



How Early College data reporting will impact funding practices

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Today's Objectives

01 Using Reported Data for Payments

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Using Reported Data for Payments

Key Reporting Systems

K-12 Data

- **Student Information Management System (SIMS)** formal DESE collection on student information that meets state, federal reporting requirements and includes student demographic and location data. SIMS is the formal way that DESE/DHE identifies EC students.

Higher Education Data

- **Higher Education Information Resource System (HEIRS)** Formal DHE collection that includes information on student demographics, enrollment, programs/majors, course records, degree completion, and financial aid. HEIRS will be the formal way that DESE/DHE will identify the number of credits in which EC students are enrolled for public IHEs.



The Importance of Accurate Reporting

- Accurate data enable programs and DESE/DHE to analyze what is working and what elements of Early College lead to important student outcomes:
 - College matriculation within 6 months
 - College persistence in years 2, 3, 4
 - College degree attainment
- Data are reported publicly and back to programs for continuous improvement through DESE-curated Data Dashboards.
- **Program enrollment codes in SIMS and credit reporting in HEIRS will serve as the basis per credit funding.**

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Draft Reporting Schedule

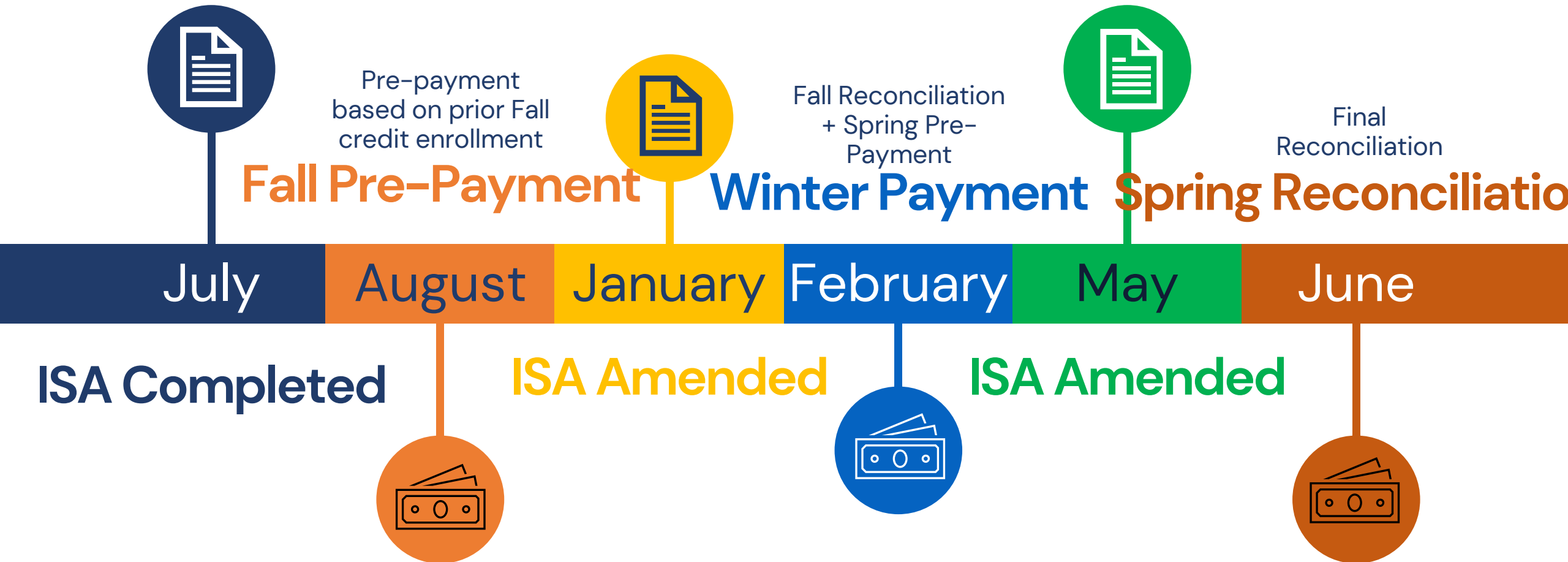
Goals for payment schedule

- Use reported data and appropriate formula to estimate and pre-pay as much as possible
- Make first payment early in the academic year
- Ensure disbursement of as much money as possible prior to end of the fiscal year
- Keep payments and ISA adjustments on a regular, dependable schedule
- Limit over-payments, clawing back of funds

