

MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Governing Board desires to provide a comprehensive program for migrant students that attempts to mitigate the impact of educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, health-related problems, and other factors that may inhibit their ability to succeed in school. The district shall make use of available funds to provide supplementary services for migrant students.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 0415 - Equity)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

The Superintendent or designee shall cooperate with the regional migrant service center in outreach and identification of eligible migrant students and in the provision of migrant education services. The Superintendent or designee shall also coordinate migrant education services with other programs within the district and with other public agencies that serve migrant workers and their families.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

The district shall give first priority for services to migrant students who are failing, or are most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards or have dropped out of school. (20 USC 6394)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

The district shall provide services to eligible private school students residing within the district on an equitable basis with participating public school students. (20 USC 7881; 34 CFR 200.87)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each migrant student is placed at the appropriate grade level upon enrollment and is provided services in accordance with an individual needs assessment and learning plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board regarding student performance on statewide assessments of core academic subjects and English language development, as appropriate, for students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the alignment of district services with the needs of students as identified in student needs assessments conducted pursuant to Education Code 54443.1. As necessary, the Board shall seek technical assistance from the migrant education regional service center and/or make changes in the services provided by the district in order to improve student achievement.

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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200 Educational equity

220 Prohibition against discrimination

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

51225.1 Exemption from district graduation requirements

51225.3 High school graduation, course requirements

54440-54445 Migrant education program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 Application of uniform complaint procedures

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Title I state plan

6381-6381k Even Start family literacy program

6391-6399 Education of migrant students

7881 Services for private school students

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

200.81-200.89 Migrant education program

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

2017 State Service Delivery Plan

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Education of Migratory Children Under Title I, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education

Act of 1965, Non-Regulatory Guidance, rev. March 2017

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Migrant Education Office: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/me>

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Migrant Education:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/ome>

West Ed, Migrant Student Information Network: <https://www.wested.org/project/migrant-student-information-network-msin>

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Visalia, California

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Eligibility

Students age 3 to 21 years shall be eligible for the district's migrant education program if they, their parents/guardians, or their spouses are migratory agricultural workers or fishers who, in the preceding 36 months, moved into the district due to economic necessity and engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in agriculture or fishing. If such employment was not secured soon after the move, students may be considered migrant students if they, their parents/guardians, or their spouses actively sought such new employment and have a recent history of moves for temporary or seasonal agricultural or fishing employment. (20 USC 6399; 34 CFR 200.81)

A student who ceases to be a migrant student during a school term shall be eligible for services until the end of the term. If comparable services are not available through other programs, a student who is no longer migratory may continue to receive services for one additional school year. Students who were eligible for services in secondary school may continue to be served through credit accrual programs until graduation. (20 USC 6394)

Enrollment

A migrant student shall be immediately enrolled in the district even if the student:
(Education Code 48204.7)

1. Has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or monies due to the school last attended

(cf. 5125.2 - Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts)

2. Does not have clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms

(cf. 5132 - Dress and Grooming)

3. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, proof of residency, medical records, including, but not limited to, records or other proof of immunization history, or other documentation

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

If a migrant student experiences a change in residence, the student may remain enrolled in the school of origin for the duration of the student's status as a migrant student. (Education Code 48204.7)

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If a student's status as a migrant student changes during a school year, the Superintendent or designee shall allow the student to continue at the school of origin through the duration of that school year or, if the student is enrolled in a high school, through graduation. (Education Code 48204.7)

A migrant student who is transitioning between school grade levels shall be allowed to continue in the district of origin in the same attendance area to provide the student the benefit of matriculating with peers in accordance with the established feeder patterns of school districts. A migrant student who is transitioning to a middle school or high school designated for matriculation in another school district shall be allowed to enroll in that school. (Education Code 48204.7)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform a migrant student and the student's parent/guardian of the impact of remaining in the school of origin on the student's eligibility to receive migrant education services pursuant to Education Code 54440-54445. (Education Code 48204.7)

The Superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, provide transportation to enable a migrant student to attend the school of origin, unless otherwise required by federal law. (Education Code 48204.7)

Student Records

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain records documenting the eligibility of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. However, the district shall not collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members for the purpose of determining eligibility for migrant education services.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

The Superintendent or designee shall acquire education and health records from migrant students' previous school districts, as appropriate.

When a migrant student transfers to another district, the student's records shall be provided to the receiving district upon request at no cost in order to assist that district in meeting the needs of the student. (20 USC 6398)

Program Components

The migrant education program shall include all of the following components: (Education Code 54443.1)

1. A general needs assessment summarizing the needs of the population to be served

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2. A comprehensive program to meet the educational, health, and related needs of participating students which supplements the district program and includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Instructional services, including academic, remedial and compensatory, bilingual-crosscultural, and career technical instruction

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

- b. Counseling and career education services

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

- c. Preschool services in accordance with Education Code 54443

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

- d. Other educational services that are not otherwise available in sufficient quantity or quality to eligible migrant students
- e. The acquisition of instructional materials and equipment necessary to adequately provide the appropriate services
- f. Other related services to meet the special needs of eligible migrant students to enable them to participate effectively in instructional services
- g. The coordination and teaming of existing resources serving migrant students, such as bilingual-crosscultural education, health screening, and compensatory education

