



Idaho Department
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The Education of Migratory Children

Meeting the Unique Needs of Migrant
Children

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The Harvest (La Cosecha)



Who Qualifies?

Requirements

1. An agricultural worker in the family
2. A child
3. A move
4. A move with, as, or to join the worker



What is an Agricultural Worker?

A parent, guardian, spouse or the child who has moved and engaged in agricultural work in the preceding 36 months.



Agriculture and many any other agricultural related activities:

- field work, including picking rocks or moving irrigation pipes
- food processing of raw farm products such as milk, vegetables, or meat
- sorting or bagging potatoes or onions
- planting or caring for plants or trees at nurseries or tree farms
- milking or caring for cattle or other livestock
- fishing or raising fish on fish farms
- and many other activities
- [Qualifying Activities Booklet](#)



What is a child?

A child is

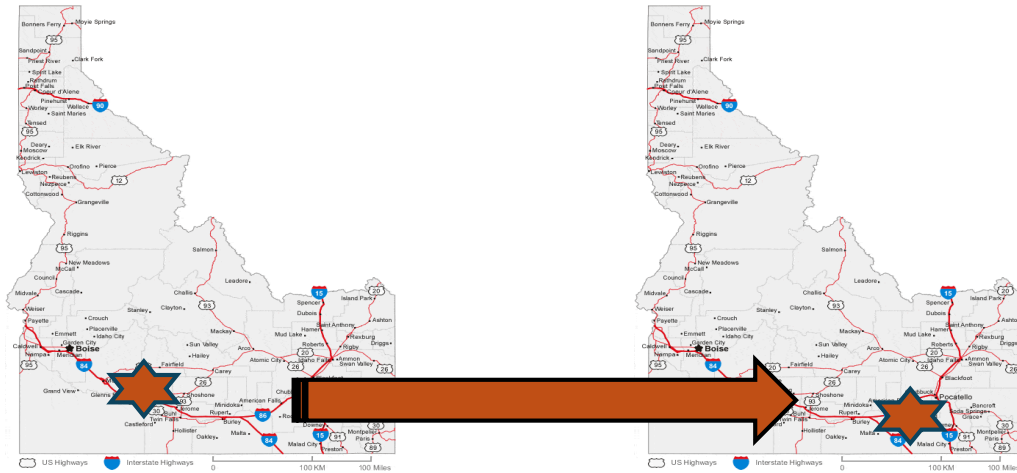
0-21 years old

Not yet received a high school diploma or GED



What is a Move?

- Has to be across district boundaries
- From one residence to another
- For economic necessity



Common Misconceptions

Common misconceptions about who is migrant:

- English learners
- Hispanics
- Students in poverty
- Immigrants

Students may have any of these characteristics, but none are necessary to qualify for the program.

What Do Migrant Students Need?

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7 Areas of Concern for Migrant Students

- Educational continuity
- Time for instruction
- School engagement
- English language development
- Education support in the home
- Health
- Access to Services in the community

What Can you Do?

Engage children in the life of the classroom and the school right away.

Students need to feel a sense of belonging and may need help.



Identify & Fill Educational Gaps

Examine cumulative record to look for gaps in education.

Assess student knowledge and skills.

Remediation is critical for some. Access to advanced placement for others.



Connecting Student with Programs

If the school has after school programs or summer programs, migrant children will benefit from these.

It is important to reach out to families so that they know what is available.



Provide Referrals to Services

If you discover unmet needs, especially in health, nutrition, or other essentials, provide referrals to community services.



What Services are Available?

What Services Does the Program Offer?

- School supplies
- Advocacy, and a bridge to school staff who can help
- Referrals to community agencies and school programs
- Free breakfast/lunch without an application



Additional Services for Older Students

High School Students:

- Migrant Student Leadership Institute
- College Assistance Migrant Program Scholarship (CAMP)

Out of School Youth:

- Hygiene Kits
- High School Equivalency Program (HEP)





Questions and Concerns?



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