

Migrant Education Eligibility Summary

The general requirements are:

(1) A parent and child must travel at least 20 miles from their home to do commercial or subsistence fishing (measured by actual miles traveled, not by air miles).

(2) The participants must be away from home past midnight to count it as one trip.

(3) All of the trips must add up to a minimum of 7 nights/8 days away from home during the past 12 months (including winter fishing trips).

(4) The activity must be an economic necessity for the family (providing needed food or income).

* Another way to qualify is for a parent and child to travel at least 20 miles away from home for a fish processing job (such as Noorvik to Kotzebue) or to a community in a different school district for a fish processing job (in Nome, for example).

** If the person fishing or working is 14-19 years old, he or she can qualify without a parent participating in the activity (including unenrolled students that have not graduated).

*** A berry picking trip is eligible if it is in a different school district (in Point Hope or Shishmaref, for example). The participants must be away from home past midnight to count the trip.

Every student that is eligible receives additional educational resources (such as books) and brings additional funding to the school district to provide valuable migrant services (such as after school tutoring). Additionally, students are automatically eligible for free lunch and migrant services if they transfer to another school district (such as Anchorage).