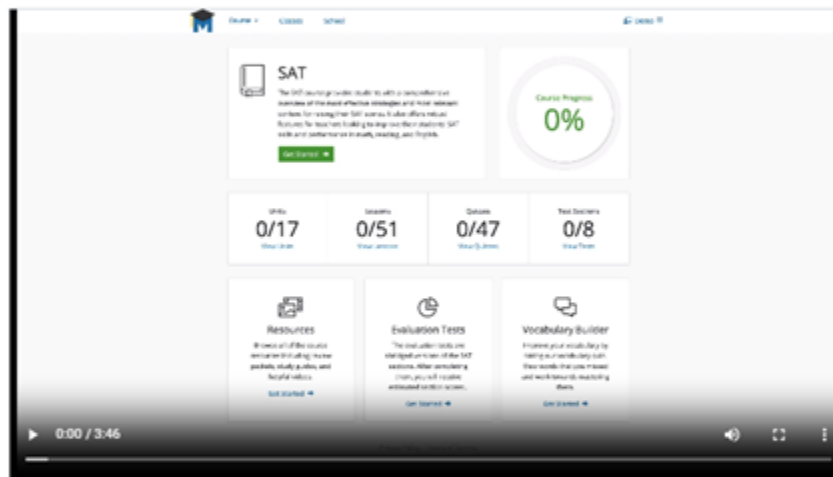
## Welcome to Methodize

Methodize is a brand new online learning platform by Method Learning. Methodize was built to give teachers a simple, yet effective tool to empower their students.

Learning a brand new online platform can be daunting. There are a lot of wonderful features and reports that we know you will learn to love. For now, let's keep it simple, and start with these three easy steps.

### Step 1

Watch the video below to get a quick overview of course units, lessons and question layouts.



### Step 2

Select the star next to the course you prefer. Methodize will set your preferred course on your dashboard.



### Step 3

#### Create a Class

Create your first class and invite your students. Methodize has multiple ways to invite students to your class, choose which one is the most convenient for you.

[Create Class](#)

#### View Dashboard

If you are not yet ready to create your class, then you can head over to your dashboard to get started. You can always create a class from your Dashboard.

[View Dashboard](#)

*Methodize Home Page*

In the Student Center, the home page, the logo, and link were updated. The link on College Planning > Test Prep was also updated.

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CAREER PLANNING    HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING    **COLLEGE PLANNING**    FINANCIAL AID PLANNING    YOUR PORTFOLIO

EXPLORE SCHOOLS GET TO COLLEGE    PREPARE FOR COLLEGE    EXPLORE PROGRAMS AND MAJORS

**TEST PREP**    *Doing well on any test requires practice. If you put in the time, you'll improve.*

**SAT**  
*The SAT is designed to assess your academic readiness for college...*

**ACCUPLACER**  
*The Accuplacer is a college placement test used by over 2,000 colleges as part of...*

**ASVAB**  
*The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a series of multiple...*

**ACT**  
The ACT is a standardized test that measures your educational development and ability to do college-level work. Many colleges require your ACT scores as part of their admissions process. To prepare for the ACT, keep up with your coursework, pay attention in class, and read and learn whenever you can. Practice tests can help you prepare. Reaching this benchmark is part of being ready for the next step in your education: college-level coursework.

*Practice tests*

- Methodize >
- ACT Academy >
- Union Test Prep >

**PSAT**  
*The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 are the same*

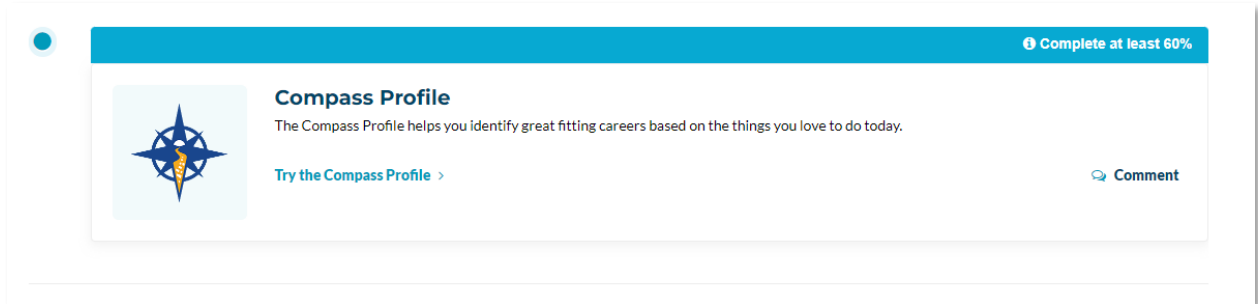
**HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY EXAMS**

