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THE MEP CORNER

HISD MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM
NEWSLETTER



Pictured, from left: Angela Steingruber, MEP Representative, Elizabeth Rodriguez, MEP Representative, David Glaesemann, MEP Manager, and Irasema Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS!

The HISD Migrant Education Program (MEP) welcomes you to our January newsletter, where you will find valuable information, including upcoming events, resources, and important reminders for you and your family.

MEP designs and supports programs that help migrant students overcome the challenges of mobility, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, and other difficulties associated with a migratory lifestyle, to ensure they successfully transition to post-secondary education or employment.

Be sure to check out our website to stay up to date with MEP.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?



PRE-K APPLICATIONS

HISD is currently accepting Pre-K applications for students ages 3-4, for the 2022-2023 school year. Migrant children automatically qualify for early childhood and Pre-K programs based on their migratory status. The first chance to apply for pre-kindergarten programs goes through Thursday, March 10th. After March 10, qualified students will be accepted on a space available basis. For more information, visit the [Early Childhood Education program](#).

GED AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Need a GED and workforce development skills to advance in your career? Check out the [Out of School Resource Directory](#) for a list of free GED programs in your area.

HOMEWORK HELP ASSISTANCE

Need live online homework help, skills building, or writing assistance from a tutor? Check out [Brainfuse](#) on the Houston Public Library website. You will need your library card number and pin to log in.

FAFSA AND COLLEGE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Are you a senior or a student graduating early from high school? Find assistance in completing your Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and college applications at any one of the three GRADcafé locations in Houston. For more information, contact ProjectGrad at gradcafe@projectgradhouston.org or by phone at 832-325-0325.

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

The Migrant Program is thrilled to recognize the accomplishments of its Senior class. As a group, 87% of our seniors are ready to graduate and pursue a post-secondary education of their choice. Congratulations! Your hard work has paid off!



TEAM SPOTLIGHT

I am excited to rejoin the Migrant Education Program! I am a Rio Grande City, Texas native but I moved to Houston at an early age. I attended Austin High School and graduated from the University of Houston-Downtown. I have three children: Carlo, Ariana, and Aaron, and in my free time, I enjoy spending time with them and traveling.

I was part of the Migrant Education Program for 17 years but transitioned to the classroom. I was part of the Benavidez Elementary team for seven years but decided to return. Serving the Migrant community is truly my passion.

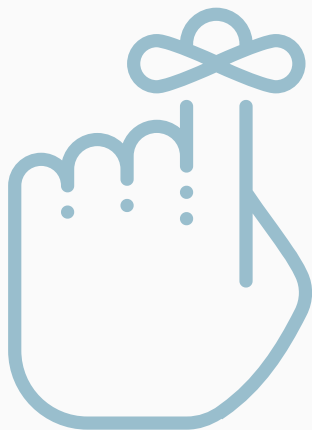
I look forward to serving migrant students and their families!



**Angela Steingruber,
Migrant Program
Representative**



REMINDERS



How can your children qualify for the Migrant Education Program services?

If in the last three years, you or someone in your family has moved from your home in search of work in agriculture or fishing, you may qualify for the program.

Complete the [referral form](#) and our staff will contact you to determine if someone in your family is eligible.

For more information, visit the [Migrant Education Program website](#) or contact us at 713-556-7288.

CALENDAR

FEB.

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Parent Information Meeting #3 5:30 - 7 p.m.

What: Learn how to find homework help assistance and connect with outside organizations that provide free or low-cost dental and medical care.

Where: Microsoft Teams Application

How: To join the meeting, click [here](#) or scan the QR code with your camera phone.



MARCH

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Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #2 5:30 - 7 p.m.

What: Parent Advisory Committee Members will meet virtually to discuss ways to increase outreach to migrant parents, improve ID&R, and brainstorm ideas for summer programming.

Where: Microsoft Teams Application

How: A meeting link will be emailed to all PAC members one week prior to the meeting.

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Parent Information Meeting #4 5:30 - 7 p.m.

What: Learn about amazing summer enrichment opportunities and receive counseling on options for graduates after high school.

Where: Microsoft Teams Application

How: A meeting will be emailed and texted to all families at least one week prior to the meeting.

JUNE

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Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #3 5:30 - 7 p.m.

What: Parent Advisory Committee Members will meet virtually for the final time this school year to discuss the MEP Program Evaluation, the 2022-2023 grant budget, and plan the local needs assessment.

Where: Microsoft Teams Application

How: A meeting link will be emailed to all PAC members one week prior to the meeting.

RESOURCES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

EDUCATIONAL

- [The HUB](#)
- [Federal Student Aid](#)
- [Houston Public Library Learning Link \(Elementary School\)](#)
- [Houston Public Library Learning Link \(Middle School\)](#)
- [Houston Public Library Learning Link \(High School\)](#)
- [Imagine Language and Literacy](#)
- [Imagine Español](#)
- [Imagine Math](#)
- [BrainPop](#)
- [Gale Research Databases](#)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

- [Houston ISD FACE Community Resource Guide](#)
- [HISD Student Support Services](#)
- [Texas Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program \(CEAP\)](#)
- [Houston-Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program](#)
- [Student Meals](#)
- [Unemployment Benefits \(TWC\)](#)
- [Medicaid and CHIP](#)
- [Food Stamps](#)

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