

Migrant Student Policy

Colorado Preparatory Academy & Pikes Peak Online School

Purpose:

This policy outlines the commitment of Colorado Preparatory Academy (CPA) and Pikes Peak Online School (PPOS) to support the educational success of migrant students. In alignment with the Migrant Education Program (MEP) under Title I, Part C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), this policy ensures that migrant students receive equitable access to high-quality education and necessary services to address their unique challenges.

Definitions:

- **Migrant Student:** A child or youth who has moved across school district boundaries within the last 36 months to obtain or accompany a parent or guardian seeking seasonal or temporary agricultural or fishing work.
- **Migrant Education Program (MEP):** A federal program designed to provide supplemental educational and supportive services to eligible migrant children.
- **Educational Continuity:** Ensuring uninterrupted learning and academic progress despite frequent relocations or disruptions.

Policy Guidelines:

1. Identification:

- Families have the opportunity to indicate migrant status during the enrollment process.
- The CPA/PPOS Migrant Liaison will review the Child Find report on a weekly basis to identify potentially eligible migrant students and initiate outreach.

2. Immediate Enrollment:

- Migrant students will be immediately enrolled in school, even, if necessary, records (e.g., immunizations, transcripts) are unavailable at the time of enrollment.
- School staff will facilitate the transfer of records from the previous school to ensure continuity of services.

3. Educational Services and Support:

- CPA and PPOS will provide targeted academic support, including tutoring, access to technology, and language assistance for English Learners (ELs).
- Individualized learning plans will be developed for migrant students as needed to address educational gaps and support academic progress.
- CPA and PPOS will provide access to advanced placement, dual credit, and career/technical education opportunities.

4. Coordination of Services:

- The Migrant Liaison will work with the state MEP and local agencies to coordinate health, social, and academic support services for migrant students and their families.
- Efforts will be made to address barriers to attendance, such as transportation, technology access, and language differences.

5. Parental and Family Engagement:

- CPA and PPOS will involve parents and families in the educational process by providing materials and communications in their preferred language.
- Opportunities for family engagement, such as workshops and informational sessions, will be offered to support student success.

6. Support for Graduation and Postsecondary Success:

- CPA and PPOS will implement strategies to support migrant students in meeting graduation requirements, including credit recovery programs and flexible scheduling.
- Students will receive guidance on college and career pathways, including scholarships and financial aid opportunities.

7. Data Privacy and Monitoring:

- Migrant student information will be handled confidentially and in compliance with FERPA.
- CPA and PPOS will track and analyze data on migrant student performance, attendance, and graduation rates to ensure effective support and continuous improvement.

8. Professional Development for Staff:

- Training will be provided for teachers, administrators, and support staff to increase awareness and understanding of the unique challenges faced by migrant students.
- Topics will include cultural competence, trauma-informed practices, and strategies for supporting mobile learners.

Monitoring and Accountability:

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations and its effectiveness in supporting migrant students. Adjustments will be made based on feedback, data analysis, and changes to legal requirements.