College Planning > Test Prep



### 3. WORK-BASED LEARNING UPDATE: COMPASS PROFILE

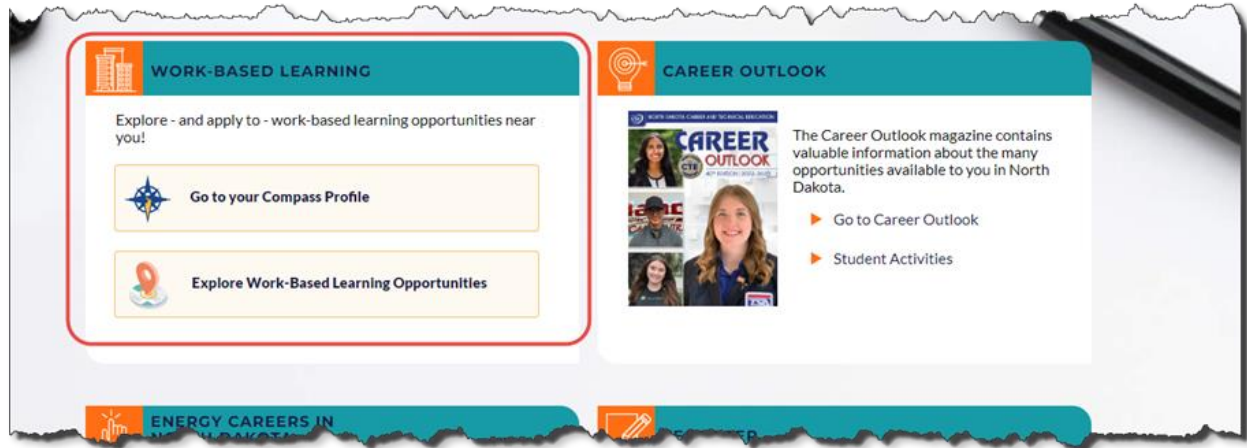
The Compass Assessment was renamed to Compass Profile. All references to the Compass Profile were updated including manuals and Quick Reference Guides.



