

MA Early College Funding 2022-2023

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Early College Funding is Evolving

- This year two major changes are being implemented in how Early College funds are allocated. The purpose of these changes is:
 - A) To allow programs to better calculate their anticipated yearly state allocations for Early College so they can plan accordingly
 - B) To get money flowing earlier in the school year and keep funds flowing into the summer.

Changes in Early College Funding

- **FC460:** Several funding options and due dates have been rolled into one document and the fiscal deadline has been extended to 8.31.23.
- **IHE “tuition reimbursement” payments:** These Fall payments will be based on % of last year’s credits or, for new programs, projected credits. These payments will then be reconciled according to data reported in HEIRS (or an equivalent data collection for private IHEs)

Why the Changes?

- Relying on statewide data systems (primarily SIMS in case of FC460 and HEIRS in case of tuition) as the single source of truth contributes to the Commonwealth's ability to provide accurate data on Early College (through Data Dashboards) and sustain funding as the initiative grows.

What programs need to do now

Work with IHE partner to plan out the FY23 EC budget

- Include K-12 and IHE partners support baseline funding (and priority 1 funds if eligible) and anticipated priority funding as well.
- IHE partners can anticipate \$150 per credit per student to be distributed across both semesters
- Where appropriate, consider other funding sources including (FC175: Year 2 Expansion, Full School Impact grants), private funding, institutional budgets, etc

Fund Code 460: Early College Support \$

How it works:

- Currently high school partners are slated to receive a baseline funding of 1 year of Planning and 4 years of implementation at \$50,000 to be administered to the K-12 partner via EdGrants (DESE)
- This year, additional funding opportunities based on program priorities are available to programs through this grant after the baseline funding has been disbursed.

MA Early College

Fund Code 460

Baseline funding + Priority 1 (First Year Funding)

- **Baseline:** Once RFP has posted, programs are automatically eligible for baseline funding if they follow the instructions for registering under FC460 in EdGrants (instructions sent to programs via email).
- **Priority 1:** All EC programs in their first year of Designation are eligible for an additional \$25,000 in support dollars that they need to add to their baseline budget.

These funds are available NOW- the fast approaching deadline was to allow for programs to start accessing funds

Priority 2

- P2: Prioritizing Underrepresented Students: 50% or more of the enrolled Early College students are from low-income backgrounds
 - These funds will be confirmed by Fall SIMS once certified in November. If also applying for funding in priorities 3 and 4, you will be asked to provide one amended budget by Dec. 2 for all of these changes.

Priority 3 and 4

- P3: Designated Programs in years 1-4 can apply for funds to support local outreach to inform their community about Early College:

Up to an additional \$25,000.

- P4: Designated high schools in years 2 through 4 of implementation may indicate a need for additional funding as it becomes available under the following different categories: recruitment, academic/student support, curriculum alignment, academic skill-building, transportation, or other:

Up to an additional \$50,000 in one-time funds is available per Designated high school.

Guidance on Submitting Amended Budgets for Priorities

- We are adding a “starting” deadline of Oct.31 for Priority 3 and 4 requests (Part III) to be submitted via email to Rebekah Barr at Rebekah.Barr@mass.gov.
- **BUT** programs should wait to submit their amended budgets via email until after they are notified about Priority 2, and confirmation of funding for priority 3 and 4 request in mid- November. (we will automatically amend these budgets back to you).
- If programs submit amended budgets by **Dec. 2**, they will be able to "see" additional funds in the December drawn down window.

Other Helpful Information on FC 460

- Although you will not receive additional funding for priorities until December window in EdGrants, you can charge back to your original start date and funds will go through Aug. 31.
 - Because this is state funds- you do need to do a separate budget for the summer portion of funds- if you are not sure yet if you need to extend funds into summer, you can amend later in the year.

