

Migrant Education Program

Region 1



What is the Migrant Education Program (MEP)?



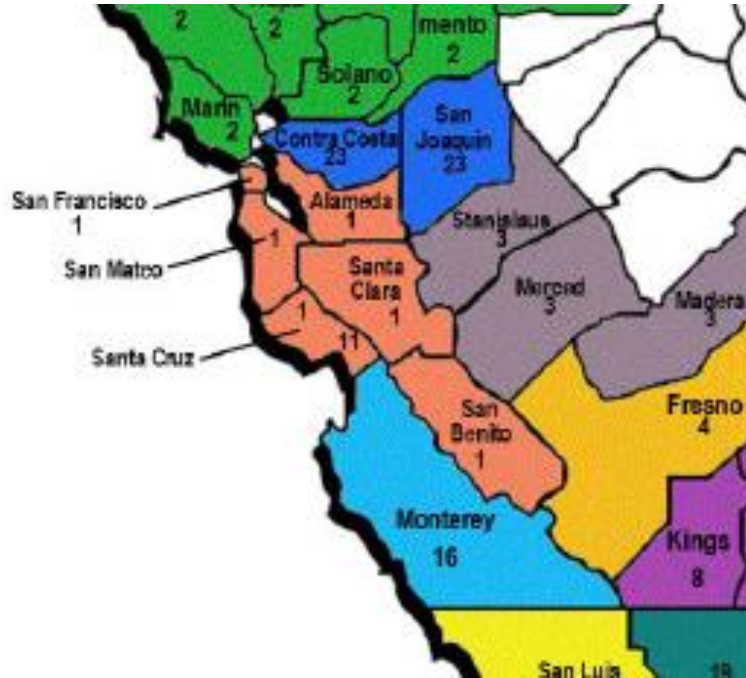
The program is designed to recruit and link students and families to school/community resources. It provides **supplementary** educational and support services to eligible students ages 3-21.

Migrant Regions in California



- There are a total of 23 regional offices in California.
- The Santa Clara County Office of Education provides services in **Region 1**.

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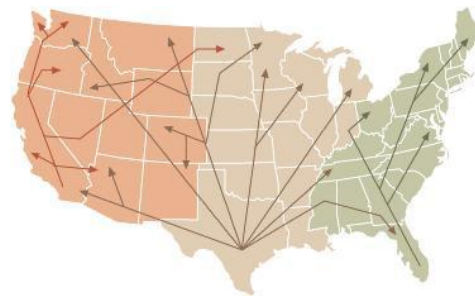


Region 1 covers 6 counties in the Bay Area:

- Santa Clara County
- San Benito County
- Santa Cruz County*
- San Francisco County
- Alameda County
- San Mateo County

How do families qualify?(Cont.)

- A move was made from one district to another due to economic necessity. One of those moves must be related to work in either agriculture or fishing industries within 60 days of arrival in the last 36 months.
- The children are between ages 3 and 21 and have not yet received a high school diploma or GED.



Examples of qualifying work



Harvesting fruits/
vegetables



Cultivation/ preparation
of soil/ irrigating



Planting/ pruning trees
and vines (orchards)



Greenhouse/nursery/
sod/ mushroom farms



Harvesting nuts/
Packing facility



Dairy/ Livestock



Commercial fishing/
crabbing/ shellfish



Meat processing/
seafood processing



How do we identify migrant children?

School-based recruitment efforts:

- Referrals given to MEP staff by school/district staff (*e.g., teachers, counselors, EL Coordinators, school secretaries*)
- Participation in school sponsored events (*e.g., college & career fairs, back to school nights, kindergarten round-ups*)
- Presentations on MEP eligibility and services at school/district events and meetings where migratory parents may be present (*e.g., ELAC/DELAC meetings, school/district staff meetings*)



How do we identify migrant children? (Cont.)

Community-based recruitment efforts:

- Participation in community sponsored events (*e.g., health fairs, children fairs, Cinco de Mayo celebrations, festivals*)
- Recruitment at migrant housing centers
- Canvassing at low-income neighborhoods

Employer-based recruitment efforts:

- Recruitment at employment sites (*e.g., orchards, nurseries*)



Program Goals

The California Migrant Education Program is designed to support high-quality supplemental and comprehensive educational programs for migrant children to help reduce the educational disruption and other problems that result from repeated moves.



Region 1 Program Goals

The goal of Region 1 Migrant Education Program is to ensure that all migrant students:

- Receive the support they need to successfully access challenging academic standards
- Graduate with a high school diploma (or obtain a high school equivalency certificate)
- Prepare to become responsible citizens
- Achieve higher education or career goals



What are some sample services?

- Vision & Dental Screenings
- Advocacy and Referrals to mental health services and local resources
- Transportation
- Academic Field Trips
- Provide school materials, laptops, Wi-Fi when applicable.



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