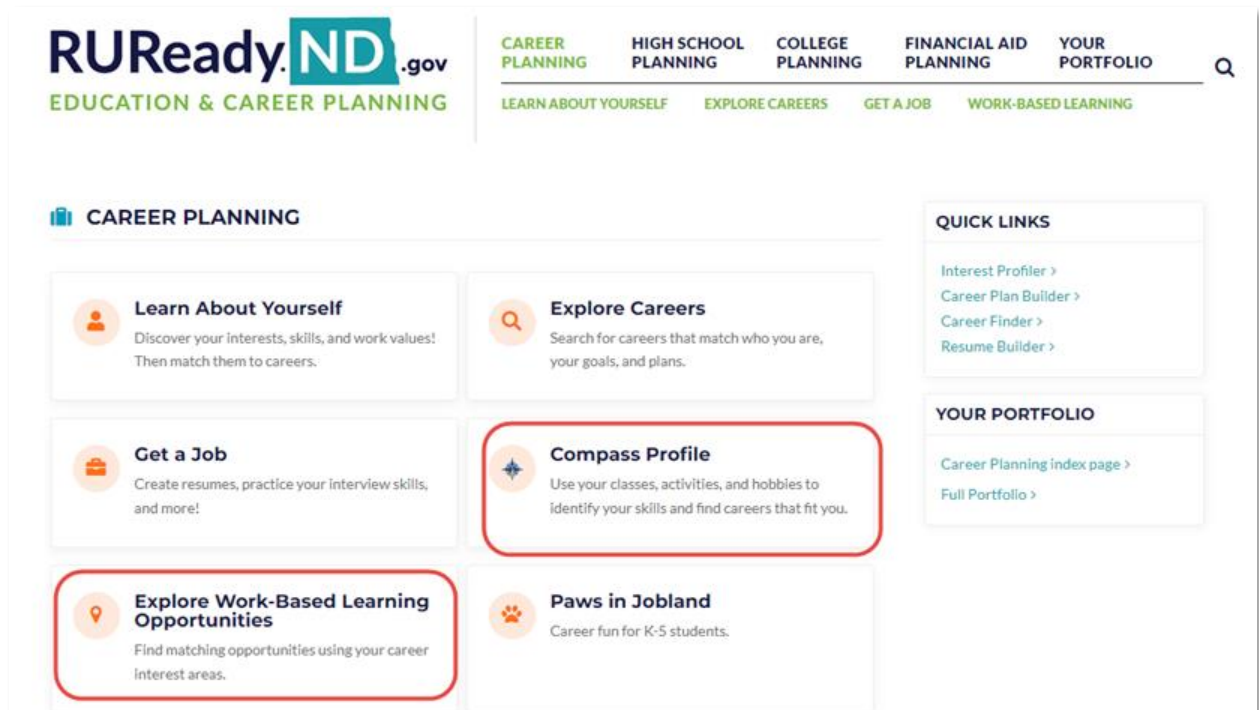
*Compass Profile Activity*

## 4. WORK-BASED LEARNING UPDATE: BADGES

Updates were made to the Work-Based Learning badge found on the RUReady.ND homepage and badges were added to the Career Planning page.



