**Santa Ana Unified School District**

**English Learner Programs**

**Migrant Education Program**

**Overview**:

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is a federally funded program, authorized under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). MEP is administered in all 50 states including Hawaii, Alaska, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

**Purpose:**

* Designed to support high quality and comprehensive educational programs for migrant children
* Helps reduce the educational disruption and other problems that result from repeated moves
* Ensure that migratory children who move among the states are not penalized in any manner by disparities among the states in curriculum, graduation requirements, and state academic content and student academic achievement standards
* Ensure that migratory children are provided with appropriate educational services (including supportive services) that address their special needs in a coordinated and efficient manner;
* Ensure that migratory children receive full and appropriate opportunities to meet the same challenging state academic content and achievement standards that all children are expected to meet
* Design programs to help migratory children overcome educational disruption, cultural and language barriers, social isolation, various health-related problems, and
* Ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or complete a GED) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment
* Ensure that migratory children benefit from state and local systemic reforms

**Eligibility Requirements for Participation:**

* Parent or guardian is a migratory worker in the agricultural, dairy, lumber, or fishing industries and whose family has moved during the past three years.
* A "qualifying" move can range from moving across school district boundaries or from one state to another for the purpose of finding temporary or seasonal employment.
* A young adult may also qualify if he or she has moved on his own for the same reasons.
* The eligibility period is three years from the date of the last move.
* Eligibility is established through an interview conducted by an SAUSD Migrant Education recruiter who visits both home and employment locations where migrant workers are employed.
* The law states that migrant education services are a priority for those students whose education has been interrupted during the current school year and who are failing, or are most at risk of failing to meet state content and performance standards.

**For more information contact the Migrant Education Program Office:**

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