

Touchpoint Tuesday

April 7, 2026



What We'll Cover

- ❖ Fiscal Updates
- ❖ Leadership Convening Recap
- ❖ Student Summit
- ❖ Working Groups
- ❖ ALEKS Assessment of Proficiency
- ❖ Early College Rising
- ❖ Upcoming Dates



Fiscal Updates: Mid-Year Review Update

Thank you for completing Mid-Year Reviews!

❖ Next Steps:

All amounts have been entered and are final and no changes can be made. If you are moving the current funding to FY27 Summer, please wait to decrease your budgets, as you are required to complete an amendment. This amendment will be completed in April, and Cashay will let you know once it is time to complete this decrease.

For grantees moving funding only: Do not claim the funds you plan to use over the summer.

❖ Early College Support (FC460) and Planning Grantees (FC461A) ONLY:

If you accepted additional funding for FY27 Summer (July 1 -Aug 31st), Cashay will be in touch at the end of April with amounts and next steps.



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 18th, 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 for support.

Thank you for your patience and collaboration.

Happy Spending.



Leadership Convening Recap



- ❖ If you attended, please take a few moments to share your experience by scanning the QR code to the right or clicking [HERE](#). Your insights help us continue to strengthen this work and better support you.



Student Summit

*Rooted in Vision. Ready as a Team.
Rising for Every Child.*

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.



Working Group Meetings

Join us from **10:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 9**, for our next working group meeting!

Topic: Scaffolding Student Learning and MyCAP/IHE Connection

Guest speakers: RTI and Lisa Harney, DESE



To join Working Group meetings, click [HERE](#). Registration is not required.

ALEKS Assessment

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- ❖ Is your IHE currently using, transitioning to, or considering the ALEKS Assessment of Proficiency?
- ❖ Please participate in this brief poll.



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

- ❖ April 9 – Working Group Meeting
- ❖ April 28 – Next TPT Meeting (three weeks)
- ❖ May 14 – Early College Student Summit



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>



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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