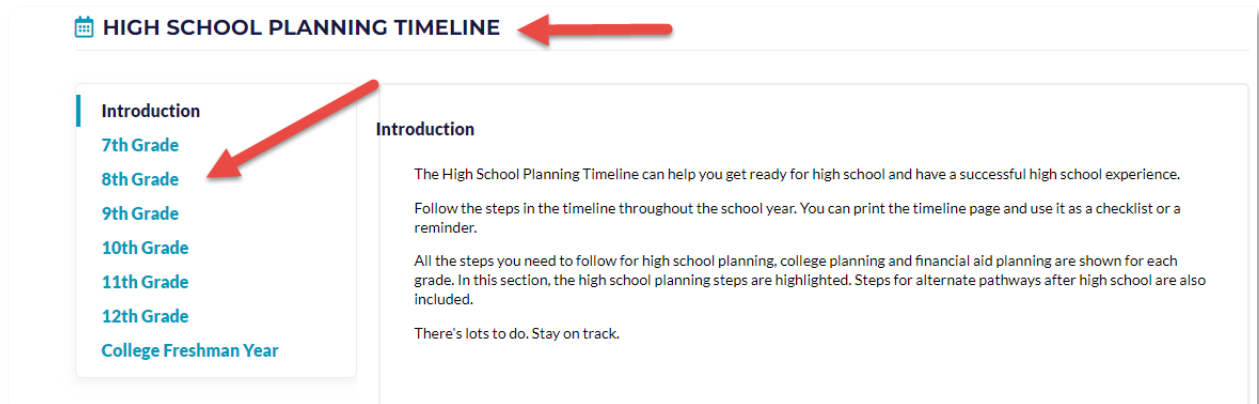
*RUReady.ND Homepage*



*Career Planning*

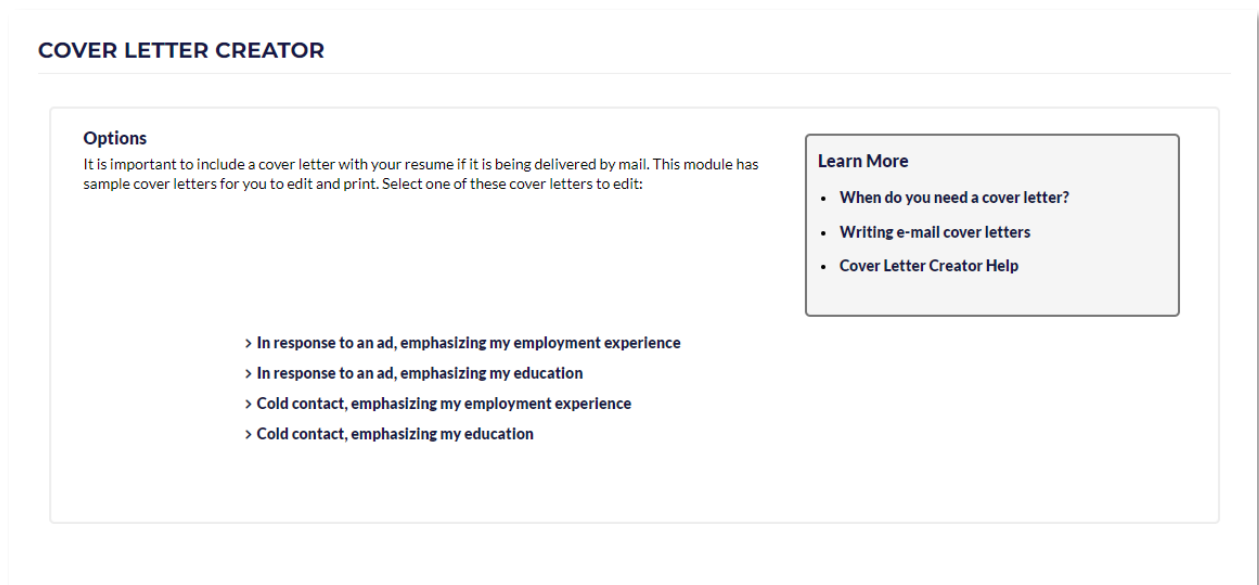
## 5. TIMELINE STYLE IMPROVEMENTS

The timeline menus were updated to a new style on High School Planning, Resume Builder, Job Interview Practice, Financial Aid Wizard, The Career Key, Basic Skills Survey, Transferable Skills Checklist, Compare Careers, and Work Values Sorter. The page tile bar was also removed.



