

# Touchpoint Tuesday

April 28, 2026



# What We'll Cover

- ❖ Fiscal Updates
- ❖ Student Summit
- ❖ Data Dashboard
- ❖ Early College Rising
- ❖ Upcoming Dates



# Fiscal Updates: Upcoming Deadlines

- ❖ May 25th: Last opportunity to amend grants.
- ❖ June 12th: FY27 Summer Applications Due in GEMS.
- ❖ August 14th: Last opportunity to claim all funds.  
**\*DESE cannot extend beyond this date\***
- ❖ August 14th: FER due to simultaneously close out the grant **AND** claim all funds.



# Fiscal Updates: Additional Funding

FC460 Support and FC461A Planning Grantees ONLY

## ❖ Next Steps:

Between April 27th and May 1st, Cashay will confirm additional funding amounts for FY27 Summer. Please note that this funding will live in the FY27 Summer GEMS application. This application will be released in May and due June 12th.

For grantees who moved FY26 funding and accepted additional funding, the funding will be combined.



# Fiscal Updates: Amendments

## 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.
- ❖ Please be sure to use the correct Contractual Service line as GEMs has made a change to the max amount. The MAJOR Contractual Service line (04MC) is for single expenses that are over \$50K.
- ❖ The LAST opportunity for Amendments for ALL Early College grants is **May 25th, 2026**. Applications must be at the LEA Superintendent / Chief Executive Approved Step.



# Fiscal Updates: FERs and Reimbursements

## Reimbursements

- ❖ Please remember to submit all reimbursement requests monthly or at least quarterly. 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. Please note, reimbursements are currently capped at 66%. Therefore, if you see a MAX reimbursement amount that is less than the full allocation, it is only because the full allocation is not available for reimbursement. The full allocation will be available as early as April and the latest by the end of the grant period (June 30th).
- ❖ The LAST opportunity to claim all funds AND to submit the FER (Financial Expenditure Report) for ALL grants ending on June 30th is August 14th, 2026.



# 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

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

Thank you for your patience and collaboration.

Happy Spending.



# Student Summit

*Rooted in Readiness.  
United for Student Success.*

May 14, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Onsite check-in begins at 9:00 a.m.)

Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center  
181 Boston Post Road West  
Marlborough, MA

