What is the Migrant Program?

The Title I, Part C-Migrant Education Program (MEP) funds additional educational programs for migrant children (ages 3-21). Migrant students have the same risk factors as other students. These students also face further challenges because of their frequent moves.

Migrant students usually account for only a small percentage of the total student population. Many school districts find it difficult to provide the level of services needed to ensure the best educational experience possible for migrant students.

The Title I, Part C (MEP) attempts to ensure that migrant students do not face additional educational challenges because of the differences in academic standards throughout the country. The program also promotes the coordination of educational and support services including the timely transfer of academic records.

Migrant Program Goals

- Ensure that migratory children who move among the States are not penalized in any manner by disparities among the States in curriculum, graduation requirements, and State academic content and student academic achievement standards.
- Ensure that migratory 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.

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Parent and Community Involvement

The Migrant Program supports parental involvement at all levels. Parents are encouraged to visit local schools, volunteer in our schools, attend various school-based workshops and participate in Parent Advisory Council meetings.

With the help from local churches and other social organizations, food, clothing, and medical services are readily available to our migrant families. Local businesses and social institutions are providing more scholarship dollars than ever before to our migrant students.

“Our migrant children ...they are our only hope ... Like seedlings, they have been sown in your school, It is our wish they blossom into harvests of hope.”

Author unknown

Services Provided to Migrant Students

Each local MEP project offers services based on the needs of the migrant children it serves.

Educational services may include:
- Support services by school-site Migrant Advocates
- Summer school and tutoring during the regular school year for grades K-12
- Services to help high school students graduate
- Continuity of instruction between and among school districts and states

Supportive services include:
- Statewide recruitment of eligible migrant children
- Sharing of student information among the states when students move
- Medical, dental and nutritional services