

Program Description

“Funds support high quality education programs for migratory children and help ensure that migratory children who move among the states are not penalized in any manner by disparities among states in curriculum, graduation requirements, or state academic content and student academic achievement standards. Funds also ensure that migratory children not only are provided with appropriate education services (including supportive services) that address their special needs but also that such children receive full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to meet. “

“Migrant Education Program.” *U.S. Department of Education*, US Department of Education (ED), 5 Oct. 2015, www2.ed.gov/programs/mep/index.html.

Program Goal

“The goal of the Migrant Education Program is to ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or complete a GED) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.”
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Who The Program Serves

The work must be directly related to the planting, cultivating, harvesting or processing of crops, the processing of dairy products, meats, fish or shellfish, or caring for livestock. There are no ethnic, national origin, income or language requirements for the MEP. To determine eligibility the Project’s Recruiter will conduct an interview with the family.

- The Migratory Child must be younger than 22 years old and eligible for free public education. In the preceding 36 months the child must have made a qualifying move on his or her own or with a migratory worker.
- The Migrant Worker must have made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months. The Migrant Worker must have engaged in qualifying work soon after the move or actively sought qualifying work soon after the move and have a history of qualifying moves resulting in qualifying work.
- The Qualifying work is temporary or seasonal and is in Agricultural or Fishing industries.
- The child has moved from one school district to another and from one residence to another due to economic necessity.

Services Provided

Preschool: When the child turns three he or she is eligible for half day preschool at Madison Elementary School.

Instructional Assistance: Assistance is provided in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies to students needing extra support at Madison Public Schools. Social/Emotional curriculum is also implemented at these grade levels.

High School Adult Living Skills Class: High school students in the Migrant Education Program are eligible for enrolling in an Adult Living Skills Class. Priority is given to students in grades 11 & 12. This class will teach students valuable life skills such as: cooking, child watch, applying for a job, and much more.

Student Leadership Activities: High school students have the opportunity to attend different leadership conferences such as the Latino Summit. Permission must be obtained from parents and the child must meet school expectations to attend. Priority will be given to older students.

OSY Adult Living Skills: Individuals who are 16 years of age to 21 years of age and are not attending school are eligible for small group lessons in adult living skills. Topics that may be covered: cooking, child watch, banking, applying for a job, and much more.

Supplementary Services: Services are provided to those in need by appointment or drop in. These services may include: interpretation, referrals, homework help, goal setting, and supplies. Supplementary services must have a direct impact on the child's education.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings: Information is shared with parents at PAC meetings. This information is designed to assist parents in supporting their child's education at home and also support other needs of their families. There are two main meetings throughout the year and a few other targeted at specific needs and interests to families. Please be watching for this information and please try to attend.

Free Meals at School: Children in the Migrant Education program receive free breakfast and lunch at school while eligible for the Migrant Education Program.