



The Migrant Education Advisor Program, or MEAP, is a collaborative advising program between the Office of Migrant Education, the Masters in Counseling Program at Sonoma State University, and participating school districts.

MEAP was developed in response to three specific needs:

- 1) The need to provide academic advisement and support services to middle and high school migrant students in order to help them to experience educational success and ensure that they graduate from high school.
- 2) The need to identify cost effective strategies and programs for providing these types of services.
- 3) The need to increase the pool of potential bilingual/bicultural school counseling candidates.

MEAP provides the following services:

- Academic advising, provided by bilingual undergraduate and graduate level college students, to middle and high school students so that they will have knowledge of the high school graduation requirements and the core curriculum in order to ensure graduation from high school as well as the attainment of skills needed for life long success and the pursuit of a post-secondary education.
- Career guidance for each migrant student so that they develop career and educational goals as well as an understanding and awareness of academic outcomes and the relationship to post-secondary education and the world of work.
- Social and emotional support for each migrant student through the fostering of self-esteem, cultural pride, and leadership development.
- Parent Education assistance for migrant parents in order to develop a support system between the home and school environment.

MEAP Cost:

MEAP services are funded via a collaborative agreement between Migrant Education and the district receiving services. Districts pay 50% of the cost for services for each school year. Total cost is dependent upon the number of MEAP advisors placed at district school sites. Every effort is made to target those schools with particularly high numbers of identified migrant students.

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