

PA Migrant Education Program

Region 4 Information



Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit



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Purpose & Goal

The Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Migrant Education Program (MEP) offers supplemental educational services to the children of migrant agricultural workers in 30 counties in Pennsylvania. The primary goal of the Migrant Education Program is to ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or complete a high school equivalent) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

Health Services

The IU5 MEP provides health referrals and information to students and families.

In-Home Support

This is key to our program. 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).

Out-of-School Youth

These are students who have not graduated or do not hold a high school equivalent certificate. They are offered help in finding ESL programs, Adult Basic Education courses, and GED classes that are located within their communities. High School Equivalency Program (HEP) information is also provided.

Parent Involvement

Project Area 7 & 8 has active Parent Involvement Committees. Migrant parents are involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the program. All parents are invited to participate in the educational meetings that are planned by the Parent Involvement Coordinator and the local Parent Advisory Council. Parents are guided in the rights and responsibilities for a child to receive an education. They are encouraged to participate in their child's school-parent meetings and opportunities.

Partnership Programs

The Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Migrant Education Program participates in various programs both locally and statewide. Some of these programs are provided through partnerships with local school districts, colleges, and universities. Other programs are through state sponsorships.

Student Support Programs

The Student Support Specialists advocate on behalf of migrant students. They are an important link between migrant families, schools, and community agencies. They refer students to existing extended day and tutoring programs, high school equivalency programs, and pre-school programs.

Summer School Programs

Students are given the opportunity to attend a summer program in their area. The students receive daily lessons in language arts and math. ESL support is available. Students also participate in cultural activities, art class, and computer lab. All classes and activities are STEAM/STEM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) related.

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Cambria, Cameron,
Clarion, Clearfield,
Crawford, Elk, Erie,
Fayette, Forest, Franklin,
Fulton, Greene, Indiana,
Jefferson, Lawrence,
McKean, Mercer,
Somerset, Venango,
Warren, Washington,
Westmoreland, and York

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