

# Education of Migratory Children

The Migrant Education Program (MEP), or Title I, Part C, is a limited, competitive grant program. MEP funds ensure that eligible migratory children are provided with appropriate education and support services that address their unique needs.

## A Child Is a “Migratory Child” and Is Eligible for MEP Services If:

- The child is between 3 and 22 years of age (not yet 22); and the child is entitled to a free public education (through grade 12) under state law, or the child is not yet at a grade level at which the local educational agency (LEA) provides a free public education.
- The child made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months as a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher or did so with or to join a parent/guardian or spouse who is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher.
- The child moved due to economic necessity from one residence to another residence and from one LEA to another or resides in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles and migrates a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence.

## Service Delivery Plan

Following the triennial Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) process, the Service Delivery Plan (SDP) is developed to address the needs that must be met for migratory children (see [New Jersey Migrant Education Program](#)). The MEP Service Delivery Plan:

- Is the product of joint planning among administrators of local, state, and federal programs;
- Encompasses the full range of services that are available to migrant children from appropriate local, state, and federal educational programs;
- Is integrated with other federal programs;
- Provides migrant children an opportunity to meet the same challenging State academic standards that all students are expected to meet; and
- Specifies measurable program goals and outcomes.

**Spending Priorities:** The following spending priorities are relayed annually to local operating agencies (LOAs) to ensure alignment with the needs identified by the New Jersey Department of Education:

- tutoring and supplemental instruction (including the school year and the summer);
- educational materials and technology;
- health screenings (vision, dental, medical, mental health);
- activities to increase parent involvement; and
- supports for College and Career Readiness.



Read the [ESSA State Plan](#) on the NJDOE website.

