



# REACTS

## Records Exchange Advice, Communication, and Technical Support Newsletter

### MSIX ID Cards in Florida - A Success!

In September 2010, Florida was the 38th state to upload migrant student records to MSIX, and it was among the first states to produce a complete MSIX consolidated record, which contains demographic, enrollment, course history and assessment data for each student.

In order to spread the word to migrant students and parents about the consolidated record and its uses, the state Migrant Education Program (MEP) office created and published MSIX ID cards, and disseminated them to district MEPs around the state.

Once a student is found to be MEP-eligible and his or her information is added or updated in MSIX, program recruiters and advocates discuss the MSIX system with the student's family, which is then issued a wallet-sized MSIX ID card.

When the family relocates to a new district or state, the parents can share the card with MEP staff in the new location in order to help facilitate appropriate and timely school enrollment based on their child(ren)'s academic needs. MEP staff can determine these needs by simply logging into the MSIX system and viewing the student's consolidated record.

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Front of Florida MSIX ID Card.

MSIX Migrant Student Information Exchange		MSIX STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD	
Use the MSIX ID(s) to assist with enrolling your child/ren into the appropriate classes in school:			
Name: _____	MSIX ID: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	MSIX ID: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	MSIX ID: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	MSIX ID: _____	_____	_____

Back of Florida MSIX ID Card.

<u>THE NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION HOTLINE</u>	
<b>1-800-234-8848</b>	
Connecting Migrant Farmworkers & Families to: Education Health Support Services	

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### Quick Links

#### REACTS Website

<http://reactsmsix.ed.gov>

#### MSIX Website

<http://msix.ed.gov>

#### Office of Migrant Education Website

<http://www.ed.gov/oese/ome/>

### How to Contribute to REACTS

Do you have an MSIX story to share? We would love to hear from you.

Please contact us at [reactshelp@ed.gov](mailto:reactshelp@ed.gov).



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## MSIX ID Cards in Florida - A Success *(continued from page 1)*

Parents are assured that their child's information is available only to registered MSIX users. As the image on page 1 shows, the MSIX website link does not appear on the card. This is a security measure that anticipates a card being lost or stolen.

Florida piloted the MSIX ID cards during the 2011-12 school year, and interest in the cards has spread across the country. The Migrant Hotline, whose number is printed on the back of the cards, has received calls from several states requesting them so that they can implement similar cards in their states. The success of the MSIX ID cards is one of the many ways in which Florida's MEP continuously demonstrates interstate collaboration for migrant students!

*We thank Jay Rembert, Florida MSIX state data administrator and Carol Gagliano, Florida Migrant Education Program director, both from the Florida Department of Education, for this contribution.*

## Cherry Picking in Oregon

During the summer, quite a few students leave California to pick cherries in northeastern Oregon. This year, prior to the students returning to California for the fall semester, student records clerk Carol Fitzsimmons used MSIX to get their identification numbers (MSIX IDs) and compiled a list of them to send back to the California Migrant Education Program (CA MEP). With the list, the California system could easily locate the students when they returned.

When around 30 youths come and go between states, MSIX is a great tool for the returning state. Knowing ahead of time which students are returning allows staff to research and gather resources to respond to the specific needs the students and/or their families might have. For example, MSIX could help determine if a student requires additional academic support in a particular subject or if a child has a health condition that requires special assistance.



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## Cherry Picking In Oregon *(continued from page 2)*



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Ms. Fitzsimmons feels that MSIX is great in that it allowed the Oregon state office to fix some mistakes in its migrant database.

Specifically, Ms. Fitzsimmons found two different students whose dates of birth were different in the Oregon database compared to what she found in MSIX. She also discovered a student whose name was misspelled in the original Certificate of Eligibility, which resulted in the student being assigned a duplicative MSIX ID based on the misspelled name. When Ms. Fitzsimmons searched for these three students in MSIX, she noticed the errors and the OR MEP was able to correct the information in its database so that it matched the MSIX data.