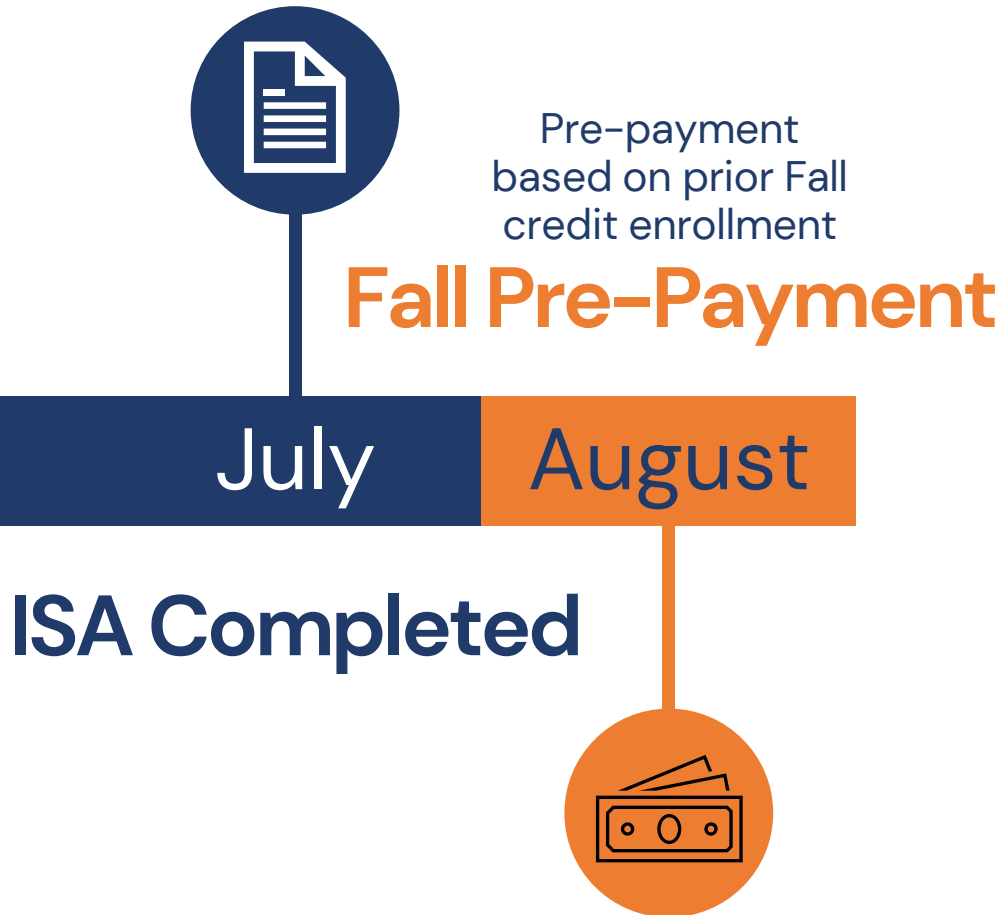


Draft Payment Timeline

Please remember this is a DRAFT Timeline ...



Fall Payment



For **EXISTING** Early College programs, the pre-payment will be calculated based on a percentage of your **prior Fall** reported credits.

For **NEWLY DESIGNATED** Early College programs:

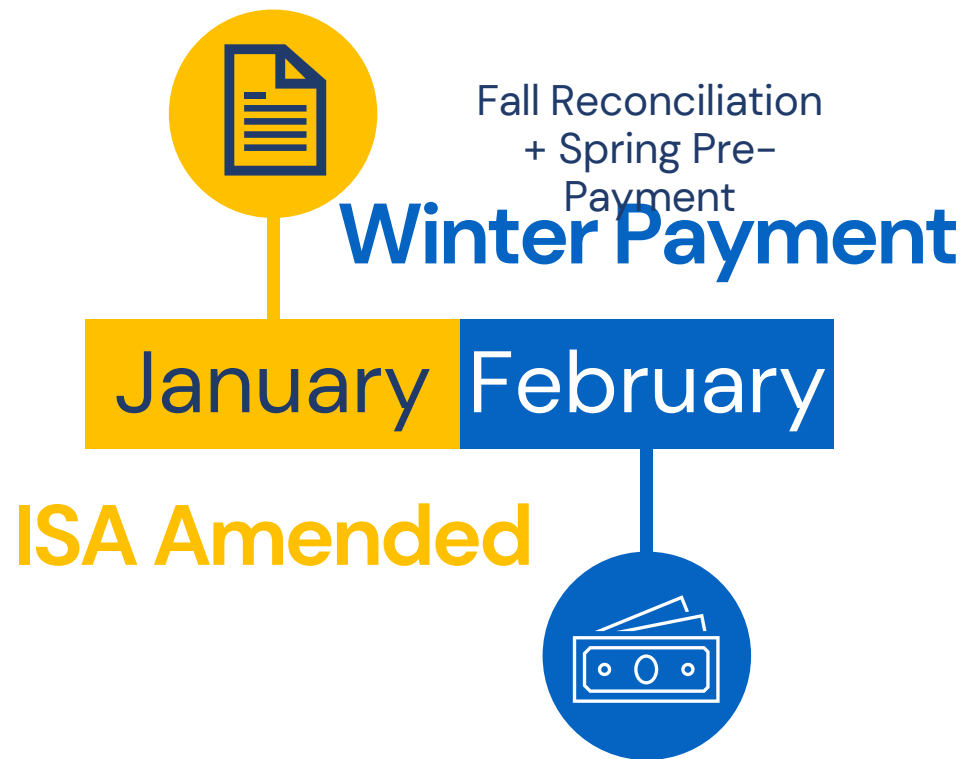
- Pre-Payment will be determined by a one-time manual data collection **OR**
- Funding will be included in an implementation grant

