
HELPING YOU HELP YOUR MIGRANT STUDENTS

What is the Migrant Education Program?

- A supplemental program whose mission is to ensure that qualifying students receive the same educational opportunities as all other students.
- A federal grant that began in the 1960's and has been reinforced by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, now ESSA.
- Funding is allocated through the MS Department of Education.

Who is a Migrant Child?

- Between the ages of 3 and 21
- Has not graduated from High school or received their GED
- Works or parents work in agriculture
- Has changed school districts in the last 3 years

MEP Identification, Recruitment, and Servicing

- Identify migrant children through:
 - Schools, farms, churches, stores, neighbors
- Recruit & Service migrants through:
 - School visits, home visits to conduct interviews and provide services

Services that Migrant Children Receive

- Academic assistance, such as tutoring
- Transfer of student records
- Inclusion in summer programs
- Basic needs assessment and assistance
- Translation
- Free school breakfasts and lunches as soon as they are qualified
- Home visits from MEP recruiters to check progress
- Referrals to other programs, such as summer camps
- Summer Programs and reading materials
- School supplies
- Assistance in applying for other programs
- Referrals to health and medical services
- Head Start, and after school program
- Variety of support services

How the MEP can help YOUR school

- Communicate with parents on behalf of schools, and vice-versa.
- Provide Professional Development training to staff.
- Facilitate communication with children.
- Respond to educational or basic needs for migrant students.
- Provide Professional Development training to staff.

How the MEP can help teachers

- Provide literacy & ESL materials to teachers.
- Translate documents and/or interpret for parent/teacher conferences.
- Act as a liaison between the teacher and parents.
- Provide school supplies for migrant children

How you can help us help you

- Know the basic qualifications of MEP.
- Ask about parent's occupations when students register at school.
- Notify the MEP office when new candidates arrive at school.
- Provide information about migrant children and their educational needs to our staff.

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