



Who We Are

Springfield Empowerment Zone Partnership (SEZP) is a unique collaboration of the **Springfield Public Schools** (district), **Springfield Education Association** (teacher's union), and **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** (state).

- ✓ We are **16 Springfield Public Schools** – our middle schools are neighborhood-based and our magnet and high schools are a part of the city's balloting process – united in their innovative approach to supporting students.
- ✓ We strive to provide an **equitable learning environment** where students receive a high quality education, rich support systems and specialized opportunities that contribute to lifelong success.
- ✓ We are committed to **embracing the institutional change** necessary to dismantle the policies and practices that perpetuate injustice and inequity.

Our Commitment To Families

- ✓ SEZP is dedicated to culturally responsive family engagement and building authentic, and **equal partnerships** with families.
- ✓ We encourage each of our families to be unapologetic advocates for their child's education, and to be a **prominent voice** in setting the vision for their child's school.
- ✓ Our schools work best when families have a **seat at the table**.

"I am so excited by SEZP's strong commitment to students and their families, and I'm forever thankful to the SEZP Special Education Leadership Team for going above and beyond to meet the needs of my child."

Mirella Santiago, Parent
Springfield Legacy Academy

"Participating in a recent parent panel made me feel heard and extremely supported! I am looking forward to great things that lie ahead."

LaChanda Vazquez, Parent
Forest Park Middle School



Interested in learning more?

Email: info@sezp.org

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Early College and Career Opportunities at SEZP High Schools

Starting in fall 2023, high schools in SEZP will be the **only schools in Springfield Public Schools to offer an early college experience** for all students. Every student can take courses aligned to specific career pathways and earn college credit.

SEZP high schools are committed to providing students with a clear path to financial independence and exciting, high-paying, high-growth careers. Students have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Develop skills for the **highest-paying career industries** in the region
- ✓ Obtain **certifications** to enter the workforce upon graduation or pursue college
- ✓ Earn compensation through **internships & work-based learning placements**
- ✓ Defer graduation for a fifth year & complete a **fully-funded Associate's degree** alongside their HS diploma

SEZP offers **4 wall-to-wall early college high schools** that provide all students the opportunity to earn three to six college credits per semester, beginning in their freshman year. Students take classes with high school peers and transition onto college campuses when ready.

Commerce Early College High School	Technical Arts & Design, Criminal Justice, and Healthcare	415 State Street Springfield, MA	hscommerce.org
Discovery Early College High School	Cybersecurity, BioTech, Engineering, Technical Arts & Design, Pharmacy, and STEM Education	355 Plainfield Street Springfield, MA	discoveryhigh.com
Duggan Early College High School	Education, Criminal Justice, and Healthcare	1015 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA	dugganacademy.org
Rise Early College High School	Technical Arts & Design, Business, and Healthcare	1170 Carew Street Springfield, MA	riseacademysps.com

SEZP offers **3 specialized high schools** with career pathways-centered and dual enrollment programs.

Aspire at Commerce High School	A program for overage and under-credited and/or disengaged students	415 State Street Springfield, MA	hscommerce.org
Emergence Academy	A school for students new to this country	415 State Street Springfield, MA	sites.google.com/view/emergenceacademy/home
Springfield Honors Academy	An Advanced Placement (AP) focused, selective admission school	415 State Street, 3rd Floor Springfield, MA	springfieldhonorsacademy.org

Partner Colleges

