

Oklahoma Migrant Education Program • *Harvests of Hope* •

How can it help my children?

The Migrant Education Program works to ensure that migrant students (aged 3 to 21) fully benefit from the same **free** public education (pre-K - 12) provided to other students. This program offers services to help reduce the educational disruptions and other problems that result from **repeated moves**.



Every day you are faced with making **decisions**, and how well you make them can be affected by whether you are able to read, write, and speak English, and whether you have an understanding of how American culture works. You want to give your children **every advantage** you can in life. The **Migrant Education Program** is one of those advantages.

What does the program offer?

Many services are available to migrant students in addition to the educational services provided by your school district. All services are provided **free of charge**. Some of the services that **may** be available include:

- Free lunch and breakfast (for every eligible migrant student)
- Even Start childcare
- After-school educational programs
- Tutoring and homework help
- Adult education (High School Diploma and English classes)
- College scholarship information
- Transportation
- Summer programs

Ask your migrant recruiter about the services in your school district.



How can it help my family?

The Migrant Education Program offers wonderful tools for your students, but it also gives the entire family the **opportunity** to learn at home, right along with your children. Your children will be bringing home a great deal of educational materials everyone in the household can utilize and learn from.

How do I qualify?

To be eligible for this opportunity, you must have moved to a new community within the past **three years** and have worked or are working at an **agricultural job**. This may include:

- Planting, cultivating, or harvesting seasonal **crops**
- Packing and processing **food products**
- **Livestock** or ranching
- **Nursery** or grain elevator work

Note: Landscaping does not qualify.

What is Migrant Education?



The Migrant Education Program is available to schools and families across the United States. Its focus is on

helping families who work in **agriculture**—families like yours who know the importance of a **good education** for your children and realize the impact it can have on your **entire family**.

You may be eligible for a variety of local services to assist **you and your children**. A migrant recruiter will visit with you to determine if you are eligible for this program and what **benefits** the program may offer your family.



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