FC 460 Allocation List

Early College Designees District	Early College Designees by High School	Years Designated	Years Designated (2)	Base Funding	Priority 1	Anticipated to Meet Priority 2	Total Eligibility	Priorities 3 and 4, Optional Additional	Total Eligibility
Argosy Collegiate Charter	Argosy Collegiate Charter School	1		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Boston Public Schools	Charlestown High School	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Boston Public Schools	Dearborn STEM Academy	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Boston Public Schools	Fenway High School	1		\$50,000	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Boston Public Schools	Madison Park Technical Vocational	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Boston Public Schools	New Mission High School	1		\$50,000	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Cambridge Public Schools	Cambridge Rindge and Latin School	1		\$50,000	\$ 25,000.00		\$75,000	TBD	
Chelsea Public Schools	Chelsea High School	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Danvers Public Schools	Danvers High School	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Essex North Shore Agricultural & Forest	Essex North Shore Agricultural & Forest	1		\$50,000	\$ 25,000.00		\$75,000	TBD	
Fall River Public Schools	Durfee High School	2	2	\$50,000		\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Fitchburg Public Schools	Fitchburg High School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Framingham Public Schools	Framingham High School	3		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Gardner Public Schools	Gardner Academy for Learning & Leadership	2		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Gardner Public Schools	Gardner High School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Hadley Public Schools	Hopkins Academy	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Haverhill Public Schools	Haverhill High School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Holyoke Public Schools	Holyoke High School	4	4	\$50,000		\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Lawrence Public Schools	Lawrence High School	4	4	\$50,000		\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Leominster Public Schools	Leominster High School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Lowell Public Schools	Lowell High School	3		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Lynn Public Schools	Lynn Classical High School	3	2	\$50,000		\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Lynn Public Schools	Lynn English High School	3	2	\$50,000		\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Lynn Public Schools	Lynn Vocational Technical Institute	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Marlborough Public Schools	Marlborough High School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Milford Public Schools	Milford High School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Narragansett Public Schools	Narragansett Regional High School	1		\$50,000	\$ 25,000.00		\$75,000	TBD	
Nashoba Valley	Nashoba Valley Technical High School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
New Bedford Public Schools	New Bedford High School	1		\$50,000	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
New Heights Charter School of Excellence	New Heights Charter School of Excellence	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Quincy Public Schools	North Quincy High School	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Quincy Public Schools	Quincy High School	2		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Salem Public Schools	Salem High School	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Sizer School	Sizer School	3		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Somerville Public Schools	Somerville High School	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Southern Berkshire Regional School District	Mount Everett Regional High School	1		\$50,000	\$ 25,000.00		\$75,000	TBD	
Springfield Public Schools	High School of Commerce	4	2	\$50,000		\$ 50,000.00	\$100,000	TBD	
Waltham Public Schools	Waltham High School	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Westfield Public Schools	Westfield High School	4		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Westfield Public Schools	Westfield Technical Academy	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Whittier Regional	Whittier Regional Vocational Technical	2		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Worcester Public Schools	Burncoat Senior High School	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Worcester Public Schools	Claremont Academy	4		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Worcester Public Schools	Doherty Memorial High School	4		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	
Worcester Public Schools	North High	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Worcester Public Schools	South High	4		\$50,000		\$ 25,000.00	\$75,000	TBD	
Worcester Public Schools	University Park Campus	4		\$50,000			\$50,000	TBD	

4 Steps to applying for these funds

1. Designated districts apply in EdGrants portal on behalf of each Designated high school in the district apply in the Edgrants portal. Initial budgets should only include baseline + Priority 1 for first-year programs for each participating school.
2. To apply for funds under Priority 3 and 4, please submit Part III responses starting Oct.31 to Rebekah Barr at Rebekah.barr@mass.gov:
3. Programs will be notified of qualification for Priority 2 and approval for Priority 3 and 4 requests in November.
4. Amended budgets to accommodate additional Priority funds can be submitted in early December to be processed for December “window” in Edgrants. Funds can be applied back to original EdGrants start date

Timeline of the 4 steps to FC460 Funds

- **September:** RFP posted, apply for baseline (+priority 1 if eligible)
- **October:** Apply for Priority funding 3 and/or 4
- **November:** SIMS certified and Programs eligible for Priority 2 funds are notified; programs complete amended budgets
- **December:** Programs submit Amended budgets by Dec. 2

Multiple High Schools per District

- For Districts with multiple schools:
 - We highly recommend creating an Excel workbook with the EC program budget for each school with a cover sheet pulling the combined budget to be uploaded in Edgrants. You can amend workbooks and re-upload if needed for amendments.

NOT allowable expenses

- Food

- Food cannot be listed as a budget item but community outreach supplies and contracts for services are acceptable

- Capital expenses

- A Capital expense is defined as: an item with a lifespan of 5 years or more.

- Gifts cards

*Vouchers to the College bookstore are allowable

- MTRS is not allowed under these state funds