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### Leadership Academies

The Leadership Academies have been a great success. So far this year we have visited five college campuses and introduced our migrant students to various community organizations whose services will benefit them as graduation day draws closer. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help chaperone and organize each event.

Our next Leadership Academy is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 11** from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will be visiting St. Phillip's College. An agenda and a list of eligible migrant students will be sent by the end of the month.

If you would like more information please contact Alex Dominguez at [alexandra.dominguez@esc20.net](mailto:alexandra.dominguez@esc20.net) or 210-370-5447.

### New Generation System Deadlines

The New Generation System is a web-based interstate information network that provides demographic, educational and health data on migrant students to educators. The Texas Education Agency assigns deadlines for each of the activities. Education Service Center, Region 20, will contact campuses directly to access this student information in order to meet the state deadlines for information entry into the NGS.

In cluded in this newsletter is a listing of the Spring deadlines for the New Generation System, or NGS.

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### **MEP Spring Activities**

Spring Activity	Affected Students	Person Responsible	Date	Time
SSA District Migrant Contact Meeting	All district migrant students	District Migrant Contact	<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Leadership Academy: University Tour St. Philip's College	Grades 9-12 migrant students	Designated Chaperone	<b>Tuesday, March 11</b>	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
PSAT Clinic	Grades 9-12 migrant students	Designated Chaperone	<b>Wednesday, April 16</b>	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Spring Requirement	Affected Students	Person Responsible	School District Deadline	State-mandated ESC-20 Deadline
Secondary Credit – Fall Semester Grades	Grades 9-12 migrant students	High School Counselor/Registrar	<b>Within 10 working days after end of semester for fall grades</b>	January 30
Missing Credits and Partial Credits Consolidation	Grades 9-12 migrant students	High School Counselor/Registrar	<b>Within 5 working days after completed partial work in designated school of graduation</b>	January 30
Medical Alert and Immunization Data	Grades K-12	Campus/District Nurse	<b>March 1</b>	April 15
Regular Term Coursework for Grades 6-12	Grades 6-12 migrant students 2	Campus counselor	<b>Within 5 working days after end of school year</b>	June 15

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### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. If a student has withdrawn from my district, why does he/she continue to show up on the monthly reports that I receive?**

The reports that you receive in your offices are generated by the New Generation System database. This web-based interstate information network communicates demographic, educational and health data on migrant students to educators throughout the nation. The system allows educators to record the movement of migrant students through the educational process by producing on-line records of a student's educational progress and health profile. The monthly reports you receive in your offices reflect the migrant students that are/were enrolled in your district at some point in the current school year. If a student withdraws during the year they will continue to show up on the reports, but they should have a withdrawal date by their enrollment date. If you know a student has withdrawn from your district and that student shows up on your reports with only an enrollment date please contact ESC-20 so we can withdraw the child from the database.

**2. How does ESC-20 have the authorization to request student records?**

When a school district joins the Shared Services Arrangement with Education Service Center the ESC becomes responsible for ensuring the district's Migrant Education Program is in compliance with all federal and state requirements. One of those requirements is the identification and recruitment of migrant students residing in a district. When ESC-20 interviews families to determine their migrant status, parents sign a Certificate of Eligibility that contains the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act statement. This signature gives us permission to request educational and health data from various agencies for entry into the New Generation System database.

**3. Does a child still qualify for the MEP if his/her school year is not interrupted?**

Yes, a child qualifies for the MEP even if his/her school year is not interrupted. Many of our migrant families make weekend moves, summer moves or move during school breaks to find agricultural/fishing work that will supplement their income.

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For any questions, comments, or if you have information you would like to share in the monthly newsletter, please

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