Update Guidesheets

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Note: Descriptions below identify revisions made to CSBA's sample board policies, administrative regulations, board bylaws, and/or exhibits. Editorial changes have also been made. Districts and county offices of education should review the sample materials and modify their own policies accordingly.

Migrant Education Program

(BP/AR revised) Policy updated to include priorities for migrant education services, as amended by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, and provision of services to private school students, formerly in AR. Policy also adds language encouraging the superintendent to annually report to the board regarding the performance of migrant students. Regulation updated to add definition of "migrant student" and add new section on "Summer School" reflecting requirement for any district receiving federal migrant education funding to conduct summer school programs for eligible migrant students. New section on "Applicability of Graduation Requirements" reflects NEW LAW (AB 2121) which, under certain conditions, exempts migrant students who transfer between schools in grades 11-12 from district-established graduation requirements.

See BP 6175 – *New BP for Jefferson School District*
See AR 6175 – *New AR for Jefferson School District*

CSBA Sample
Board Policy
Migrant Education Program

BP 6175
Instruction

Note: The following optional policy is for use by districts that have established migrant education programs pursuant to federal Title I, Part C (20 USC 6391-6399) and Education Code 54440-54445. In California, most districts that provide migrant education services operate pursuant to service agreements with regional service centers pursuant to Education Code 54444.1. The district submits a service application to the regional center, which then submits a regional application to the California Department of Education (CDE). The following policy and accompanying administrative regulation should be revised as necessary to reflect the district's agreement with its regional service center.

Note: During the Federal Program Monitoring process, CDE will review whether the district is fulfilling the major legal requirements for implementation of the 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)

Note: 20 USC 6394, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), establishes priority for services for migrant students who are failing or at risk of failing to meet state standards or have dropped out of school. According to CDE's 2017 State Service Delivery Plan, for purposes of establishing priority for services, students are considered to be failing or at risk of failing to achieve state standards if they (1) score at Level 1-2 (standard not met or standard nearly met) on the English language or mathematics summative assessments of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or (2) score at Levels 1-3 (beginning to moderately developed English skills) on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California.

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)

Note: 20 USC 7881 requires that eligible private school students residing within the district be provided an opportunity to receive services on an equitable basis with public school students, as provided below. See AR 6171 - Title I Programs for further information about requirements pertaining to such participation.

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)

Note: Education Code 54443.1 requires that local migrant education programs conduct an individual assessment of the educational and health needs of each migrant student and prepare a brief individual learning plan listing the services to be provided to each student; see the accompanying administrative regulation. These duties may be performed by either the district or the regional service center depending on their agreement.

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.

Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice, including specific indicators that the Governing Board and Superintendent or designee agree to use in evaluating program effectiveness.

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.

(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:
http://www.wested.org/project/migrant-student-information-network-msin

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CSBA Sample
Administrative Regulation
Migrant Education Program

AR 6175
Instruction

Note: The following optional administrative regulation reflects requirements of the migrant education program established pursuant to federal Title I, Part C (20 USC 6391-6399) and Education Code 54440-54445 and should be revised to reflect the district's agreement with the regional service center.

Eligibility

Note: Student eligibility for migrant education services is based on criteria delineated in 20 USC 6399, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (P.L. 114-95), and 34 CFR 200.81. Eligibility is established through an interview conducted by a migrant education recruiter, who is employed by either the regional service center or district and has received specialized training and authorization to identify and recruit families for the migrant education program. Recruitment and identification procedures are detailed in the California Department of Education's (CDE) 2017 State Service Delivery Plan.

Note: Pursuant to 34 CFR 200.89, regional service centers are required to annually validate eligibility through the re-interview of parents/guardians of a randomly selected sample of students previously identified as migrant.

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)

Note: The last sentence of the following paragraph should be deleted by districts that do not offer classes at the secondary level.

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)

Student Records

Note: Pursuant to 34 CFR 200.89, CDE and agencies operating migrant education programs must maintain a Certificate of Eligibility form and any additional documentation needed to confirm each student's eligibility.

Note: Education Code 234.7 prohibits the collection of information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members, except as required by law or to administer a state or federally supported educational program. If the district becomes aware of the citizenship or immigration status of any student, it is prohibited from disclosing that information to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. See BP/AR 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement.

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)

Note: 20 USC 6398 requires districts receiving migrant education funds to make student records available at no cost to another district that requests the records, if the request is made to meet the needs of a migrant student. State law requiring the transfer of records for all students is reflected in BP/AR 5125 - Student Records. In California, the Migrant Student Information Network, developed and maintained by WestEd, assists CDE and each regional center with migrant student data collection and reporting.

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

Note: The following section may be revised to reflect the district's service agreement with the regional service center.

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

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

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)

Note: 20 USC 6394 requires "the same" parent involvement in migrant education programs as is required for Title I programs for disadvantaged students (see BP/AR 6020 - Parent Involvement), unless extraordinary circumstances make such provision impractical.

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

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that offer a Migrant Education Even Start family literacy program pursuant to 20 USC 6381-6381k and 34 CFR 200.80 and may be revised to reflect district practice.

Contingent upon funding, the district shall provide home-based and/or school-based family literacy services to migrant families to enhance literacy levels, parenting skills, and English language skills of parents/guardians.

Summer School

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 54444.3, each district receiving federal migrant education funding is required to conduct summer school programs for eligible migrant students. Before establishing the program, the district must submit an application for approval to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The following section may be revised to reflect the grade levels offered by the district.

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

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

Note: The following section is for use by districts maintaining high schools.

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)

Note: Whenever a migrant student transfers between districts or schools in grades 11-12, Education Code 51225.1, as amended by AB 2121 (Ch. 581, Statutes of 2018), exempts such students from the requirement to complete district-established graduation requirements that are in addition to the state requirements, under the conditions described below. Also see BP 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)

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)

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

Note: Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, as amended by AB 2121, provide that complaints of noncompliance with specified requirements related to the educational rights of migrant students may be filed in accordance with the uniform complaint procedures specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670. As with other complaints covered under the uniform complaint procedures, a complainant may appeal the district's decision to CDE and, if the district or CDE finds any merit in the complaint, the district must provide a remedy to the affected student. See BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

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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