

Touchpoint Tuesday

November 18, 2025



What We'll Cover

- ❖ Fiscal Updates
- ❖ Working Group Meeting Recap, Leadership, and Schedule
- ❖ Designation Process Update
- ❖ Early College Rising
- ❖ Upcoming Dates



Fiscal Updates: FY25 and FY26 Grants

Important Deadlines

- ❖ November 30th: Summer FY26 FERs are due. FER can be used to claim any previously unclaimed final expenditures.



Fiscal Updates: FY25 and FY26 Grants

Final Financial Reports (FER)

- ❖ FERs are due 60 days after the grant ends. If FY25 grantees have not completed the FER, please do so ASAP. Please contact Cashay Grant-Woods if you need support in completing the FER.

Claiming Funds

- ❖ Please remember to submit requests for reimbursement. Request reimbursements ONLY for the funds used. Please do not submit reimbursements for any funds that are not yet used, and/or grantees do not plan to use.



Fiscal Updates: Additional Info

- ❖ Amendments are generated by grantees, and Cashay cannot open amendments on the grantee's behalf. Please go to the application, at the top, select APPLICATION REVISION STARTED to begin the process.
- ❖ Applications do not need to be amended if there is no significant change in the Program's objectives, and less than or equal to \$100 or 10% of the line (whichever is greater), or does not exceed \$10,000.



Fiscal Updates: FC461A and 461B

School Year FY26 Early College Planning Grant FC461



- ❖ **Option A (FC461A)** is available in GEM\$. All applications were due Friday, November 7th. If you have not completed the application, Please bring the application to the LEA Superintendent step no later than Friday, November 28th.
- ❖ **Option B (FC461B)** is available in GEM\$. Funding is still being loaded and once completed, Cashay will be in touch with a deadline for all applications to be completed. Please allow 1 to 2 weeks for this to be completed.

Fiscal Updates: ISAs

Public IHEs ONLY



- ❖ For programs that require an ISA, you cannot use or allocate funding until the ISA is finalized. The Office of Early College does not manage or disperse ISAs. The Office of Grants Management is solely responsible for this component.
- ❖ In GEM\$, if your program's name begins with ISA, you are responsible for ensuring your ISA is accurate and reflects the current budget.
- ❖ This information does not pertain to private Colleges and Universities.

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 Leadership

Focus Group Leadership

❖ Multilingual Learners in Early College

- ❖ Co-leaders:
 - ❖ Leah Brundige, Salem State
- ❖ Fellow: Amy Kozlowski, Milford High School

❖ Students with Disabilities in Early College

- ❖ Co-leaders:
 - ❖ Jim McDonald, Lynn Public Schools
 - ❖ Laura, Forman, North Shore Community College
- ❖ Fellows:
 - ❖ Michael O'Shea, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School
 - ❖ Peggy Fallon, Greenfield Community College

❖ College Advising

- ❖ Co-leaders:
 - ❖ Chanel Kiett-Williams, North Shore Community College
 - ❖ Amie Capodanno, Waltham High School
- ❖ Fellow: Madeira Thayer, Margarita Muniz, BPS



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:

- ❖ December 11, 2025
- ❖ January 8, 2026
- ❖ February 12, 2026
- ❖ March 12, 2026
- ❖ April 9, 2026

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

Registration is not required.



Designation Process Update

Criteria updates to better define baseline measures and expectations for each phase of designation will be presented at December ECJC meeting.



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

- ❖ **November 30** – Summer FY26 FERs due
- ❖ **December 9** – 1:00 p.m. – Next Touchpoint Tuesday Meeting
- ❖ **December 11** – 10:00 a.m. to noon – Working Group Meeting



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"Rising for Student Success. Rooted in Unity."

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

This year's Early College theme embodies the collective spirit and strategic direction of our work across Massachusetts. Together, we are grounded in readiness, united in purpose, and rising with opportunity for every student.

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