

Migrant Education Program

Region 1



Santa Clara County Office of Education

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.



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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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 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)











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



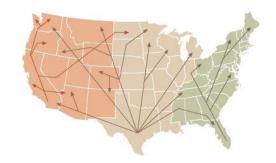






How do families qualify?(Cont.)

- 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.









Recent Significant Events

- Showing of Jose Hernandez Movie "A Million Miles Away" in San Jose and Pescadero.
- Dia De Alegria in San Juan Bautista
- Migrant Speech and Debate State Tournament in Monterey High School.
- Close Up Washington DC
- Fresno State University
- Sacramento State University
- Camp Walden West (Migrant)
- Coming up...
 SJSU and Santa Clara University









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