

Touchpoint Tuesday

January 6, 2025





Agenda

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Fiscal Updates
- ❖ Working Group Meeting Recap, Leadership, and Schedule
- ❖ FY25 Working Group Outcomes
- ❖ Early College Rising
- ❖ Upcoming Dates

Fiscal Updates: Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Upcoming Webinars and Events

❖ Tuesday, January 13th at 1 pm:

Early College Grantee Webinar

Presented by Jenn Ahern, DESE's director of Grants Management.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88342646263>

❖ Tuesday, January 20th at 1:30 pm:

Early College Planning Grant FC461 A-B Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86086121066>

❖ February 8th –26th:

Early College Grantee Mandatory Mid-Year Reviews



Fiscal Updates: Amendments and Claiming Funding

Amendments

- ❖ Applications do not need to be amended if there is no significant change in program objectives or if the change is less than or equal to \$100 or 10% of the line (whichever is greater) but must not exceed \$10,000.

Reimbursements

- ❖ Please remember to submit all reimbursement requests monthly. Only request funds used and do not submit reimbursement requests for funds that are not yet used, and/ or grantees do not plan to use.



Fiscal Updates: Reminders

- ❖ If applications are returned for edits, please review the comment section to understand what is being requested. Do not let the application sit for any reason. Grantees will not be able to use funding as desired until applications are DESE fiscally approved.
- ❖ When contacting Cashay regarding issues or concerns, be as clear and descriptive as possible, including the fiscal year and accurate fund code. If there is an error message, also include a screenshot. This allows Cashay to effectively support and address all concerns in a timely manner.
- ❖ Do not miss deadlines or wait until the last minute to complete tasks and address action items. Programs run the risk of forfeiting funding with no option for funding to be returned.
- ❖ If there are changes and/or concerns that affect the ability to spend all funding, contact Cashay ASAP.



Fiscal Updates: FC 461A-B

School Year FY26 Early College Planning Grant FC461 A-B

- ❖ FC 461 Option A Grantees: Applications that are still pending and not submitted to the Superintendent/ Chief Executive Approval step by **Friday, January 9th**, will forfeit funding.
- ❖ FC461 Option B Grantees: The Office of Early College is currently reviewing all submissions. All Applications are due **Monday, January 12th**, and must be at the Superintendent /Chief Executive Approval Step by the deadline.
- ❖ Please note that this is the final extension, and if not completed, funding will be forfeited with no opportunity for funding to be returned.



Fiscal Updates

If you have any issues or concerns, please email Cashay Grant-Woods at Cashay.c.grant-woods@mass.gov for support.

Thank you for your patience and collaboration.

Happy Spending.



Working Group Meeting Recap



- ❖ Our second meeting was held on December 11.
- ❖ In this meeting:
 - Guest Speaker: Damien Boutillon, Salem State University
 - We then went into breakout rooms by focus group for further discussion:
 - Early College Advising
 - Multilingual Learners in Early College
 - Students with Disabilities in Early College

Working Group Meetings

The joint Early College Working Group Meetings will be held on the second Thursday from **10:00 a.m. to noon.**

Remaining Dates for the 2025-2026 academic year are:

- ❖ January 8, 2026 – Speakers Tawanya R. Garrett, College Success Initiative of Cambridge and Al DeCiccio at Salem State University
- ❖ February 12, 2026
- ❖ March 12, 2026
- ❖ April 9, 2026

To join Working Group meetings, click [HERE](#).

Registration is not required.



MLL Research



Resources:

- MLL research is linked in Padlet on Learning Hub: direct link to research is <https://padlet.com/Pathway2Careers/multilingual-learners-in-early-college-resources-yuwzjw5odu1tkda6/wish/94PGWnGY2qBraLRV>

Early College Rising



*Planted with Purpose. Growing with Equity.
Rising with Opportunity for Early College in Massachusetts.*

Let's hear it for those
who rise for every
child and one
another!

Coming Up

- ❖ January 8 – 10:00 a.m. to 12pm –
- ❖ Working Group Meeting
- ❖ January 20 – 1:00 p.m. –
- ❖ Next Touchpoint Tuesday Meeting



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A shared commitment to building strong foundations and working collaboratively to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.

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