



[The Education Cooperative \(TEC\)](#) is a Massachusetts educational collaborative and 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that develops and coordinates educational and organizational programs to meet the needs of our member communities and their students in a way that complements and strengthens their school programs and expands opportunities for their students, educators and communities in the most cost effective manner.

Originally established in 1968, TEC became an [Educational Collaborative](#) in 1980 under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 4E and is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Our member public school districts include: Canton, Dedham, Dover, Dover-Sherborn, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medfield, Millis, Natick, Needham, Norwood, Sherborn, Walpole, Wayland and Westwood.

TEC provides a range of services for our districts including [educator professional development and licensure programs](#), the [TEC Online Academy](#), [student school-to-career internship opportunities](#) and college fairs, an extensive [cooperative purchasing program](#), and a range of educational consulting services that support the goals of educators, school and district leaders and students. TEC also sponsored [TEC Connections Academy \(TECCA\)](#), the Commonwealth Virtual School.

However, the most important thing TEC does is to offer a continuum of outstanding public special education day programs for students aged 3-22. Our programs provide a highly supportive, engaging and personalized environment specifically designed to meet each student's individual learning, physical, social-emotional and health care needs and offer families a range of educational opportunities taught by caring and experienced highly qualified MA certified teachers, therapists and specialists. Our goal is always to promote independence and reintegrate students into their home school and community whenever possible.

TEC's Programs include:

- [Programs and services for students from 5-22 years of age with mild to moderate special needs;](#)
- [High school-based programs for students ages 14-18 with moderate developmental delays](#) or social, emotional or mental health issues;
- [TEC Alternative High School](#) and [TEC Phoenix Academy](#) academic alternative high school programs supporting students with emotional issues such as anxiety, depression, and school avoidance;
- [Intensive educational programs](#) and services for students ages 3-22 years of age with moderate to severe special needs;
- [Therapeutic classes](#) designed as self-contained classrooms servicing students with social, emotional or mental health issues;
- [Transition Programs](#) supporting students who are transitioning from high school settings to community-based adult living experiences.
- Individualized home-based therapy focusing on behavior, leisure, communication, and daily living skills.

You can read more about the work of TEC on our website, [www.tec-coop.org](http://www.tec-coop.org) or in [The Education Cooperative's 2015 Annual Report](#).