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 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 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/Modern Languages/Latin = 3
- Health and P.E. = 1
- Electives = 4

Complete graduation information can be found at this link: [http://archives.gadoe.org/_documents/doe/legalissues/160-4-2-48.pdf](http://archives.gadoe.org/_documents/doe/legalissues/160-4-2-48.pdf)

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.

How can I help my child with homework?
Children need to know that their family members think homework is important. If they know their families care, children have a good reason to complete assignments and to turn them in on time. You can do many things to show that your child that you value education and homework, for example:
- Set a regular time for homework;
- Pick a place;
- Remove distractions;
- Provide supplies (paper, pencils, books);
- Set a good example – sit with them at the table and review papers or read with them;
- Ask your child about each class or subject and let them tell you about what they learned; and
- Tell your child you will look at their homework when it is done and review it with them.

What is the Migrant Parent Advisory Council in Georgia?
The Migrant Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is comprised of parents and students of migrant children who live in Georgia. This council advises the Georgia Migrant Program in relation to the needs of migrant children.

The objectives of the State PAC shall be consistent with federal and state requirements, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 1. To advise the State Education Agency regarding the total planning, implementation, program evaluation, and design of the State's comprehensive migrant education system.

SECTION 2. To study the Migrant Program in relation to the needs of the migrant child.

SECTION 3. To assist the school and migrant staff in the development of programs to meet the needs of eligible migrant children.

SECTION 4. To promote a better relationship between the child's home school and school, thus improving his/her opportunity to take full advantage of an education.

SECTION 5. To provide an opportunity for all interested parties to make suggestions, recommendations, comments, and/or complaints related to the Migrant Program.

SECTION 6. To communicate information about the Migrant Program to the target area communities.

SECTION 7. To provide services to the Migrant Program by serving in the program.

Georgia Department of Education Resources

Migrant Education Program
[http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Migrant-Education-Program.aspx](http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/Migrant-Education-Program.aspx)

Parent Information
[http://www.gadoe.org/External- Affairs-and-Policy/AskDOE/Pages/Parents.aspx](http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/AskDOE/Pages/Parents.aspx)

Testing Information and Study Guides

Georgia Standards of Excellence
[https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/default.aspx)

National Migrant Education Hotline
The National Migrant Education Program is free and accessible to migrant farmworkers and their families anywhere in the United States. The calls are answered by hotline specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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.