

Elkhart, Kansas

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The USD 218 Migrant Program oversees the education of all migrant students PreK-12th grade. Our program makes certain that migrant students are being provided with the appropriate education that will enable them to meet the same challenging academic content and student performance that are expected of all our students.

The goal of this program is to strengthen the school, community and family experiences of the migratory students and families. This program informs migrant families of all educational opportunities for migrant students as well as for migrant families. We ensure that migrant students and families have the appropriate access to services to assist them in overcoming barriers that place these students at risk for completing their education.

Our Migrant Program strives to improve educational opportunities for migrant school children to better attain grade-level proficiency and enable them to achieve high standards. Our Migrant Program helps the migrant students to take part in our school. We provide tutorial and individual help in the migrant students' studies and if needed, we provide instructional materials.

Migrant families are also provided with needed services such as instruction, health information, alternative education programs, community awareness and translation services. Our Migrant Program strongly works on breaking the barriers that make it difficult for migrant students and their families to be able to succeed in their educational process. USD 218 provides services such as adult education classes (family literacy) and parenting seminars that help the migratory families overcome language, cultural and communication barriers.

The programs and schools that serve our Migrant population are listed below:

- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Three-year old Migrant Even Start Preschool
- Four-year old At-Risk Preschool
- Elkhart Elementary School
- Title I
- Reading Recovery
- Elkhart Middle School
- Elkhart High School
- ESOL Program
- Point Rock Academy (Alternative School)
- Elkhart Cyber School
- 21st Century Community Learning Center

Migrant Program Services

It is well documented that the lifestyles of the migrant families impact the opportunities for their children to receive educational benefits. The Elkhart Migrant Program guides migrant students to receive support in academic, social and health needs.

Migrant students are offered tutorial services in instruction correlating with the ESOL program, Cyber School and the 21st Century Learning Center. Alternative education programs, training for parents, translation and transportation services are also provided to all migrant families.

It is our responsibility to identify and recruit families who in the preceding 36 months have moved to our district in order to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural work.

When new families move into our district, the migrant recruiter is informed by word of mouth, family members and/or school personnel. The migrant recruiter makes home visits and phone calls to the homes of potential migrant families. If all requirements are met, the appropriate paperwork is filled out and sent to the Kansas State Migrant Department for approval.

Services available to Migrant Families during school hours

- A. Title I
 - 1. identified by test results
 - 2. teacher referral
 - 3. Title I teacher provides services during school
 - 4. translation services are provided
- B. ESOL Services
 - 1. identified by home language survey
 - 2. IPT test results
 - 3. ESOL teacher provides services during school
 - 4. translation services are provided
- C. HOSTESS
 - 1. teacher referral
 - 2. volunteers mentor students in reading during school
 - 3. translation services are provided
- D. Point Rock Academy
 - 1. recruitment by Point Rock Academy recruiter
 - 2. referred by Migrant Even Start
 - 3. school personnel
 - 4. Point Rock Academy is opened to the public from 8:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m.
 - 5. translation services are provided
- E. Paraprofessionals for ESOL-Migrant students
 - 1. paraprofessionals tutor students in class
 - 2. paraprofessionals tutor students out of class
 - a. in-school tutoring
 - 1) provided by paraprofessionals
 - 2) provided by Cyber School teachers
 - b. counseling
 - 1) school counselor serves migrant students as needed
 - 2) translation services are provided as needed

Services available to Migrant Families after-school

- A. 21st Century
 1. tutoring services are provided after-school
 2. translation services are provided
- B. Point Rock Academy
 1. Point Rock Academy is opened to the public from 8:00 a.m. till 9:00 p.m.
 2. provides families with information about the program
 3. assist in recruiting individuals into the alternative education program
 4. childcare is provided to alternative education students during evening hours
 5. translation services are provided

Services provided to Migrant Families throughout the year

- A. Dental/Eye State Migrant Program
 1. teacher referrals for vision screening go to our school nurse
 2. school nurse then sends referral to parents
 3. parents then request for services
 4. dental services are provided when requested by parents
 5. dental services are provided when requested by school personnel
 6. translation services are provided to the parent and student
- B. Free and Reduced Lunch Opportunities to All Migrant Families
 1. all eligible and active migrant students receive free lunches
- C. Migrant Home Visits
 1. migrant recruiter calls and schedules a home visit with the family
 2. translation for personal needs is provided when needed (doctor's appointments, bank, health clinic, insurance) This eliminates the students from being pulled out of class time to assist parents in their translating needs. The student then does not fall behind on his/her school work.
 3. communication between parents and school is provided through translation services
- D. PAT Program
 1. PAT personnel provided home visits to our migrant families
 2. translation services are provided
- E. Migrant Even Start Home Visits
 1. home visits provided every 4-6 weeks to eligible families
 2. translation services are provided
- F. Migrant Parent Advisory Counsel
 1. all migrant families are invited
 2. board members, administration, directors and teachers take part in these meetings
 3. meetings held twice a year
 4. meetings help inform families of school rules and procedures
 5. meetings help inform families of community events
 6. meetings give families a greater opportunity to express their ideas and concerns
- G. Migrant Even Start Program
 1. assist in recruiting families into the Migrant Even Start Program
 2. provides families with information about the program

3. provide translation services
- H. Elkhart Cyber School
1. assist in recruiting families for Cyber School
 2. provides families with information about the program
 3. provide translation services
- I. Summer School Program
1. district provides summer school during the month of June to all migrant students
 2. students are referred by teachers or parents
 3. summer school programs emphasize on math and reading skills
 4. translation services are provided
- J. Summer School Packet Program
1. migrant students receive monthly educational packets during the months of June and July
 2. translation services are provided
- K. Translation Services
1. translation services for school and personal needs are provided at the migrant family's request **(during school hours as well as during summer hours)**
 2. translation services assist families in filling out applications for employment, health and car insurance, hospital forms, doctor forms, bank loan forms, credit card forms, etc.
- L. Family Advocacy
1. migrant personnel help the migrant families become familiar with the school as well as with the community
 2. migrant personnel provide tours of our community to all new migrant families