Metro Migrant Education Program (MMEP)

OUR MISSION Identify, recruit, and support migrant families by providing services effectively allowing them to achieve their educational goals.

WHAT IS MIGRANT EDUCATION? The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is a national program designed to meet the unique needs of children of migratory agricultural workers. MEP was established in 1966 by an amendment to Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. It provides both supplemental educational and support services.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Migrant students are children, from birth through age 21, of parents or guardians who have moved across state or school district lines, anytime during the past three years to seek or with the intent to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, fishing or related industries. Children can qualify even if their parents did not find the job they were looking for or if they have changed jobs since. Agriculturally related work includes the following activities:

- Dairy or dairy products
- Dried and dehydrated food, spices
- Field work
- Greenhouses, nurseries and orchards
- Meat packing plants
- Poultry and eggs
- Preserved and canned food
- Sod farms
- Sugar and honey

FOR HOW LONG DO THEY QUALIFY? Students qualify for three years from the last qualifying move. Every time the family moves across school district boundaries in order to look for a job in agriculture, the children re-qualify.

WHAT SERVICES & BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED? Services may vary from one school, or district, to another depending upon the number of students identified and their needs. Direct services include but are not limited to:

- Referrals to food banks, clothing banks, low cost medical services and clinics, GED classes, citizenship classes, adult education, legal services, and other community agencies.
- Assistance with summer school enrollment and tuition
- Transfer of student records to and from Mexico through the Bi-national Program
- Scholarship assistance for outstanding migrant students
- Youth guidance and education support
- Supplemental instructional services

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Resources:

- http://www.coloradofarmworkers.org/
- https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/migrantfarmworkers
- http://www.saludclinic.org/mobile-unit
- https://www.denverlibrary.org/services-immigrants
- http://www.ardasclinic.com/
- http://www.acc-den.org/
- https://www.projectworthmore.org/
- http://www.thrivectr.org/refugee-resources/

Education on Farm workers:

- http://ufw.org/
- http://www.ncfh.org/call-for-health.html
- Pesticide report
- https://www.cde.state.co.us/migrant