

# Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program Region 2 Information

## Chester County Intermediate Unit

The Migrant Education Program (MEP), Title I Part C, is authorized under Part C of Title I of the ESEA of 1965, as amended by ESSA. The goal of the CCIU MEP is to ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or high school equivalency) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment. ([www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov))

### Purpose

Our Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program Region 2 purpose and goal is to provide supplemental education services to qualifying students throughout our five counties and to help them experience success in school and in life. We support and believe in the importance of our mission statement: "To ensure that all enrolled migrant students receive the educational services necessary to develop to their fullest potential so that they become productive and participating members of our society."

### Identification and Recruitment

The recruitment staff work in collaboration with school districts, growers, employers, local businesses, community agencies, and social services to identify families who may qualify for Migrant Education Program services.

### Student Support Services

Student Support Specialists and Program Specialists offer supportive educational programming for students in preschool through age 21 with on-campus or in-home sessions. We collaborate with school districts, Head Start and other early childhood agencies and community agencies to offer afterschool, summer supplemental programming, and in-home services. Services focus on reading, math, science, ESL, school readiness, graduation, and STEAM.

### Data Services

Identified migrant children and families are enrolled in a statewide and national data system that maintains their current educational records and needs assessments. The data specialist and back-up data specialist work closely with the Pennsylvania MEP data team and Student Support Specialists and Program Specialists to maintain the database from which student demographics and academic information can be obtained and used to design supportive services.

### Parent Involvement

Program Specialists work to assure that the parents of our migrant students become and remain active participants in the school lives of their children. Services include assisting with school registration and offering workshops on topics such as cyber safety, healthy lifestyles, and good nutrition. We also encourage parents to stay involved in the schools by attending parent meetings and parent-teacher conferences. Community agencies are often active partners in providing support to our families.

### Locations

The southern Pennsylvania MEP serves migrant families in Philadelphia, Montgomery, Bucks, Delaware, and Chester counties. The majority of migrant workers in Philadelphia work in meat and vegetable packing. In Norristown, the migrant workers work in nurseries and greenhouses, or do meat or vegetable packing. Mushroom farming provides 98% of the work for migrant workers in southern Chester County.



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