

Migrant Student Data, Recruitment and Support

A STATEWIDE RESOURCE

The Washington State Migrant Student Data, Recruitment and Support (MSDRS) office serves as the pulse of records transfer and Identification and Recruitment (ID&R) for

Washington State's migrant students. Housed under the Sunnyside School District, this office administers the statewide Migrant Student Information System (MSIS) and ID&R directives for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in Olympia.

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MSDRS staff members also assist Migrant Education Program Staff, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in Olympia, Washington, by playing an active role in supporting the State Advisory Committee (SAC). In coordination with OSPI staff, MSDRS coordinates meeting logistics, correspondence, minutes, and translation of materials for non-English speaking SAC members. MSDRS staff also administer all travel arrangements and expense reimbursements for SAC members.

STUDENT RECORDS

MSDRS hosts the Migrant Student Information System (MSIS) and oversees the transfer of Migrant Education Program student academic and health records in Washington State. MSDRS receives academic and health data on over 32,000 students from migrant-funded school districts and preschools.

Online access to the statewide MSIS is available through secure Internet communication lines for school district and preschool agency staff that provide services to migrant students.

Migrant-funded agencies and school districts are able to access their individual academic and health student information or district reports online. A toll-free line enables school districts and preschool agencies to contact MSDRS staff when additional assistance is needed.

MSDRS staff maintain and enhance the online records system and produce statistical reports for school districts, state, and federal programs. Staff also provide a statewide, consistent and systematic training and monitoring program for school district Migrant Records Clerk staff.

IDENTIFICATION & RECRUITMENT

The main goal of this component is to apply a systematic Identification and Recruitment (ID&R) program that includes surveying, mapping, and on-site recruitment of migrant families in non-migrant funded school districts by MSDRS Statewide Recruiters.

In non-migrant funded school districts, Statewide Recruiter responsibilities include identifying and locating migrant families, completing Certificates of Eligibility (COEs), enrolling all eligible migrant students into the MSIS, and assisting migrant families when their children need educational, health, or social services referrals. Statewide Recruiters maintain the MSIS records for these students and conduct eligibility revalidation visits each year.

In addition, MSDRS staff provide school district staff ID&R training and ID&R assistance during impaction times or when the districts are without a Migrant Recruiter staff. ID&R handbooks are updated annually with the latest eligibility criteria of Title I, Part C, Migrant Education Program rules and regulations and the National Policy Manual.



BINATIONAL TRANSFER DOCUMENT



MSDRS staff distribute the Transfer Document for Binational Migrant Students to school districts for those students who migrate between Mexico and the United States. Through these legal documents, students traveling to or from Mexico will immediately be accepted in the Mexican school system. This document may also be downloaded through the MSDRS website.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The goal of the Washington State Migrant Education Program is to ensure all migrant students reach academic standards and graduate, to prepare them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

In support of those efforts, MSDRS Staff offer the following Student and Out-of-School Youth (OSY) services.

Portable Assisted Study Sequence

(PASS): The MSDRS Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS) Program offers 40+ fully accredited courses available to ALL Washington State migrant students in grades 7-12. PASS offers migrant students the opportunity to complete courses semi-independently through their local high schools to make up their credit deficiencies and get back on track to graduate in time with their peers.

- **Out-of-School Youth (OSY):** According to a 2012 study on graduation and dropout rates, it is estimated that approximately 20% of migrant students ages 16-21 drop out of school every year (Came & Ireland, 2013). The MSDRS Out-of-School Youth Facilitator assists OSY (ages 16-21 residing in a district not receiving MEP funding) in obtaining access to educational and social services such as a High School Diploma, GED or programs and services that will support them in meeting their educational and career goals.

- **Student Engagement Events (Summer Academies):** In partnership with the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), Washington College Assistance Migrant Programs (CAMP), State Universities and Islandwood, the Washington State MEP offers summer student engagement opportunities to support middle and high school students with academics, post-secondary preparation, career exploration and leadership development. MSDRS staff provide direct support to OSPI and local districts through coordination of student registration efforts and dissemination of essential event information.

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