

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.

