



## Midwest Migrant Education Resource Center

*Providing tools to migrant educators  
to plant seeds of knowledge waiting  
to blossom into harvest of hope.*

For information on how to order  
resources from lending library or  
assistance with student placement,  
Texas state assessments and/or  
credit accrual contact:

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St. Paul, MN 55104

1(877)891-6379  
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**Tri-Valley**  
Opportunity Council, Inc.

*Head Start, Child & Family Programs*

*Providing opportunities to improve the quality  
of life for people and communities.*

For information on migrant identification,  
recruitment and services contact:

14815 Energy Way  
Apple Valley, MN 55124

1(952)232-1210

<https://www.tvoc.org/services/head-start/summer-migrant-education/>

National Migrant Education Hotline

1(800)234-8848



**Department of Education**

**Migrant Education**



1500 Highway 36 West  
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

## What is the Migrant Education Program?

Title I, Part C, Migrant Education is a United States Department of Education program that provides supplemental educational and support services to eligible migrant children. These services help children of migrant workers overcome the disruption to their education and other obstacles they encounter. The Migrant Education Program is based on the

premise that poverty, mobility and school achievement are related and that children who are both poor and migratory are more likely to have difficulty in school.

The U.S. Department of Education allocates funds to the individual states based on each state's identified migrant population. The Minnesota Department of Education administers the Migrant Education Program and coordinates summer migrant programs through grants to local school districts with a high concentration of migrant students in their region.

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## Who are migrant workers?

Migrant workers seek temporary or seasonal work in agriculture, fishing or related industries including food processing. They follow the growing seasons across the country and cultivate and harvest fruits, vegetables and many other food products. Many migrant families earn less than the national poverty level.

## What makes a child is eligible?

A migrant child must have moved within the past 36 months across state or school district lines to enable the child, the child's guardian or a member of the child's family to obtain temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in agriculture, which may be dairy work or the initial processing of raw agriculture products. A migratory child includes youth who themselves are migratory workers or are spouses of migratory workers. The program serves children and youth ages 3 through 21 who have not graduated from high school or earned a General Education Diploma (GED).

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## Why give special help to migrant children?

The primary purpose of the Migrant Education Program is to address the special educational needs of migratory. When migrant children move with their families, their education, as well as their lives, are disrupted, often many times a year. Migrant children may come from large families with inadequate housing and low incomes.

Migrant children may have limited English skills and/or little experience with success at school. Poor nutrition, limited access to health combined with irregular school attendance, often lead to low academic performance, causing many migrant children to drop out of school in their teens. Migrant youth may face unemployment or limited career options. Parents may not know about community and school resources which could help their children. However, the Migrant Education Program can help these children enjoy, and develop their skills to succeed in school and options for the future by overcoming these difficulties.



## What services are provided?

The Minnesota Migrant Program (MEP) partners with two non-profit organizations: Tri-Valley Opportunity Council (TVOC) and the Midwest Migrant Education Resource Center (MMERC). These local organizations provide a variety of services to support the efforts of the MN Department of Education in delivering services to the migrant families in our state.

- Summer school programs to supplement the regular school
  - Health screening and referrals
  - Migrant early childhood education
  - Services for pregnant women up to 21
  - Texas State Assessments
  - Educational resources
  - Credit accrual, credit recover and/or credit acceleration
  - Parental education
  - College experience for high school migrant students
  - Interstate and intrastate coordination
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