

Title I, Part C

Migrant Education Program



COLORADO
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History and Purpose

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) was created in 1966 under President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society Initiative to meet the specific needs of migrant children and families. The MEP provides supplemental support to eligible migrant children and youth. The purpose of the program is to ensure that migratory children are not penalized in any manner by disparities among curriculum, graduation requirements, academic content and student academic achievement standards and ensure that migratory children are provided with appropriate educational services and opportunities so they can succeed in school and graduate from high school being postsecondary education or employment ready.

Identification and Recruitment

Identifying and recruiting eligible migrant children is a cornerstone of the MEP in order to attain the goal of assisting migrant children to achieve academic standards and graduate from high school. Each regional Migrant Program is responsible for the identification and recruitment of all eligible migrant children in the state in a timely manner and help deliver services at an appropriate level of quality and intensity to meet the needs of the children being served.

The Migrant Education Program may serve children from birth to the age of 22 who are eligible for a free public education under State Law. In order to qualify for services, children must have moved within the past three years, across state or school district lines with or to join a migrant parent or guardian who has obtained qualifying temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, fishing, or the cow industry.

State Allocations

The U.S. Department of Education allocates funds to states based on the state's migrant population and other factors. The Colorado MEP allocates funds to its five regions who identify migrant families and deliver services throughout the state.

Tools and Resources

CDE Office of Migrant Education
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/migrant>

U.S Department of Education, Title I,
Part C
<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg8.html>

U.S Office of Migrant Education
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oes/ome/index.html>

Interstate Migrant Education Council
(IMEC)
<http://imec-migrated.org/>

National Association of State
Directors of Migrant Education
(NASDME)
<http://nasdme.org/>

Graduation and Outcomes for
Success for Out-of-School Youth
(GOSY)
<http://www.osymigrant.org/>

