

MMERC Membership Information

Overview

The **Midwest Migrant Educational Resource Center (MMERC)**, operated by **Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.**, is a lending library established in 1983 and revived in 2023. Its mission is to offer supplemental instructional resources to support educators in meeting the needs of students eligible for the Migrant Education Program.

Our lending library encompasses an extensive collection of resources to support early childhood through 12th-grade students and Out-of-School Youth. MMERC is dedicated to supporting educators and students eligible for the Migrant Education Program.

Key features of MMERC:

- **Academic Resource Kits:** These kits cover various subjects and grade levels, providing resources that enhance classroom instruction. Educators can use these kits to engage students in interactive learning experiences.
- **STEM Resources:** MMERC's STEM kits, including **LEGO Robotics EV3** and **LEGO Simple Machines**, encourage exploration in science, technology, engineering, and math. These resources can inspire creativity and problem-solving skills.
- **Reading Kits:** Literacy development is crucial, and MMERC's reading kits offer tools to support reading skills. These kits can make learning enjoyable and foster a love for reading.
- **Math Manipulatives:** Teaching math concepts through interactive activities helps students grasp abstract ideas. These manipulatives provide a tangible way to explore mathematical concepts.
- **Language Arts with LEGO StoryStarter:** The LEGO StoryStarter kit combines storytelling and creativity. It's an excellent resource for language arts, encouraging students to express themselves through narratives.
- **ESL Resources:** Supporting English language learners is essential. MMERC's ESL resources can assist educators in creating an inclusive and effective learning environment for English language learners.
- **Culturally Relevant Resources:** Recognizing and respecting cultural backgrounds is vital. MMERC's diverse resources ensure that students feel represented and valued.
- **Educational Games:** Learning through play is effective. MMERC's educational games engage students while reinforcing academic concepts.
- **Group or Individual Learning Activities:** Versatile resources cater to different teaching contexts. Whether in a group or individual setting, MMERC provides options for effective learning.
- **Bilingual (Spanish/English) Resources:** Supporting bilingual education is crucial. These resources bridge language gaps and promote understanding. Imagine how one of your students would feel hearing you read a story in their home language.
- **Social and Emotional Learning Resources:** Emotional intelligence is essential for student well-being and learning. MMERC's materials can help educators address social and emotional needs.
- **Portable Translation Device:** Communication is key. The translation device facilitates effective communication between educators and students with different language backgrounds.

The library collection provides valuable resources that enhance classroom instruction and contribute to the learning environment. These resources offer students opportunities to explore diverse academic areas through hands-on and problem-solving activities, fostering both independent and collaborative learning. Our objective is to ensure access to instructional materials that supplement, enrich, and support migratory students and educators, particularly in school districts facing funding or access limitations.

Membership Agreement Terms

Membership Duration and Contract Amount (choose one):

- Membership A:** Membership will cost \$15,000 and run for **12 months** from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. Payment is due October 31, 2024.
- Membership B:** Membership will cost \$15,000 and run for **12 months** from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Payment is due June 1, 2025.
- Membership C:** Membership will cost \$10,000 and run for **5 months** from May 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025. Payment is due April 1, 2025.

Make checks payable to Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.

Payments should be mailed to:

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc
Attn: MMERC Membership
PO Box 607
Crookston, MN 56716

Submission Deadline: The MMERC Membership Agreement between Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and your state Migrant Education Program should be signed and submitted no later than the first day of membership via email to christine.young@tvoc.org.

Here's a summary of the **MMERC Membership Contracted Services**:

- **Unlimited Access to Instructional Resources:** MMERC provides access to a vast collection of over **11,000** diverse instructional resources. These materials cover various subjects and grade levels, supporting educators in their teaching endeavors.
- **Shipping and Return Labels:** Convenient logistics are essential. MMERC ensures that resources are shipped promptly and provides return labels for easy handling.
- **MMERC Training Opportunities:** Continuous professional development is crucial. MMERC offers training sessions, empowering educators with the knowledge and skills needed to maximize resource utilization.
- **Live Customer Support:** Educators can rely on MMERC's responsive customer support for any queries or assistance related to the resources.
- **MMERC Marketing Resources:** Stay informed! MMERC provides marketing materials, keeping educators updated on new resources, events, and opportunities.
- **Up-to-Date Curriculum:** MMERC ensures that the curriculum aligns with current educational standards and trends, enhancing classroom instruction.

- **Monthly MMERC Newsletter:** Educators receive valuable insights, tips, and updates through the monthly newsletter, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.
- **VIP Access to Mentoring Program Resources:** Looking for a way to incorporate mentoring services to your eligible students? MMERC staff has created a mentoring program called CHAT. MMERC Members are welcome to any of the created materials as well as training on how to get started.
- **Exclusive Sneak Peeks:** Be the first to explore newly added resources! MMERC provides exclusive previews, allowing educators to stay ahead.
- **Tailored Solutions:** Share your requirements, and we'll create a customized order just for you. It's all about saving you time!
- **In-Person Conference Planning/Networking Session:** MMERC anticipates future supplemental services conferences. While transportation and accommodation costs are not included, educators can benefit from in-person networking and collaborative planning.

*All contracted services listed above are subject to change pending availability.

As a member state, your commitment involves the following responsibilities:

- **Appoint a State Contact:** Designate an individual as the point of contact for effective communication between your state and MMERC. This ensures smooth coordination and timely information exchange.
- **Timely Completion of Forms and Prompt Payment:** Complete all necessary forms/paperwork and submit payment within specified deadlines. By doing so, you contribute to the seamless implementation of MMERC services and resource access.
- **Resource Return:** Adhere to the 5-week loan period for returning resources unless alternative arrangements have been made with MMERC staff. Prompt returns enable other educators to benefit from these valuable materials.
- **Collaborate for Trainings:** Engage in collaborative efforts and participate in MMERC training sessions. These sessions enhance educators' understanding of resource utilization.
- **Promote the Lending Library:** Actively promote MMERC's lending library to relevant stakeholders within your educational community. By spreading awareness, you contribute to equitable access for all eligible students.

Should you have any inquiries or require additional information, please feel free to contact christine.young@tvoc.org. Submitting the signed contract promptly ensures uninterrupted access to these valuable resources.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting migratory students through MMERC's valuable services!