

Touchpoint Tuesday

December 9, 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 were due. Please complete them ASAP if you haven't already done so. Please contact Cashay if you need support.



Fiscal Updates: FC 461B

School Year FY26 Early College Planning Grant FC461

- ❖ **Option B (FC461B)** is available in GEM\$. Funding is still being loaded and once completed, Cashay will be in touch with next steps. Please allow 1 to 2 weeks for this to be completed.



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

- ❖ First meeting held on Thursday, November 13
- ❖ In first meeting, we:
 - Reviewed purpose and objectives
 - Established Community Guidelines
 - Talked broadly about the Guiding Principle Enhanced Student Support
 - We then went into breakout rooms by focus group for further discussion:
 - College Advising
 - MLL
 - SWD



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

This spring we are launching new Designation phases to streamline and better support the Designation process. To guide this process, clarified criteria and guidance with identified baseline measures and expectations for each phase of designation are being developed. We will also be releasing guidance on how current programs will integrate into the final phase of Full Designation.



Calling All Programs

If your program uses a waterfall schedule or a modified waterfall schedule, would you please reach out to [Kelly Kennedy](#)?

9:00 am	ENGLISH	DO ONLINE	E
10:00 am		SOCIOLOGY CLASS	
11:00 am	PSYCHOLOGY	BIO CLASS	PS
12:00 pm			
1:00 pm		ONLINE ENGLISH DISCUSSION	
2:00 pm	MATH		
3:00 pm	HOMEWORK	BIO LAB	

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

- ❖ **December 11** – 10:00 a.m. to noon – Working Group Meeting
- ❖ **January 6** – 1:00 p.m. – Next Touchpoint Tuesday Meeting
- ❖ **January 8** – 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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