

# Migrant News

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## Annual Training

*All ESC-20 Migrant staff must be trained on the new NGS Guidelines and ID&R Regulations for 2009-2010. There are some changes and there is a new Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for the year.*

*Districts must be implementing the new COE by September 1st. Please plan to attend the annual training as required by the state.*

*Recruiters must attend the Identification & Recruitment Training (ID&R) prior to completing the new COE.*

*NGS Data Specialists must attend the New Generation System (NGS) Training to encode for 2009-2010. In addition, the ID&R training is highly recommended in order to become familiar with the New COE.*

*Eligibility Reviewers/Administrators must attend ID&R, NGS and the Eligibility/Administrator Training prior to conducting eligibility verification and signing COEs.*

*See calendar of events for training dates. If you have any questions, please call Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or email [veronica.alvarez@esc20.net](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net) ■*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2009



- ☒ **SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**  
ANNUAL ID&R TRAINING REPEAT  
TIME: 8:30 – 3:30  
LOCATION: ESC-20
- ☒ **SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**  
ANNUAL NGS TRAINING REPEAT  
TIME: 8:30 – 3:30  
LOCATION: ESC-20
- ☒ **SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**  
NGS SERIES DAY 1  
TIME: 8:30 – 3:30  
LOCATION: ESC-20
- ☒ **SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**  
☒ NGS SERIES DAY 1 (EAGLE PASS)  
TIME: 8:30 – 3:30  
LOCATION: FRANK CHISUM CAFETERIA
- ☒ **SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**  
☒ ANNUAL ID&R TRAINING REPEAT (EAGLE PASS)  
TIME: 8:30 – 3:30  
LOCATION: DE LUNA TECHNOLOGY CTR BOARDROOM
- ☒ **SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**  
MEP DIRECTORS MEETING  
TIME: 1:00 – 4:00  
LOCATION: ESC

PLEASE VISIT ILEARNING FOR DETAILED INFORMATION

**Register for sessions through iLearning at:**

<http://www.esc20.net/workshop>



## Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX)

### UPCOMING DEADLINES:

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEADLINES PLEASE REFER TO PAGES 5-7 OF THE NGS IMPLEMENTATION REQUIRED SCHOOL/DISTRICT ESC ACTIVITIES.

- Residency Verification**  
Entry into NGS: By November 1
- LEP**  
Submission to Terminal site: September 30 or 5 working days after initial enrollment  
Entry into NGS: Within 5 days of receipt
- Graduation Plans**  
Submission to Terminal site: September 30 or 10 working days after initial enrollment  
Entry into NGS: Within 5 days of receipt

### MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORTS:

- District, Unique, Priority for Services & Continuation of Services

### REPORTS SENT TO ESC (VIA NGS):

- Continuation of Service
- P2 Turning P3
- Unique

### NGS INFORMATION:

- NGS Data Specialist should stamp all incoming data.
- Districts must never delete enrollment lines.
- Notify the ESC for enrollment line deletions.

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*The MSIX agreement has been signed. The Clean Up process is in effect. Districts will receive a phone call or email notification if any information must be corrected. We are on a short timeline. The deadline is September 21, 2009. Our information will go live on September 30, 2009. More information will come regarding passwords. ■*

## UT Migrant Student Program

*If your district has a student who participated in the UT Migrant Student Program during Summer 2009 your district will be receiving communication from UT Austin. Beginning September 14, 2009, UT Austin will review transcripts of students who participated in the program and enter summer history lines if no line has been entered. UT Austin will encode a line for students who have completed the coursework and indicate that UT made the entry. This action will ensure that these students will be included in the 2008-2009 child count for the Office of Migrant Education.*

*If you have any questions, please call Peggy Wimberley, Coordinator at 512-471-0581 or email [peggywimberley@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:peggywimberley@mail.utexas.edu) ■*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Upcoming Events

## Migrant Community Outreach Fair

The Community Outreach Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**. The Community Outreach Fair provides an opportunity for parents, MEP staff, educators and administrators to learn about available resources in the community. Join us in partnering with community agencies and meet representatives to discuss Medicaid, housing and other pertinent information for migrant families. Staff can register through iLearning at [www.esc20.net](http://www.esc20.net) Please send an email to Veronica Alvarez to account for parents [veronica.alvarez@esc20.net](mailto:veronica.alvarez@esc20.net) . ■

## Leadership Academy

Our first Leadership Academy will take us to Texas A&M International University in Laredo, TX on **Thursday, October 8, 2009**. Registration forms have been sent to districts. If your district would like to attend please submit registration forms by September 25, 2009.

The Texas A&M University System, TAMU is committed to the preparation of students for leadership roles in their chosen profession in an increasingly complex, culturally-diverse state, national and global society.

The University provides over 5000 students with a learning environment anchored by the highest quality programs built on a solid academic foundation in the arts and sciences. To fulfill its mission, the University offers a range of baccalaureate and masters programs and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in International Business. Programs focus on developing undergraduate and graduate offerings with a progressive international agenda for global study and understanding across all disciplines. ■



## Migrant State Conference

The 2009 Annual AMET/Texas Migrant Education Conference brings you to the “Sparkling City by the Sea” - Corpus Christi, Texas. The Conference will be held on **November 11–13, 2009**, at the American Bank Center.

Registration, hotel, agenda and pre conference information can be found at [www.ametx.org](http://www.ametx.org) ■

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q: Why are July and August reports (Unique Student Count, District & PFS) so different?**

A: As the new school year begins, NGS Data Specialists are entering enrollments for pre-existing families who have had first contact. Recruiters are meeting with new families and pre-existing families to identify if a move has been made and to pick up COEs. The process is slow, but must occur prior to enrollments. Enrollments should increase monthly as contact is made.

**NOTE:** If the pre-existing family needs a New COE, a recruiter must conduct the interview in person and complete the COE. The family will not be able to be entered into NGS and NO enrollment lines will be added until the eligibility process is complete.



**Q: Is first contact the same as Residency Verification?**

A: No. First contact is usually done prior to the school year starting (**July/August**). Residency Verification is done after September 1<sup>st</sup>. Residency Verification verifies if a family lives in the school district between the reporting period of September 1 – August 31. First contact should be done **prior** to Residency Verification.



**Q: Are migrant students automatically approved for free lunch?**

A: No. The MEP Director must provide Food Staff Personnel with a **signed** report listing all pre-existing students and newly identified students. NGS reports will not have all students listed if they have not been entered into the system. MEP Directors may have to create a list of students with good QADs and add newly identified students to provide food staff personnel with an accurate list of students. This may need to happen weekly to keep up with new students. ■