

# Touchpoint Tuesday

June 9, 2026



# Agenda

- ❖ Fiscal Updates
- ❖ Annual Report
- ❖ Welcoming Newly Designated Programs
- ❖ Early College Rising
- ❖ Upcoming Dates



# Fiscal Updates: Upcoming Deadlines

- ❖ June 12th: FY27 Summer Applications Due in GEMS.
- ❖ August 14th: Last opportunity to claim all funds.  
**\*DESE cannot extend beyond this date\***
- ❖ August 18th: FER due to simultaneously close out the grant **AND** claim all funds.
- ❖ September 19th: FER due. Grant balances cannot be claimed after 8.18.26 when closing out the grant via FER.



# 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: 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.
- ❖ The FER is due September 19th for grantees closing out the grant and not claiming funds.



# 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.



# Annual Report



[Annual Report in Alchemer](#)

- ❖ Due September 30, 2026
- ❖ Intended for programs designated in fall 2025 or earlier
- ❖ Partners should work together to complete, but only one partner should submit
- ❖ If a high school has two distinct partnerships, they should submit two reports
- ❖ Questions? Email [Renee Poisson](#).

# 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

# 2026 MA Early College by the Numbers

This fall, Early College will reach more students than ever across the state.



101

Total High Schools



35

Higher Education Partners



12,000+

Students Served



New Heights Charter School of Brockton

With existing programs still growing and Planning Phase programs, together we are closing the gap to our ultimate goal of 100,000 students.

# 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 12** - FY27 Summer Applications Due in GEMS.
- ❖ **June 23** - Final TPT Meeting of AY25-26; look for link to register for AY26-27 series of TPT meetings coming soon via email.
- ❖ **August 14** - Last opportunity to claim all funds and submit FER



# 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 sub-heading "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>



## 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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# Thank you!