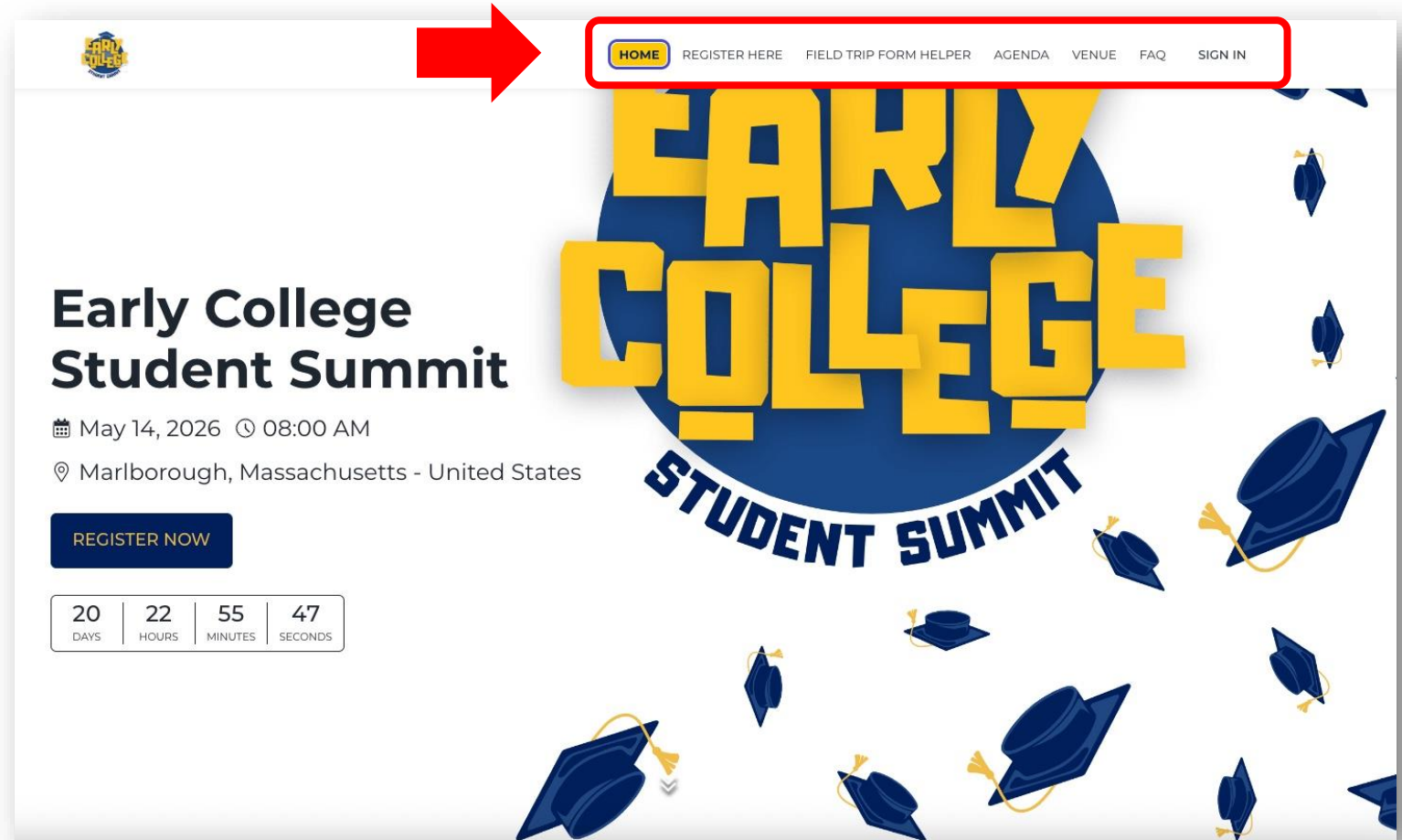
To view additional details and registration instructions,  
click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to the right.



# Student Summit - FAQ

Using the top navigation bar on the Student Summit website, you can access the following:

- ❖ Agenda
- ❖ Field trip form helper
- ❖ FAQ document



# Data Dashboard

The Data Dashboard link has changed!

Be sure to update your bookmarks to the newest link by clicking [HERE](#).

This link can also be found on the DESE Early College page or the resource site.

Moving forward the link will stay the same even when we update the dashboard. No more new bookmarks!



# 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

- ❖ May 12 – Next TPT Meeting
- ❖ May 14 – Early College Student Summit
- ❖ May 25 – Last day to submit amendments for all grants



# Resource Site and Learning Hub

The screenshot shows the homepage of the MA Early College website. At the top, it features logos for Pathway2Careers, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (dese), and the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. The main heading is "MA Early College". Below this are two buttons: "DESIGNATED EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS HOME" and "EARLY COLLEGE DESIGNATION APPLICANTS HOME". A navigation menu includes "About", "Designation Information", "MAECP Tools", "Data Dashboard", and "Contact Us". A large blue banner on the left contains the text: "MASSACHUSETTS EARLY COLLEGE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE RESOURCE SITE" and "Massachusetts Early College provides a structured program of study and supports that increases college success and career readiness while prioritizing students historically underserved in higher education." To the right of the banner is a photograph of a school building.

<https://www.maearlycollege.com/>

<https://p2c.instructure.com/courses/533>

A banner for the Learning Hub with the p2c logo and the text "LEARNING HUB Your gateway to professional growth." The background shows hands typing on a laptop keyboard.



## Welcome to the MA Early College Learning Hub

Pathway2Careers, in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Department of Higher Education, provides technical assistance, coaching, and resources for Massachusetts Early College designees, applicants, and prospective applicants. You will find information specific to designated Early College programs in this Learning Hub.

**"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.

## Quick Links



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