

# MA EARLY COLLEGE UPDATE

Fact Sheet - June 2022



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## MA EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM DESIGNATION

- Eight new MA Early College Programs designated in Spring 2022 will begin in SY22-23, totaling **51 high schools (48 Designated high schools + 3 sender schools) and 24 higher education partners.**
- As of June 2022, over **25 new partnerships in MA** have submitted letters of intent to apply for MA Early College Designation for SY23-24.

## MA EARLY COLLEGE GRANT AWARD UPDATES

- In Spring 2022, 5 potential Early College partnerships received **Full School Impact Grants**, and 8 existing Early College partnerships received **Expansion Grants.**
- In addition, 8 grantees were awarded **Early College Incubator Planning Grants.**
- All together, the grant-supported programs are expected to add an additional **4,000 Early College students by SY24** and thousands more through SY25-28.



At Springfield's High School of Commerce and Springfield Technical Community College partnership, rising 10th grade students are inducted into the Early College Program. June 2022.

## MA EARLY COLLEGE FACTS & FIGURES

Current Number of Early College Students, Spring 2022:

**4,281**

*source: self-reported Early College enrollment data*

Percent increase of MA Early College Student enrollment from Fall 2020 to Spring 2022:

**53%**

*source: self-reported Early College enrollment data*

As of Spring 2022, Economically Disadvantaged EC students completed FAFSA at a rate **17% higher** than state matched peers, and enrolled in college at a rate **16% higher.**

*source: June 2022 Early College Joint Committee presentation*

As of Spring 2022, Black and LatinX EC students completed FAFSA at a rate **14% higher** than state matched peers, and enrolled in college at a rate **15% higher.**

*source: June 2022 Early College Joint Committee presentation*

Early College Program Participants persisted onto **2nd Year College enrollment at a rate 16% higher than state matched peers.**

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