



How Can You Help?

There are many things that school personnel can do that will make a big difference for migrant children. Some of them include:

- ❖ **Be aware** that your school probably has, or will have, eligible students. Know how you can help these students and be prepared to get involved.
- ❖ **Refer** any students who you think might be eligible to the NH Migrant Education Program. This office maintains a registry of eligible students which helps to coordinate efforts for them and generate funds for services.
- ❖ **Maintain high expectations** for migrant students. All children succeed best when expectations are high, and they are given the opportunity to learn challenging material.
- ❖ **Understand** that the parents of children in migrant families are like other parents. They want their children to be successful in school, despite the fact that their circumstances may make it harder to achieve this goal.
- ❖ **Ensure that migrant students have access** to quality programs and services. This might mean incorporating enough flexibility in programs to allow student entry at various points during the year.
- ❖ **Recognize** that the education of migrant children is a **shared responsibility**, requiring coordination, cooperation and collaboration between schools and community service agencies who work with migrant families.



New Hampshire Migrant Education Program



Educational Services at School and at Home for Children of New Hampshire's Farming, Food Processing, Forestry and Fishing Industry Workers

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The Migrant Education Program is a federally-funded program (Title I, Part C) that provides educational and support services for eligible children of migrant workers and/or the workers themselves if under 22 years of age.

Why is There a Special Program for These Students?

These students have unique educational needs because their schooling can be frequently interrupted as their families move in search of work. Often, they fail in school, or are at risk of failing or dropping out, due to circumstances which arise from their situation. The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 holds migrant children to the same challenging state content and student performance standards as all children.



Who is Eligible for Migrant Education?

An eligible student (birth to age 22) has not graduated high school and has moved to obtain or seek, or so that a family member could obtain or seek, employment in agriculture, forestry or fishing. This move from one school district to another must have occurred within the last three years. Specific industries which may employ migrant workers are:

- ❖ Dairy Farms
- ❖ Poultry or Livestock Farms
- ❖ Vegetable or Fruit Farms
- ❖ Sod Farms or Nurseries
- ❖ Lumbering Operations
- ❖ Food Processing Plants
- ❖ Fishing Operations

What will Happen When Someone is Referred to the NH Migrant Education Program?

A home visit will be made to determine eligibility and to conduct an informal assessment of the family's needs. Services respond to the specific needs of individual children and may include: supplemental tutorial assistance, free books and educational materials, assistance with interagency referrals, and child/family advocacy.

For How Long May a Student Receive Migrant Education Services?

Assistance may be provided for up to three years from the family's move unless the student graduates from high school, receives a GED or reaches the age of 22.



What are the Benefits for a Student who Participates?

The goals of the Migrant Education Program are to help eligible students:

- ❖ Experience less disruption when relocating
- ❖ Re-enroll in school more quickly and efficiently
- ❖ Perform better academically
- ❖ Experience less isolation and have better support networks
- ❖ Graduate from high school
- ❖ Successfully transition to post-secondary education or employment



We Count on You!

Many of our referrals come from local teachers and school personnel. You know your students and community best. Please refer any student you think may be eligible to us ASAP. (We're not asking you to determine eligibility, only to be our eyes and ears in your community!) Also, if you know of any dairy farms, nurseries, Christmas tree farms, logging operations, food/meat processing plants, etc. in your area that may employ fishing or agricultural workers please let us know!