

Massachusetts Education Policy Fellowship, 2026–2027



The Massachusetts Education Policy Fellowship is a professional development program that brings together a diverse group of individuals from across the education landscape to understand the policy process and advance a more equitable education system. The Rennie Center has worked with more than 300 Fellows since 2013, building their understanding of the education ecosystem and policy process while growing their network of leaders from schools, districts, state agencies, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and more.

The Massachusetts Education Policy Fellowship is an opportunity to:

- Broaden your understanding of the education landscape and key equity issues through conversations with fellows and experts;
- Understand your personal approach to policy and leadership; and
- Expand your network through connections with fellows and alumni.

Program Details

The program year begins with a retreat in Ashland, Massachusetts. Fellows meet twice each month on Tuesdays from September through May. Meetings include guest speakers and discussion among Fellows on topics related to education policy. Fellows also participate in a two-day tour focused on Massachusetts civil rights history, a half-day at the State House, and a multi-day visit to Washington, D.C. that exposes Fellows to national policy issues and stakeholders.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until June 12, 2026. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible. Please visit [our website](#) for application materials and more information about the program. You can also join us for an [information session](#) on May 20th at 4:00pm to learn more about the program.

Fee and Related Costs

\$3,200 Program fee

\$1,200 Estimated travel & lodging expenses

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Meeting Schedule

August 24-25

Opening Leadership Retreat
4:00–7:00 on August 24 (virtual)
9:00–5:00 on August 25
(in-person at the Warren Conference Center & Inn, Ashland, MA)

September 9 & 16, 5:00–6:30

October 7-8

Massachusetts Civil Rights Tour
1:00–5:00 on October 7 (virtual)
9:00–5:00 on October 8
(in-person)

October 21, 5:00–7:00

November 4 & 18, 5:00–6:30

December 9, 9:30–2:30
(in-person)

January 6 & 13, 5:00–6:30

February 2 & 10, 5:00–6:30

March 3, 12:30–5:00
State House Day (in-person)

March 22-24

Federal Policy Retreat in Washington, D.C. (in-person)

April 7 & 14, 5:00–6:30

May 12 & 19, 5:00–7:00

June 2, 5:00–7:00
Graduation (in-person)

Except where otherwise noted, all sessions will take place virtually.