*We thank Carol Fitzsimmons, student records clerk of the InterMountain Education Service District in Oregon, for contributing this article.*

## How Arizona Uses MSIX Move Notifications to Help Migrant Students

The Arizona Migrant Education Program (AZ MEP) receives students from 22 states. While most of Arizona's migrant students come from California, a significant number of them also come from Washington, Colorado, Oregon, Texas, Nebraska, and Kansas. The move notification feature in MSIX provides information the AZ MEP uses to recruit students. To facilitate quick enrollment in the MEP when a family moves, AZ MEP families are provided an enrollment packet and asked to fill out the information insert. They may instead fill out the tear-off portion of the recruiting posters that are placed throughout neighborhoods, at local businesses, and at local agriculture industry locations. The information insert contains questions regarding the circumstances of the move and is given to the local MEP office. That office uses the information provided by the family on the insert to determine if a recruiting visit is necessary. If students arrive without the completed poster tear-off form or information insert, the AZ MEP staff will use the MSIX move notification emails to help the program locate students. In August 2012, Arizona's identification and recruitment (ID&R) coordinator, Mary Haluska, received a move notification for students from Alaska, who were moving to Marana, Ariz. Most of the time, the move notification indicates only that a student is moving to Arizona or the Phoenix area. This prompted Ms. Haluska to search in MSIX and COEStar, the Web-based migrant information system used in Arizona and four other states to find information on the students. Ms. Haluska also checked Arizona's state database system to determine the school(s) at which the students were registered for the current school year.

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## How Arizona Uses MSIX Move Notifications *(continued from page 3)*

Ms. Haluska was interested in finding out more about the group of students moving to Marana, as few students typically come to Arizona from Alaska. She wanted to make sure the students were contacted, placed, and offered services in a timely manner. Upon contacting the Marana Unified School District, she learned from the MEP coordinator that the students had just enrolled in the district's schools. Thus, before the recruiter received the MEP paperwork from the registrar, Ms. Haluska already knew of the MSIX move notification. Since the Alaska MEP team had used the move notification feature, the Marana recruiter was able to make contact with the family within a day. Thus, student placement and services for the students happened almost immediately from the time of arrival in Arizona.

Does MSIX work? As illustrated in this instance, it sure does. This success has encouraged the Arizona MEP to keep its information on students accurate and current. ¡Sí, se puede!

*We thank Mary Haluska, M. Ed., state ID & R coordinator for the Arizona Migrant Education Program, for contributing this article.*

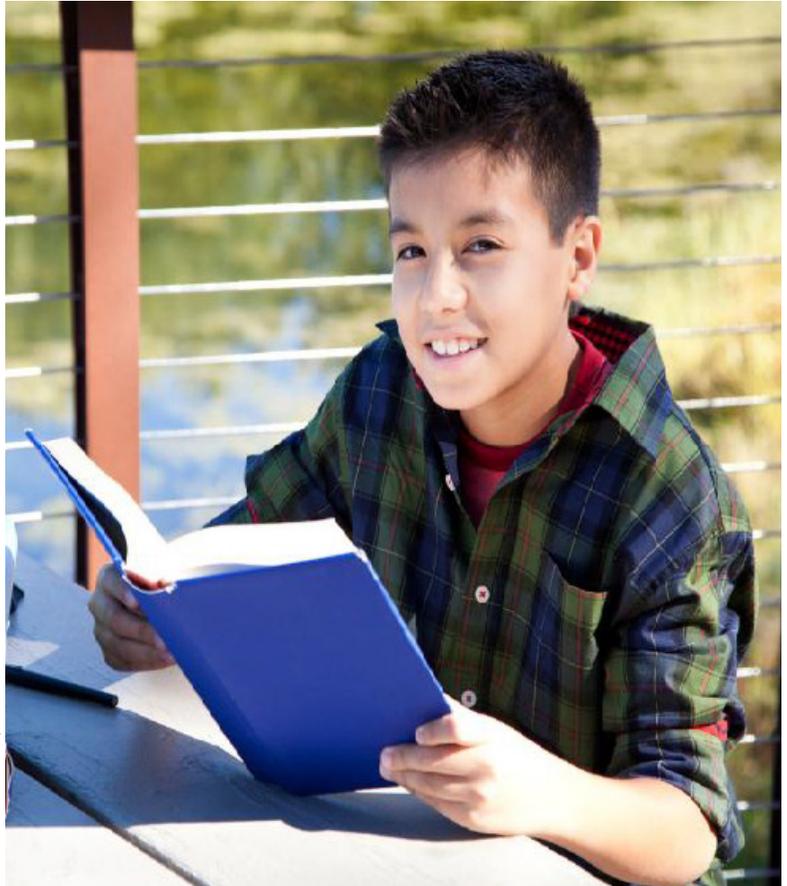


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