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

3. Individual assessment of the educational and relevant health needs of each participating student, within 30 days of enrollment, including assessments concurrently provided pursuant to compensatory education, bilingual-crosscultural education, school improvement programs, and other programs serving the student
4. A brief individual learning plan listing the services to be provided to each student, which shall be given to the parent/guardian in writing or at a parent/guardian conference, annually and when the student moves to a new district

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5. Staffing and staff development plans and practices to meet the needs of students and implement the program

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

6. Parent/guardian and community involvement as specified in Education Code 54444.2, including, but not necessarily limited to, the establishment of a parent/guardian advisory council to actively involve parents/guardians in planning, operating, and evaluating the district's migrant education program

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The migrant education program shall provide for the same opportunities for parent/guardian involvement that are provided to parents/guardians for federal Title I programs. (20 USC 6394)

7. Evaluations which include annual student progress and overall program effectiveness and quality control reports

Summer School

The district shall conduct summer school program(s) for eligible migrant students. The summer school program shall respond to the individual needs of participating students and shall build on and be consistent with the instructional programs offered to these students during the regular school year. Coursework shall be of the same level of difficulty in each subject as that provided to students enrolled in regular classes of instruction within the district in the preceding year. (Education Code 54444.3)

Teachers in the summer school program shall have cultural training or background and understanding of the special needs of migrant students and possess the proper credential for the subjects and grade levels to which they are assigned. (Education Code 54444.3)

The program shall comply with the following requirements for instructional time: (Education Code 54444.3)

1. For kindergarten class, a minimum of 180 minutes per day, including recesses, for not less than 20 instructional days

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2. For grades 1-8, a minimum of 200 minutes per day, including recesses and passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 20 instructional days
3. For grades 7-12, a minimum of 240 minutes per day, including passing time but excluding noon intermissions, for not less than 30 instructional days

When district facilities that are suitable for the summer climate are available, the district shall make facilities available at cost to other agencies that request facilities for the operation of migrant summer school programs. When approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the district may jointly offer facilities with a neighboring district to meet the needs of the migrant summer school program for the entire area. (Education Code 54444.3)

Applicability of Graduation Requirements

To obtain a high school diploma, migrant students shall complete all courses required by Education Code 51225.3 and shall generally fulfill any additional graduation requirements prescribed by the Board.

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

However, when a migrant student who has completed the second year of high school transfers into the district or transfers between high schools within the district, the student shall be exempted from all district-adopted coursework and other district-established graduation requirements, unless the district makes a finding that the student is reasonably able to complete the additional requirements in time to graduate from high school by the end of the fourth year of high school. Within 30 calendar days of the transfer, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student and the student's parent/guardian of the availability of the exemption and whether the student qualifies for it. If the Superintendent or designee fails to provide this notification, the student shall be eligible for the exemption once notified, even if the notification occurs after the student no longer meets the definition of a migrant student. (Education Code 51225.1)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

To determine whether a migrant student is in the third or fourth year of high school, the district shall use either the number of credits the student has earned as of the date of the transfer or the length of school enrollment, whichever qualifies the student for the exemption. (Education Code 51225.1)

The Superintendent or designee shall notify any migrant student who is granted an exemption and the student's parent/guardian how any requirements that are waived will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution and shall provide information about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges. (Education Code 51225.1)

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The district shall not require or request a migrant student to transfer schools in order to qualify for an exemption, and no request for a transfer solely to qualify for an exemption shall be made by a migrant student or parent/guardian. (Education Code 51225.1)

If a migrant student is exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall continue to apply after the student no longer meets the definition of a migrant student if the student is still enrolled in school or transfers to another school or district. (Education Code 51225.1)

Upon making a finding that a migrant student is reasonably able to complete district graduation requirements within a fifth year of high school, the Superintendent or designee shall: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Inform the student and parent/guardian of the student's option to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements and how that will affect the student's ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Upon agreement with the student or parent/guardian, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements

Parent Advisory Council

The parent advisory council shall be comprised of members who are knowledgeable of the needs of migrant students and shall be elected by the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district's migrant education program. The composition of the council shall be determined by the parents/guardians at a general meeting to which all parents/guardians of participating students shall be invited. The parents/guardians shall be informed, in a language they understand, that they have the sole authority to decide on the composition of the council. (Education Code 54444.2)

At least two-thirds of the advisory council shall consist of parents/guardians of migrant students. (Education Code 54444.2)

All parent/guardian candidates for the council shall be nominated by parents/guardians. Nonparent candidates, such as teachers, administrators, other school personnel, or students, shall be nominated by the groups they represent. All other community candidates shall be nominated by the parents/guardians. (Education Code 54444.2)

The parent/guardian advisory council shall meet at least six times during the year and shall: (Education Code 54444.4)

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1. Establish program goals, objectives, and priorities
2. Review annual needs assessments, program activities for each school, and individual learning plans
3. Advise on the selection, development, and reassignment of migrant education program staff
4. Participate actively in planning and negotiating program applications and service agreements
5. Perform all other responsibilities required under state and federal laws or regulations

The Superintendent or designee shall establish and implement a training program for advisory council members to enable them to carry out their responsibilities. The training program shall be developed in consultation with the council and shall include appropriate training materials in a language understandable to each member. (Education Code 54444.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the council, without charge, a copy of all applicable state and federal migrant education statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines, audits, monitoring reports, and evaluations. Upon request, these materials also shall be provided without charge to each member of the council. (Education Code 54444.2)

Notification and Complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of migrant students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of migrant students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 or 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

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