

"I'm surprised at how much English I've learned. The classes have really helped me."

- Agustín, MEP Student



On the farm...

VMEP helps Farmworkers and farmer by connecting them to resources available

In the soccer field...

VMEP helps students connect to different community programs including sports and art programs.



At camp...

VMEP connects students to summer programming including day and overnight camps. This helps students to learn through hands-on activities and play.



At special events...

VMEP organizations educational events that allow students to learn, share, and gain new experiences.



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802-651-8343 x504
Spanish and English spoken

What people are saying about MEP:

"I was struggling to figure out how to support this family. Your team helped them feel part of our school community... Thanks!"
- School counselor

"I just want to say thanks for going to my son's school meeting with me today. I get nervous. Having your support meant a lot."
- Mother of student

"When I left Guatemala, I thought my chance to study was over. MEP helped to connect me with my community and talk with my boss. I have goals now and I'm working towards them."
- Farmworker

"I believe in education. When workers on my farm connect with MEP, their English skills increase, and with better communication, their skills increase as well! Parents working for me have less stress with MEP's support in school."



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A HARVEST OF HOPE...

300+ STUDENTS SERVED ANNUALLY
350+ FARMS VISITED ANNUALLY



What is the goal?

The goal of the Vermont Migrant Education Program (VMEP) is to ensure that all migratory students reach challenging academic standards and obtain life skills that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

How do we provide support?

By working collaboratively with farmworkers, families, farmers, schools and community programs, VMEP ensures that eligible students are able to access educational opportunities and community resources.

Families and farmworkers often face barriers when it comes to accessing education. VMEP staff works hard to eliminate barriers and bridge the gap between resources and students.

Who qualifies for our program?

A child may qualify if the following apply:

- Child is under age of 22 has not graduated from high school or other accreditation program; and
- Child has moved across school district lines with a farmworker (parents, guardians, etc); and
- Parent/guardian has engaged in qualifying agricultural work.

A farmworker may qualify if the following apply:

- Farmworker is under age of 22 and has not graduated from high school or other accreditation program; and
- Has moved across school district lines; and
- Has engaged in qualifying agricultural work after the move.

Examples of qualifying agricultural work may include dairy, livestock, fruit, vegetable, hemp and crop work, food processing, maple sugaring, logging, planting trees, and fishing. VMEP will help the worker to determine whether his/her current or past employment includes eligible work.

There are more than 300 students enrolled in our program. An eligible student can be of

What services are provided?

For eligible students enrolled in school, VMEP offers:

- Parent and school communication support. (Includes ensuring interpretation/translation is available to student/family)
- School supplies and books
- Support for school enrollment including PK
- Referrals to afterschool, summer and health programs and services
- Info on post-secondary opportunities

For eligible farmworkers, VMEP offers::

- Work place and community integration support
- Educational supplies and resources
- Referrals to community, volunteer and health programs and services
- Info on educational opportunities such as the High School Equivalency Program, Adult Learning, and local school based programs
- Support with goal setting and educational plans
- Virtual English instruction

English instruction is scheduled according to the student's availability and offered online.

We offer free online English classes to help:

- Improve communication skills
- Enhance workplace communication
- Learn essential vocabulary for grocery shopping, money management, agriculture specifics and much more!

