

WHO DOES THE PROGRAM SERVE?

Children and youth younger than 22 years who have not graduated from high school or do not hold a high school equivalency certificate may be eligible for the MEP if they have moved:

- *across school district lines;*
- *within the last three years;*
- *with a parent/guardian or on his/her own; and*
- *to obtain qualifying temporary or seasonal agricultural or fishing employment*

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.



THINK YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE?

If you think your child may be eligible, please call the MEP staff listed on this brochure. A MEP staff member will be happy to visit with you to talk about whether you and your children can receive services, but it is important for you to call to find out more information. This call may help you and your children get the help they need to succeed in school. Contacting your local MEP will not only help you, it may help other families in the migrant community by bringing services to your area. The MEP can only help those eligible children that it can find. Please contact us today.

CONTACT:



Nebraska Migrant Education Program

The Nebraska Migrant Education Program is a state-operated federally funded program designed to meet the unique needs of all children of migratory agricultural workers by providing both supplemental educational and support services.



WHAT IS THE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM?

The federally-funded Title I Migrant Education Program (MEP) provides supplemental educational and supportive services to migratory children across the nation. The program was established in 1966 and has been amended and reauthorized several times, including under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. The general purpose of the MEP is to ensure that migratory children and youth fully benefit from the same free public education provided to other children. To achieve this, the MEP supports educational programs for migratory children to help reduce the educational disruptions and other challenges that result from repeated moves.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We know that it is very important for parents to be involved in their children's education. Parents are their child's first teachers. The MEP is ready to support you in helping your child learn and grow. Your involvement will show your children how important learning is for life.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?

Each local MEP offers services based on the needs of the migratory children it serves. Educational services may include the following:

- *preschool programs to prepare migratory children for success in school*
- *summer school programs*
- *tutoring programs*
- *before and after school programs*
- *high school graduation assistance services*
- *Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS) Program*
- *High School Equivalency Program (HEP)*
- *College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)*
- *Continuity of instruction between and among school districts and states*
- *Scholarship opportunities*



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SUPPORT SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

May include the following:

- *Parent Advisory Council (PAC) which conducts meetings and other parent involvement activities*
- *statewide recruitment of eligible migratory children*
- *sharing of student information among the states upon relocation*
- *medical, dental, visual, and nutritional services*
- *referral services to other local agencies*
- *providing school materials*

State Migrant Education Programs are required to:

- *ensure that the special educational needs of migratory children are identified and addressed;*
- *provide migratory students with the opportunity to meet the same challenging state academic content standards that all children are expected to meet;*
- *promote interstate and intrastate coordination of services for migratory children and;*
- *encourage family literacy services for migratory children and their families.*

As a result, young children are better prepared to enter school, experience academic success, graduate, and pursue postsecondary education or employment.