

# PA Migrant Education Program

## Region 3 Information

Millersville University



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 Millersville University's Migrant Education Program 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))

### Background & Purpose

The Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program at Millersville University is composed of three Project Areas: Lehigh /Northampton Counties (Project Area 2), Lancaster/Lebanon Counties (Project Area 4), and Berks County (Project Area 5), each with its own unique, opportunities and challenges. We are a federally-funded, state administered and locally operated program. Our region's demographic distribution is composed of over 20 ethnic groups. Our objective is to strategically plan, organize, design and implement programs to help migratory children obtain academic success and to empower their families to become active members within their communities.

### Eligibility

Migrant children are those (ages 3 to 21) whose parents or guardians have moved from one school district to another within the last three years to engage in temporary or seasonal work in agriculture or related activities or Out of School Youth migrant workers (under age 22). Migrant workers are employed by dairy farms, poultry farms, and in agricultural industries which process vegetables, fruit, poultry, and beef, within our project areas.

### Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to help organize, implement and evaluate the programs within our areas at all levels (local, state, national) through Parent Action Committees (PACs).

### Identification and Recruitment

Trained migrant program recruiters work in partnership with the communities they are assigned in order to identify migrant families. Recruiters explain the program and services and determine eligibility as defined by federal regulations. Once signatures are obtained on a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), enrollment begins. Follow-up visits are then made.

### Student Support Services

Migrant staff (Student Support Specialists) offer educational and support services for young people ages 3-21. School district and inter- agency coordination help provide information and additional services. Program staff provide instructional help through home visits, referrals to existing programs, mini-campus lessons, summer programs and refer families to local agencies for additional support services depending on their needs.

### Migrant Data Services

Identified migrant children are enrolled in a statewide and a national migrant data system where, based on a needs assessment, their current educational levels and health records are recorded. This system assists teachers in grade placement of migrant children, prevents duplication of services and is used as an evaluation instrument of needs to determine the direction of services that need to be provided.

### Summer Programs

Our summer program offers a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) content-based curriculum that enhances basic and advanced skills in individualized and group learning settings with a researched best practice-based approach. We target 95 to 100% of our migrant population.

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