

**Worcester Public Schools
Office of Grants Management**

Grant Acceptance Form

Name of Grant: Supplemental Support MassGrad Promising Practices

Type of Funder: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Awarded Amount: \$52,000.00

Grant Funding Period: November 27, 2017 - August 30, 2018

Project title: MassGrad Promising Practices

Program coordinator: Meade-Montaque/Knowles

Purpose: To increase alternative education pathways for students who are: facing school expulsion or long-term suspension; homeless, migrant and immigrant; "over-aged and under credited" compared with their peers; expectant and parenting teens; and/or as identified through EWIS or local knowledge/data.

Description of the program: As part of the application, WPS has chosen to include the Alternative Pathways Strategy that will entail the development and refinement of competency based education at our alternative sites and comprehensive high schools. The strategy of Individual Learning Plans has also been chosen. This will deepen and broaden the work within the district. in future years, including refurbishment of consumable materials.

Program location: Worcester Public Schools

Outcomes and Measures: The creation of the competency based assessments as well as the production of a process for creating an ILP for students, especially older students, who have never had one. Success for this program will be defined using multiple measures: The number of students who are retained at the school and who are achieving. Through the district data systems, these will be easily obtained.