ISAs will be completed using these pre-payment formulas.

Winter Payment

With the submission of **SIMS in October** and the submission of **HEIRS in December**, DESE/DHE will be able to calculate a **total number of credits for Fall**.

With these credits, the Fall total funding will be calculated and **Reconciliation performed** (Fall total amount – Fall Pre-Payment). ISAs will be amended.



Additionally, a **Spring Pre-Payment** will be calculated using the reported Fall credit enrollment as a baseline.

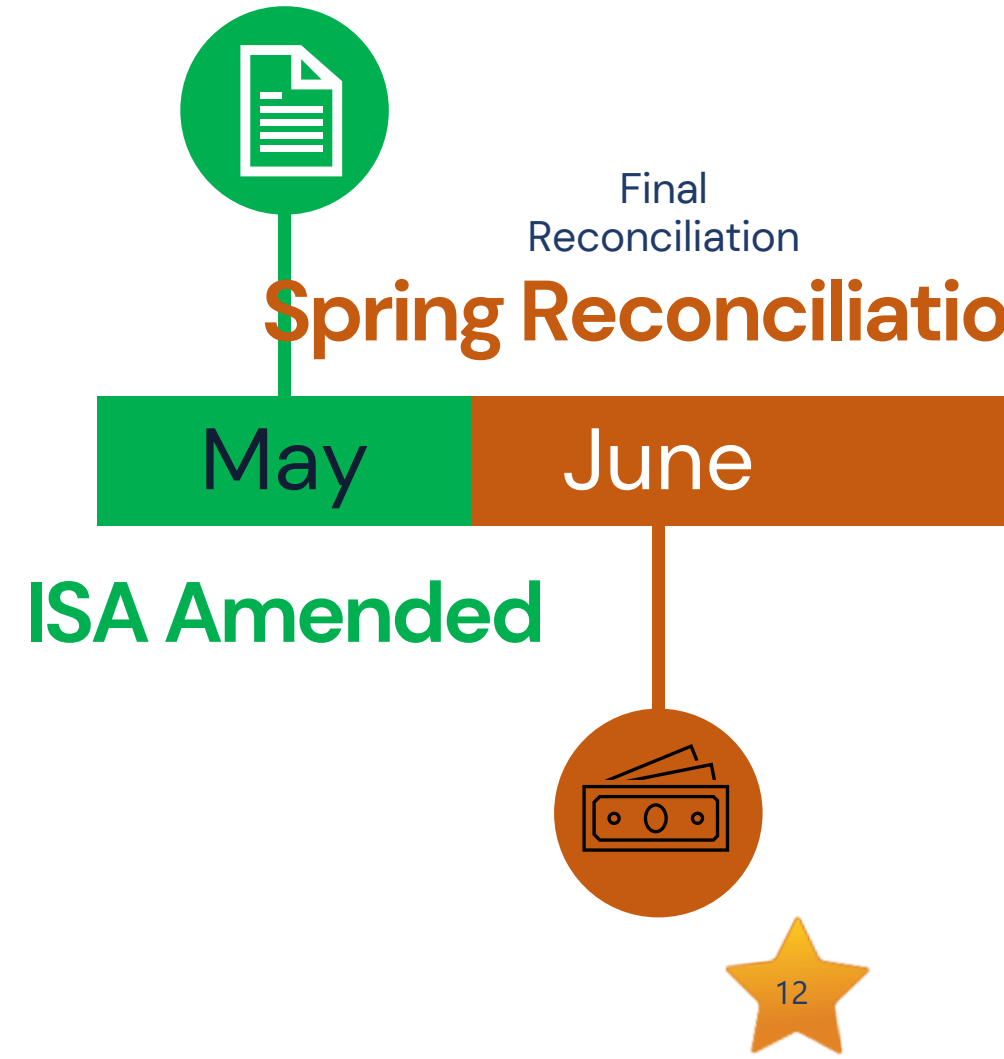
Winter payments will contain **BOTH** Fall Reconciliation and Spring Pre-Payment.

Spring Reconciliation

With reporting from **SIMS in March** and **HEIRS in April**, DESE/DHE will be able to calculate a **total number of credits for Spring**.

