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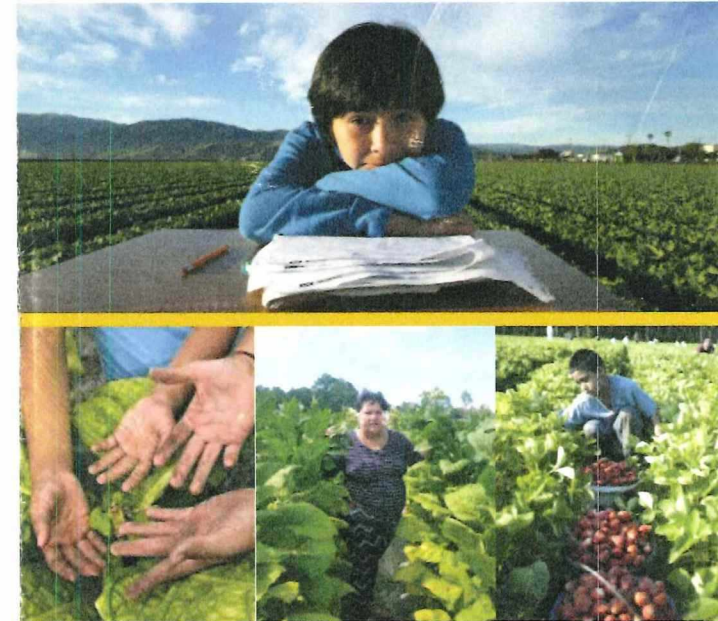
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Migrant Education Program (MEP)

*Title I, Part C
Federal Funded Program*



WHO IS A MIGRANT CHILD?

Any child under the age of 22 whose parent, spouse, or guardian is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher and who has moved:

- Within the last 36 months
- Across school district or state lines
- To obtain or seek temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural or fishing industries as the principal means of livelihood such as:

- *Agricultural farms, ranches, fields
- *Food warehouses, processing plants, or canneries
- *Dairies
- *Poultry farms
- *Fisheries
- *Slaughter houses
- *Forestry industry, plant nurseries
- *Other agricultural-related work



WHAT IS THE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM (MEP)?

The purpose of the MEP is to design and support programs that help migrant students overcome the challenges of mobility, cultural and language barriers, social isolation and other difficulties associated with a migratory lifestyle in order to succeed in school and to successfully transition to post-secondary education or employment.

HOW DO STUDENTS ENTER THE PROGRAM?

Students living within the Houston ISD school boundaries including charter and private schools are identified and recruited by the MEP recruiters. The Houston ISD MEP uses the FAMILY SURVEY as a tool in the process of identification and recruitment of migrant students.

FOCUS POINTS OF THE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

IDENTIFICATION AND RECRUITMENT

MEP personnel has the responsibility for actual recruitment of all eligible migratory students within HISD boundaries.

MIGRANT SERVICES COORDINATION

District MEP personnel handle a comprehensive set of instruction, guidance, and support activities for migrant students and includes inter-agency coordination with community agencies.

GRADUATION ENHANCEMENT (9-12)

Programs include, but are not limited to, correspondence courses and credit-by-exam tests, tuition vouchers for night/weekend high school classes and summer school classes intended for credit recovery or credit acceleration, drop-out recovery and parent training on graduation requirements.

NEW GENERATION SYSTEM (NGS)

The New Generation System (NGS) is a web-based interstate information network that collects, stores/maintains, and transfers education and health information for migratory children to educators throughout the nation.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Implementation of the early literacy center-based educational program, A Bright Beginning, for 3 and 4 year-old migrant students who are not served in the district's early childhood programs.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

In addition to monthly parent information meetings which focus on educational, social, and urban issues, a migrant-funded district is required to have a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC is comprised of migrant parents and staff who have a vested interest in the academic success of migrant students.

MIGRANT PROGRAM STUDENT BENEFITS

Title I, Part C provides additional resources to local education agencies (LEA) to provide supplemental instructional and support services for migrant students and their families, as well as to conduct identification and recruitment, data collection, and records transfer as required by law.

- *Center-based program for parents of children ages 3-4
- *Service coordination for migrant children aged 3-21
- *Parent Meetings
- *Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
- *School supplies and uniform clothing vouchers dependent on availability of funds
- *Tutorials for identified priority migrant students
- *Monitoring of academic achievement
- *Coordination with summer programs

ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (9-12)

- *Summer Enrichment Opportunities
- *Online Courses and Credit-by-Exam
- *Vouchers for night/weekend high school tuition classes at Houston Community College
- *Migrant Scholarships
- *Close Up Foundation
- *Tutors for at-risk students
- *College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

