

Migrant Student Flag

Identification of students as migrants on MARSS has been problematic. Students have been misidentified -- **it's unclear to the MARSS Coordinators, especially in districts with few migrant students, how to** accurately identify a migrant student or to determine who can assist in the identification. In an attempt to obtain more complete and accurate migrant data on MARSS MDE has contracted Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc (TVOC) to hire Migrant Regional Recruiters. It is the recruiters' job to determine which students in their assigned geographic area qualify as migrants under the federal criteria. The recruiters interview potential students/families and complete a "Certification of Eligibility" (COE) form which is provided to TVOC. This student data is shared with all states via the Migrant Student Information Exchange, a national data base which has been established by the U.S. Office of Migrant Education. However, this organization needs additional information that exists only at the school district. Therefore, data will flow between TVOC and the districts.

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Students who meet the federal migrant criteria: *The student is enrolled in school; is a migrant agricultural worker or migrant fisher (or is the child of one); has moved within the past 36 months either to obtain agricultural or fishing work (or is the child of one who has); and has moved from one school district to another.* Names of newly enrolled students who meet the above criteria should be provided to Terry Hollingsworth the Migrant Regional Recruiter for our district. But until a student is included on the "Migrant Student Information Form" (MSIF) report, he/she **should not** be reported on MARSS as a migrant. TVOC will send the MARSS Coordinator in each district with at least one migrant student a "Migrant Student Information Form" which is a list of students who should be marked as a migrant on the most current MARSS files.

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