



**Mississippi Migrant Education Service Center**  
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## Helping You Help Your Migrant Students

### What is the Migrant Education Program?

- A supplemental program whose mission is to ensure that qualifying students receive the same educational opportunities as all other students.
- A federal grant that began in the 1960's and has been reinforced by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, now called Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Funding is allocated through the MS Department of Education, under Federal Programs.

### Who is a Migrant Child?

- Younger than 22 years of age
- Works or parents work in agriculture
- Has changed school districts in the last 3 years
- Has not graduated from High School or received a GED

### MEP Identification, Recruitment, and Servicing

- Identify migrant children through:
  - Schools, farms, churches, stores, neighbors
- Recruit & Service migrants through:
  - School visits, home visits to conduct interviews and provide services

### Services that Migrant Children Receive

- Free school breakfasts and lunches as soon as they are qualified
- Home visits from MEP recruiters to check progress
- School supplies
- Summer reading materials
- Assistance in applying for other programs
- Referrals to health and medical services
- Academic assistance, such as tutoring
- Transfer of student records
- Inclusion in summer programs
- Basic needs assessment and assistance
- Translation/Interpretations
- Referrals to other programs, such as summer camps, Head Start, and after school programs

## How can the MEP help YOUR school?

- Communicate with parents on behalf of schools, and vice-versa.
- Facilitate communication with children.
- Respond to educational or basic needs for migrant students.
- Provide Professional Development training to staff.

## How can the MEP help YOUR everyday teacher?

- Provide literacy & ESL materials to teachers.
- Interpret for parent/teacher conferences.
- Act as a liaison between the teacher and parents.
- Provide school supplies for migrant children.

## How you can help us help you

- Know the basic qualifications of MEP.
- Ask about parental occupations when students register at school.
- Notify the MEP office when new candidates arrive at school.
- Provide information about migrant children and their educational needs to our staff.



## Mississippi Migrant Education Service Center Staff & Contact Information

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