

Touchpoint Tuesday

May 26, 2026



Agenda

- ❖ Fiscal Updates
- ❖ Welcoming Newly Designated Programs
- ❖ FY27 Planning Phase Programs
- ❖ Data Poll
- ❖ 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: Summer PAC funding



❖ Next Steps:

For programs that moved funding to the summer and/ or accepted additional funding, the GEMS application will live in FY27 and run from July 1 to Aug 31, 2026.

The fund codes will be 460S, 470S, and 461S. For Early College Planning Grantees, both 461A and 461B will live in 461S. Grants are now open and **due June 12th**.

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.
- ❖ After the first reimbursement request, for every request thereafter, you will need to enter the cumulative expenditures.
- ❖ 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

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.



Welcome New Programs

Secondary School Partner	Institution of Higher Education (IHE)
Bourne High School (Bourne Public Schools)	Mass Maritime Academy University
CityLab Innovation High School (Revere Public Schools)	Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School (Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District)	Bridgewater State University
Neighborhood House Charter School	Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology
New Bedford High School (New Bedford School District)	Bridgewater State University
Woburn Memorial High School (Woburn Public Schools)	University of Massachusetts- Lowell
Bartlett-Webster High School (Webster Public Schools)	Worcester State University
Boston International Newcomers Academy, Margarita Muniz Academy, and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School (Boston Public Schools)	Roxbury Community College
Holbrook Middle High School (Holbrook Public Schools)	Quincy College
Oliver Ames High School (Easton Public Schools)	Quincy College

Welcome New Programs

Secondary School Partner	Institution of Higher Education (IHE)
Brockton High School (Brockton Public Schools)	University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth
Burlington High School (Burlington Public Schools)	Middlesex Community College
Chelmsford High School (Chelmsford Public Schools)	Middlesex Community College
Chelsea High School (Chelsea Public Schools)	Salem State University
Greater Lawrence Technical School	Northern Essex Community College
Greater Lowell Technical High School	University of Massachusetts- Lowell
High School of Science & Technology (Springfield Public Schools)	Westfield State University
Hudson High School (Hudson Public Schools)	Worcester State University
Promise Career & College (Brockton)	Quincy College

Welcome New Programs

Secondary School Partner	Institution of Higher Education (IHE)
Mount Everett High School (Southern Berkshire Regional School District)	University of Massachusetts- Amherst
Randolph High School (Randolph School District)	Bridgewater State University
Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical Academy (Springfield Public Schools)	Westfield State University
Taconic High School (Pittsfield Public Schools)	Berkshire Community College
Taunton High School (Taunton Public Schools)	University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth
Waltham High School (Waltham Public Schools)	Regis College
West Springfield High School (West Springfield Public Schools)	Westfield State University
Dracut High School (Dracut Public Schools)	University of Massachusetts- Lowell
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High Schools	Middlesex Community College
Weymouth High School (Weymouth Public Schools)	Quincy College

Programs Entering the Planning Phase

K12 School	Higher Ed. Partner
Apponequet Regional High School	Bristol Community College
Blue Hills Regional Technical High School	Lasell University
Collegiate Charter School of Lowell	University of MA - Lowell
Everett High School	Worcester State University
Fairhaven High School	Bristol Community College
Georgetown High School	Northern Essex Community College
Greenfield High School	Greenfield Community College
Hopkins Academy	UMass Amherst
Hull High School	Quincy College
John D. O'Bryant School	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Joseph Case High School	Bristol Community College
Mansfield High School	Quincy College
Middleborough High School	Quincy College

Programs Entering the Planning Phase

K12 School	Higher Ed. Partner
Nashoba Regional High School	Middlesex Community College
Norwood High School	Curry College
Phoenix Charter Academy <u>Chelsea</u>	Bunker Hill Community College
Phoenix Charter Academy <u>Lawrence</u>	Northern Essex Community College
Phoenix Charter Academy <u>Springfield</u>	American International College
Quaboag Regional High School	UMASS Amherst
Somerset Berkley Regional High School	Bristol Community College
Somerville High School	Bunker Hill Community College
South Shore Charter Public School	Quincy College
Stoughton High School	Bridgewater State College
Wachusett Regional High School	Quinsigamond Community College
West Boylston Middle High School	Quinsigamond Community College
Westport Middle High School	Bristol Community College
Whitman-Hanson Regional High School	Quincy College

Data Poll

While answering the survey, please use the following definitions of course modality:

Modality	Definition
In-Person College Instruction	Course is taught by face-to-face by college instructor on the college campus or at the high school
Hybrid	Course is taught face-to-face by college instructor for at least 30% of time and the rest of the course is virtual
Virtual	Online course taught by college instructor
Concurrent	Course is taught by a high school teacher—who has been given adjunct status by the college—at the high school

If a courses do not perfectly match into one of these four boxes, use your best judgment to determine its placement.

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

- ❖ **June 9** – Next TPT Meeting
- ❖ **June 12** – FY27 Summer Applications Due in GEMS.
- ❖ **August 14** – Last opportunity to claim all funds



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". The main content area has a dark blue background with the text "MASSACHUSETTS EARLY COLLEGE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE RESOURCE SITE" and a paragraph: "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 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 on the left. The text reads "LEARNING HUB" in large letters, followed by "Your gateway to professional growth." The background shows a person's 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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