What is the Migrant Education Program?
Title I, Part C, Migrant Education is a United States Department of Education program that provides supplemental educational and support services to eligible migrant children and youth. These services help children and youth of migrant farm workers overcome the disruption to their education and other obstacles they encounter. The Migrant Education Program is based on the premise that poverty, mobility, and school achievement are related and that children who are both poor and migratory are more likely to have difficulty in school. The Georgia Department of Education administers the Migrant Education Program through grants to local school systems. The Department also operates three regional offices charged with the task of ensuring migrant children receive a variety of services from the local school system or the office itself.

What makes children and youth eligible for the program?
To qualify for the Migrant Education Program, a child must have moved within the past 36 months across state or district lines to enable the child, the child’s guardian or a member of the child’s family to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in an agricultural or fishing activity. A migratory child includes youth who themselves are migratory workers or are spouses of migratory workers. The program identifies children as newborns and serves children and youth ages 3 through 21 who have not graduated from high school or earned a General Education Development diploma (GED). Recruiters are trained personnel who identify and recruit migrant participants. The recruiter gathers the necessary information about each migrant student or Out-of-School Youth (OSY) and documents the information on the Certificate of Eligibility (COE). All information given to the Recruiter is confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Laws.

What school and support services are provided?
• Early childhood development services to prepare migrant children for a successful school experience (ages 3-5);
• Supplemental instruction designed to meet the specific needs of migrant children; College and Career Awareness;
• Adolescent outreach and leadership development;
• Supplemental support for English to speakers of other languages (ESOL);
• Special teachers, tutors, and highly qualified paraprofessionals to work with at-risk migrant students individually or in small groups on areas of academic weakness;
• Summer school programs and extended day programs to supplement the regular school program; and
• Supportive health services and referrals, including medical, dental, nutritional, and psychological services, in cooperation with other agencies.

* Some schools have Student Support Providers (SSPs) who work with migrant students in the classroom and in tutoring sessions.

Dear Migrant Parents:
We would like to welcome you to the Georgia Migrant Education Program (MEP). We are so glad to have you as part of our program! This guide is designed to inform you and help you navigate through the most relevant aspects of the Georgia MEP. Each of you is an integral part of what is needed to carry out each of the supplemental educational projects we offer to migrant students in our state.

Our students learn best when their parents help and encourage them. If each migrant family turns their aspirations into concrete actions supporting the work of the Georgia MEP, supporting the schools and the teachers, sharing in their child’s educational experiences and actively participating in their school then we will ensure a quality learning environment for all. Our individual missions complement and build on one another and can only be reached with the support, effort and commitment of each one of us.

We trust that your child’s participation in the program will be beneficial to your entire family. On that note, we would like to remind you that you can take an active role in the program through your participation in our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). We are always pleased to have our parents become involved in this endeavor and encourage you to do so either at the local, regional and/or state level.

Thank you in advance for your participation!
Sincerely,
Parents of the Georgia Migrant Education Program
What do I need to register my child in school in Georgia?

Georgia law requires that students attend a public or private school or a home study program from their sixth to their 16th birthdays. Public kindergarten is available in every school system, but it is not mandatory. In order to enroll in a school in Georgia, you will be asked to show the following:

- Student's proof of age (birth certificate or federal, state, county document with date of birth)
- Photo identification of person authorized to enroll
- Proof of residency showing you live in the district and school attendance zone
- Immunization/Health Certificate
- Previous school records

What are the high school graduation requirements in Georgia?

Students need 23 credits to graduate from high school in Georgia:
- English/Language Arts = 4
- Mathematics = 4
- Science = 4
- Social Studies = 3
- CTE/Fine Arts/Modem Languages/Latin = 3
- Health and P.E. = 1
- Electives = 4

For students enrolled in grade nine for the first time on or after July 1, 2011:
The Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSGT) is no longer required to earn a high school diploma for these students. These students will not take and are not required to pass the GHSGT to requirement to achieve a passing score on the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSTW) remains for all students, including those in this cohort.

- For students who enrolled in grade nine for the first time before July 1, 2008: students in this cohort are required to take and pass the GHSTW in all content areas and the GHSTW.
- Complete graduation information can be found at this link:
  http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Ais/D01/Pages/Graduation-Requirements.aspx

How can the school counselor and/or migrant staff help my child?

They can help your child by:

- Requesting and reviewing school records;
- Assisting with course selection and placement;
- Providing supplemental academic services in the Migrant Program;
- Explaining graduation requirements and Individual Graduation Plans;
- Connecting to local services (health, family services, etc.);
- Providing GED and Plaza Comunitaria information;
- Referring to HEP and CAMP Migrant Programs;
- Assisting with college preparations and scholarship information; and
- Offering supplemental student advisement and career awareness.

Contact your school counselor for more information.

What is MSIX and why should I know about it?

The Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) is the technology that allows States to share educational and health information on migrant children who travel from state to state and who, as a result, have student records in multiple States’ information systems. MSIX enables students to retain the skills and knowledge described in the state adopted curriculum, including the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) in reading, English/language arts, and mathematics and the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) in science and social studies. Writing Tests: The Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHSTW) in grades 9-12 in the core courses of 9th Grade Literature, American Literature, Physical Science, Biology, US History, Economics, Mathematics I and II, GPS Algebra and Geometry. These assessments count 15-20% of the final course grade and are designed to provide diagnostic information to help students identify strengths and areas of need in learning, therefore improving performance in all high school courses and on other assessments, such as the GHSTW.

GHSTW: The Georgia High School Graduation Test is administered in grade 11 and provides valuable information for students, educators, and parents about student strengths and areas for improvement in Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The tests identify students who may need additional instruction in the concepts and skills required for a diploma.

What is the Migrant Education Program in Georgia?

The Migrant Education Program, please ask them to call one of our regional offices 1-800-234-8848. If you know of other families moving to Georgia that may be eligible for the Migrant Education Program, please ask them to call one of our regional offices or the National Migrant Education Hotline! 1-800-234-8848

The Georgia Migrant Education Program is designed to meet the needs of eligible migrant children. Each school district receiving money for Migrant Education Program schedules PACs during the year to gather this feedback and provide updates on current local initiatives. Additionally, the state conducts regional and statewide PAC meetings to gather feedback from parents on state-wide projects and goals. It is important that you attend these meetings to support your child! Contact your school migrant staff for more information.

What is the Migrant Parent Advisory Council in Georgia?

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