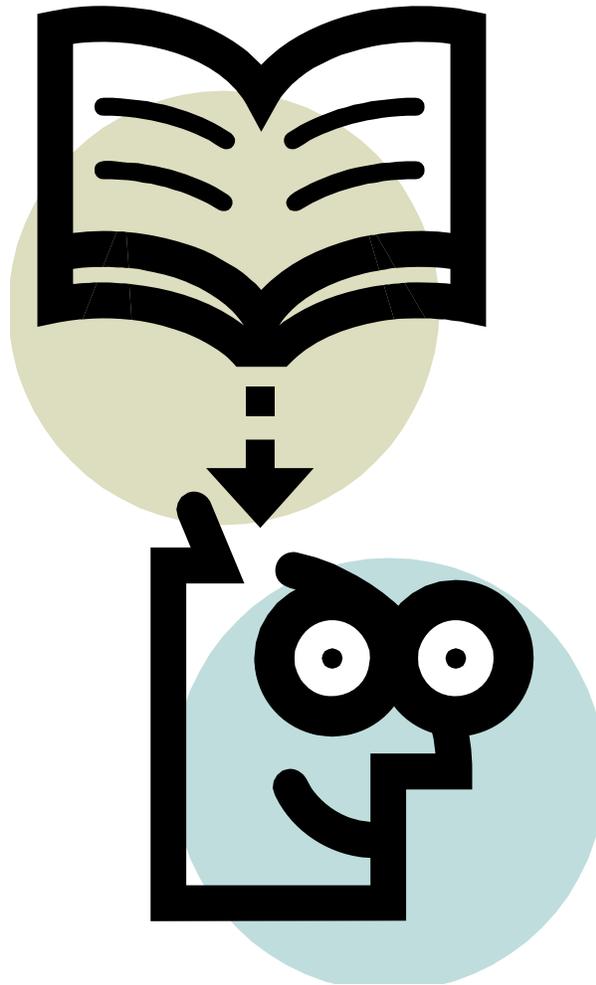


# Migrant Handbook

## Jerome Joint School District #261



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## **Introduction to the Program**

The migrant program provides services for students and their families who have a migrant job within the Jerome community. The services support the families in many ways. We can assist in finding a doctor, community, and social services. The migrant liaison conducts home visits as needed so that the families do not feel isolated.

## **Who Qualifies for the Program?**

A family qualifies for the migrant program if the student, parent, spouse, or guardian is a migrant worker. Migrant worker status includes agriculture work, some duties of a person who works for the fish hatchery, as well as a few positions in the dairy profession. Finally the family must have moved within the last 3 years to gain seasonal or temporary work.

## **Process for Qualification**

During registration each student is given a Home Language Survey, this form identifies families that have moved due to employment within the last 3 years. After If the family has made a move within the last 3 years following agriculture work the Migrant Liaison will contact the family and make an appointment for a home visit. During the home visit, the liaison will gather more details which will assure families are properly identified as Migratory. If the family qualifies, a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) form will be completed. This form will register the family for migrant services.

## **Services the Migrant Liaison Can Provide**

The Migrant Program provides many services to support families in order to assure students have the opportunity to be successful in school. A service the program can provide is assisting the parents with translation during registration and parent teacher conferences. Within the school setting, the liaison can provide dates, times, and an explanation of upcoming school activities and events, along with any preschool or supplemental services the school district or community may provide.

Jerome School District offers summer school if funding is available from the State Department of Education. The liaison provides services during this time to ensure the students can receive the support they need to have a successful learning experience. The Migrant Program helps locate appropriate health, social, and/or legal services.

## **ESL Program**

Our district offers English as a Secondary Language (ESL) program, which is designed to teach English Language Learner (ELL) students English language skills. These skills may include listening, speaking, reading, writing, study skills, content vocabulary, and cultural orientation. ESL instruction is usually in English with little use of native language.

In our classrooms, all students receive their instruction through the SIOP teaching model. We also provide an ESL pullout program; this program gives students 90 minutes daily to improve their English ability. During this pullout instruction time a program called *Language!* is utilized.

A student's eligibility to participate depends upon the following:

1. Lists a language other than English on the Home Language Survey.
2. The student becomes eligible through the IELA Placement Test; and/or
3. The classroom teacher believes the student will benefit from additional services.

If a student meets the eligibility requirements a letter will be sent notifying the parents/guardians of possible placement for ESL services.

## **Additional Services**

Jerome schools provide free breakfast to all students. With a qualifying COE and a completed application free lunch is provided throughout the district. The application form is distributed at the time of registration; however, it can also be requested at any time from each building office.

## **Community Services**

The following community services are available for your family. Please ask our district migrant liaison for more information on any of the below services.

- CAPS – Lupe Cisneros ~ 404-3563
- Catholic Church
- Community Action
- Wendell Portuguese Center
- NOTE: Above are only a few examples of available community services. An updated list is accessible on the Jerome School District Web page under Federal Programs at [www.d261.k12.id.us](http://www.d261.k12.id.us), or from the Migrant Liaison.

## **Contact Information**

If you have any further questions, please contact the following people:

- Peggy Pickett, Migrant Regional Director – 324-2392 X1151
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