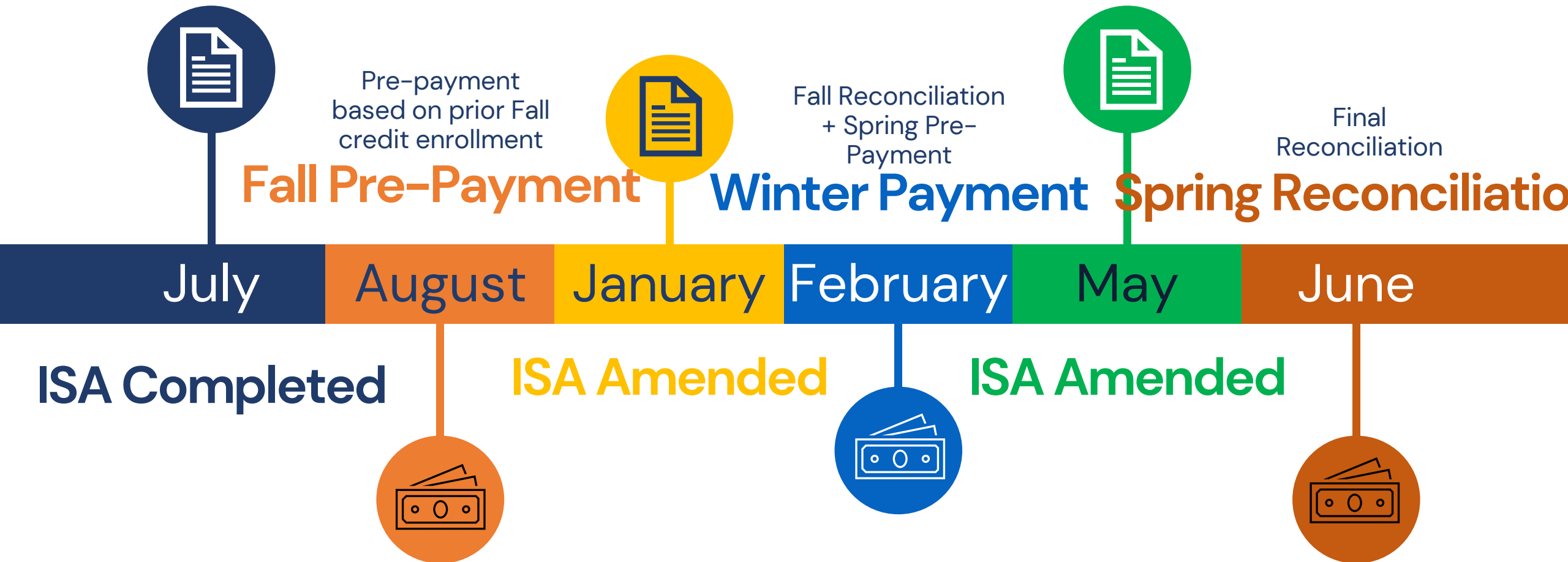
With these credits, the Spring total funding will be calculated and final **Reconciliation performed** (Spring total amount – Spring Pre-Payment). ISAs will be amended a final time.

If there is a negative balance, money will need to be received back from the IHEs at this time.



Comments/Thoughts on Draft Timeline?

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Pre-payment based on prior Fall credit enrollment

Fall Reconciliation + Spring Pre-Payment

Final Reconciliation

July

August

January

February

May

June

ISA Completed

ISA Amended

ISA Amended

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Other fiscal announcements

Summer Funding

- All programs who requested funding were approved.
- Both the initial and final payments will be amendments to your current 2021-2022 ISAs and will apply to this current fiscal year.
- These summer payments are CDEP funds.

Summer Funding - *estimated timeline*

- **1st - 2nd week of June***:** IHE business office will receive ISA from DHE for 50% of initial Early College summer funding request.
- **July 15th:** You will receive an enrollment/credit tracker from us and will need to return a completed copy to us by July 22. Please note you will need to include an enrollment list of your students participating in your summer session(s).
- **July 25-29:** We will complete an adjusted second and final ISA amendment based on your enrollment numbers/credits. This ensures the amount is accurate and avoids overpayment.
- **1st - 2nd week of August***:** IHE business offices receive ISA for final summer funding payment, based on enrollment/credit confirmation submitted by July 22. Please note that this payment depends on timely reporting of summer program enrollment/credit confirmation.



AIR Cost Study

- Goal: Capture what is the **true cost** of Early College
- Programs will have an opportunity to weigh in on:
 - Staff costs
 - Programming costs
 - Funding gaps
- Programs will be surveyed July-November 2022
- Study will also capture aspects of different "models" of MA Early College



THANK YOU

Please be in touch with further questions.

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