WHO WE ARE

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is authorized by Part C of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The migrant education program is a federally funded, state operated grant. The Nebraska Department of Education has the responsibility for administrative and program functions. The grant assists the States in improving educational opportunities for migratory children to help them succeed in the regular school program, meet the same State academic content and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to meet, and graduate from high school.

The general purpose of the MEP is to ensure that migratory children fully benefit from the same free public education provided to other children. To achieve this purpose, the MEP helps SEAs and local operating agencies address the special educational needs of migratory children to better enable migratory children to succeed academically. More specifically, the purposes of the MEP are to:

• Support high-quality and comprehensive educational programs for migratory children in order to reduce the educational disruption and other problems that result from repeated moves;
• Ensure that migratory children who move among the States are not penalized in any manner by disparities among the States in curriculum, graduation requirements, and State academic content and student academic achievement;
• Ensure that migratory children are provided with appropriate educational services (including supportive services) that address their special needs in a coordinated and efficient manner;
• Ensure that migratory children receive full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards that all children are expected to meet;
• Design programs to help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, various health-related problems, and other factors that inhibit their ability to do well in school and to prepare them to make a successful transition to postsecondary education or employment; and
• Ensure that migratory children benefit from State and local systemic reforms.

WHAT WE DO

Provide educational instructional services or educationally related support services for migratory children and youth to enable them to succeed in school. Because student success is the overarching goal of the MEP, services are a vital aspect of the program. In providing services, priority is given to migratory children who are failing or most at risk of failing and whose education has been interrupted during the regular school year.

For more information, please visit: www.nebraska.ne.gov/migrant

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