

Migrant News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2009

☒ **FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

DUE DATE: RIF ORDER & MEP SURVEY

☒ **FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

ID&R SERIES DAY 2

TIME: 8:30 – 4:00

LOCATION: ESC-20

☒ **FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

ID&R SERIES DAY 2 (UVALDE)

TIME: 8:30 – 4:00

LOCATION: EL PROGRESO LIBRARY, UVALDE TX

☒ **FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

ID&R SERIES DAY 2 (EAGLE PASS)

TIME: 8:30 – 3:30

LOCATION: DE LUNA TECHNOLOGY CENTER, EAGLE PASS TX

☒ **FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

MIGRANT EARLY CHILDHOOD SERIES DAY 2

TIME: 8:30 – 3:30

LOCATION: ESC-20

Reading Is Fundamental

The RIF Program is designed to build students reading awareness and provide reading materials for students at home. There is no cost for districts participating. Please follow all guidelines and procedures provided by TEA. We encourage all districts to participate.

RIF Orders are **due to the ESC by February 13, 2009.**

If your district will not be participating please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or by email below.

Send electronic order forms to

veronica.alvarez@esc20.net ■



Good children's literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child.
~Anonymous ~

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New Generation System (NGS)

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

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

- Secondary Credit Fall Semester 9-12 Grades**
Submission to terminal site: 10 working days after end of the fall semester.
Entry into NGS: February 27
- Alternate ID Number**
Submission to terminal site: Run report by February 13
Entry into NGS: February 27
- Medical Alert & Immunization Data**
Submission to terminal site: By March 6
Entry into NGS: April 15

MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORTS:

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

REPORTS SENT TO ESC (VIA NGS):

- Partial Credit

NGS INFORMATION:

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

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NGS Quality Control

ESC Staff will be conducting NGS Quality Control from January – March, 2009. Districts will be contacted 1 – 2 weeks in advance. We will review the items from the NGS Manual pages 22-32. In addition, we will review COEs and answer any questions you may have related to NGS or ID&R. NGS Data Specialist(s) **must** be present during the NGS Quality Control.

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Migrant Student Information Exchange System (MSIX)

The MSIX agreement has been signed. Texas has uploaded 50 percent of its live data to the system. Please take time to verify all data prior to entry into NGS. Verify enrollment entry/withdrawal, correct full name, date of birth, Alternate ID number, ethnicity and grade levels. ■

2008-2009 Eligibility Validation

The 2008-2009 Eligibility Validation process is now underway. The regional ESCs will be contacting the school districts that will be involved in this annual process. Please note that this is a random validation and not all LEAs will participate. If you are not contacted by the ESC during the month of February, then you will not be participating this year. If you have any questions, please call Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426. ■

MEP Statewide Survey

The Texas MEP launched the online survey portion of its Statewide Evaluation the week of January 19. Districts have until February 13 to complete all portions of the survey. If you have questions about the survey's content, please contact Allen Seay, of the TEA, at allen.seay@tea.state.tx.us or 512-463-9101. If you have technical questions, please contact Jim Christie, of MGT of America, Inc., at jchristie@mgtamer.com or 850-219-4318.

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MAS

Mathematics Achievement = Success (MAS) is a Migrant Education Program Consortium Incentive Grant (CIG) designed in response to substantial needs identified in migrant students in the lead state of Texas and the consortium receiving states of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, New York, and Wisconsin (plus Hawaii participating as a partner state not competing for CIG funds). The goal of MAS is to increase migrant student achievement in mathematics through a multi-state consortium that provides high-quality K-12 curriculum, instruction, assessment, innovative uses of technology, professional development, and parent involvement through interstate and intrastate collaboration. Book lists can be found at <http://projectsmart.esc20.net/>

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2009 National Migrant Education Conference

The National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education, (NASDME) Conference will be held from Sunday, May 3, 2009 through Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

NASDME plans to have more than 160 workshops and four general sessions covering topics that will help all migrant educators and staff better assist the migrant families, children and youth.

The Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk will be the conference hotels offering rates at \$179. The Menger Hotel has a block of rooms at \$85 (single) and \$95 (double) a night. This block of rooms is open, but only while availability lasts. The Menger Hotel can be accessed at www.mengerhotel.com

For more information regarding the conference please visit their website at www.nasdme.org ■

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: How could a district verify that the Alternate ID deadline was met?

*A: The Alternate ID (students without) report can be generated. Only students K – 12 **enrolled** must have an Alternate ID. P0 – P5 and OS do not need an Alternate ID, but will come up on the report.*

Q: Do districts have to participate in the Reading Is Fundamental Program (RIF)?

A: No. If a district will not be participating in RIF, they should notify the ESC to enable us to distribute the funds appropriately.

Q: Who should attend the National Migrant Education Conference (NASDME)?

A: NASDME annually sponsors a National Migrant Education Conference to provide training, leadership, and networking opportunities for all persons concerned with the education of migrant children. For more information visit www.nasdme.org ■