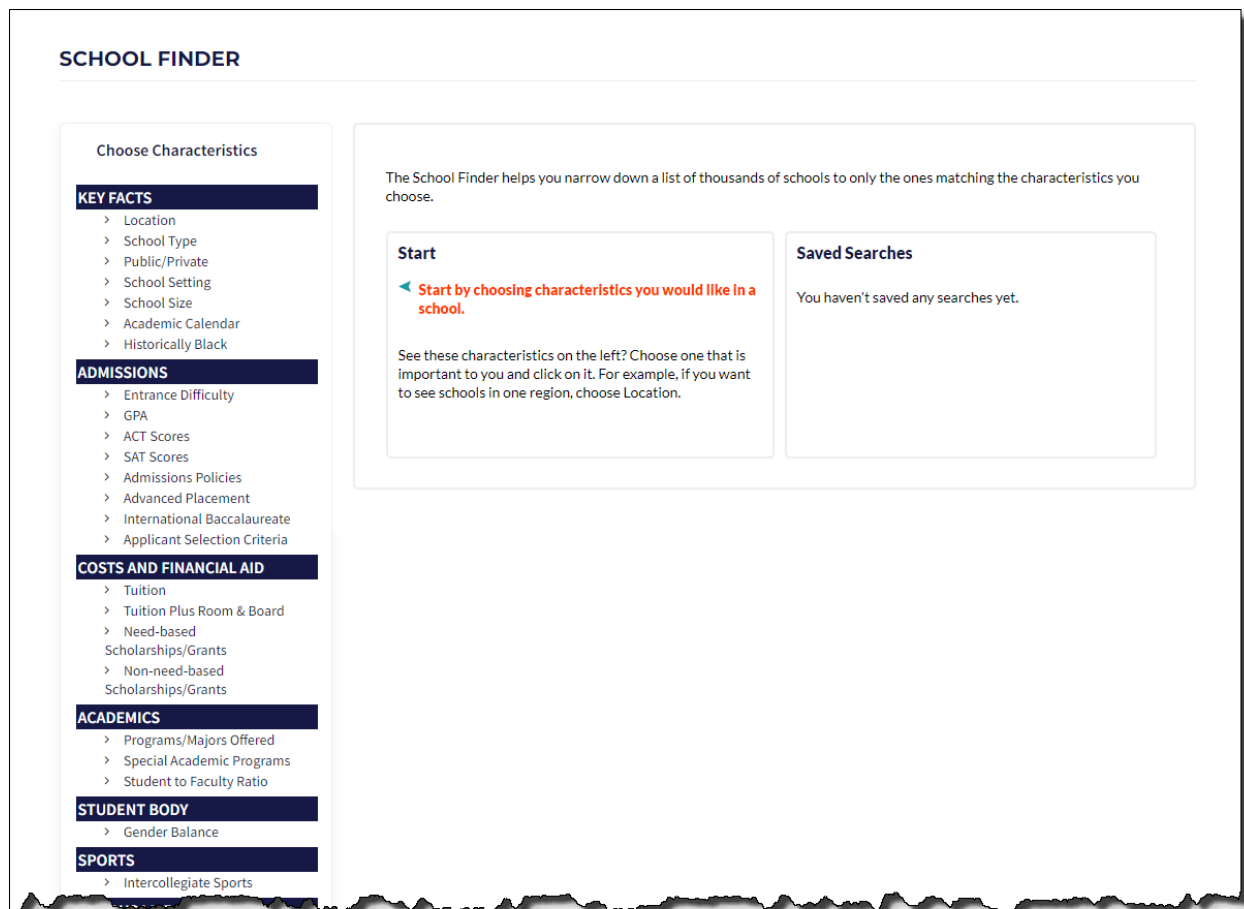
*High School Planning Timeline*

The timeline menus were removed from Cover Letter Creator, Thank-you Letter Builder, Distance Search, and College Matching Assistance.



*Cover Letter Creator*

The timeline menu background was dropped, and the menu simplified for Career Finder and School Finder.



*School Finder*

## 6. FAFSA

The Department of Education is updating the FAFSA form. All articles referencing the FAFSA open date was updated to indicate the new form will not be open until December 2023.

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**FAFSA is the KEY!**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the key that opens the door to financial aid. It serves as the application for most of the financial aid from federal and state programs and from colleges and universities. Even if you are not sure that you will need financial aid, we recommend that you fill out a FAFSA anyway -- it's free.

The FAFSA normally launches on October 1 each year. However, in 2023, the Department of Education is updating the form and it will not be available until December.

When you file the 2023-24 FAFSA, you will use what the U.S. Department of Education calls the Prior Prior Year (PPY) for income information. This means that you will use your 2021 income information to complete the 2023-24 FAFSA.

You should submit the FAFSA as soon after the official starting date as possible, making sure you meet any college or state deadlines. The quickest and most accurate way to file the FAFSA is online. In contrast to a paper copy, the online form displays only the data entry fields you need to complete. You also receive directions as you need them. The FAFSA site is also available in Spanish.

To complete the FAFSA you will need an FSA ID (Federal Student Aid), a username and password that enables you to log in to some Department of Education websites.

You may wish to make use of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT). This tool transfers your income tax information directly from the income tax form that you filed onto the FAFSA. You can read more about this process and find out when your tax information will be available through the IRS DRT [here](#).

If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the FAFSA, you can obtain one by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

The FAFSA may not be the only form required to receive an award letter from a school. You must also complete the college admissions process. Check with each of the colleges and universities you listed on your FAFSA to determine their requirements.

If you filed your FAFSA electronically, you will receive an electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) within a few days of submitting your completed FAFSA. (SAR results may take three weeks if you filed a paper FAFSA.) The SAR is the result of your FAFSA. Read it immediately and follow any directions. The schools you listed on the FAFSA will also