



**Texas Migrant Interstate Program**  
**TMIP**

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### TMIP Student Leadership

This summer the TMIP sponsored 15 students and earned 2 free slots to attend the Rice University Tapia Campus STEM Leadership camps. Camps were held virtually due to precautionary measures to avoid COVID-19 exposure. The TMIP-sponsored migratory students individually chose which camp to attend. The three camps available for selection were:

- 1) STEM Challenge: Build a Heatsink;
- 2) Visualizing Data to make the world a better Place; and
- 3) Computational Thinking and Equity, in collaboration with Google's Operations Research Team.

Participating in the 2021 virtual Tapia summer camps:

- Region 4 – ten students
- Region 6 – four students
- Region 8 – one student
- Region 13 – two students

### 2021 Nominations for Exemplary Migratory Students Recognition

Exemplary Migratory Student nominations for 2021 graduates are being accepted. Recognition of these students will take place at the 2022 TMIP Intra/Interstate Secondary Credit Accrual Workshop planned for February 2022. The nomination form maybe downloaded from the TMIP website or call TMIP at 1-800-292-7006 for more details.

The profiles for all nominated 2020 Exemplary Migratory Students and additional information are available on the TMIP website and on the Texas Migrant Education Portal (TMEP). TMIP website: [www.psjaisd.us/tmip](http://www.psjaisd.us/tmip) TMEP portal: [www.txmigrant.net](http://www.txmigrant.net)

### Out of State Testing

Many thanks and a big shout out to our wonderful test administrators in receiving states! As always, they make it possible for our shared migratory students to test in their state. Their dedication to the education of our migratory students is unmatched. This year 23 MEP staff from out of state received training to administer the STAAR assessments. Although not all sites have students in need of testing, they wanted to be ready to assist.

### Presentation Requests

Despite the in-person travel restrictions to attend and/or conduct presentations, the TMIP has remained active during the pandemic. TMIP attended or conducted 47 face-to-face or virtual presentations.

The TMIP will continue to serve all migratory students, families, and MEP staff. If you would like TMIP to present on our services to your migrant students, families and/or MEP staff. If you would like TMIP to present on the services available for migratory students, families and/or MEP staff, feel free to download and submit our Presentation Request Form from our website [www.psjaisd.us/tmip](http://www.psjaisd.us/tmip) under the Forms tab. Our presenting staff is small and dates for presentations fill up quickly.

### Free TMIP Course Study Guides

STAAR/TEKS based course study guides are available. Students that migrate out-of-state are priority. These course study guides help supplement student's out-of-state curriculum that may not be TEKS based. The course study guides provide material that may appear on the STAAR assessments. They are an easy guide for the student to refer to and use. We offer these course study guides to Texas migratory students when they are away from their home-based district. ESC migrant contacts or campus counselors may send TMIP a list of the students with their tentative location in the receiving state. TMIP will mail the course



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study guides to the student's campus prior to their departure.

**Course Study Guides - Subjects/Grade Levels available:**

Grades 3 - 8----- Reading and Mathematics  
Grades 4 & 7 -----Writing  
Grade 5 -----Science  
Grade 8 -----Science, Social Studies  
High School -- Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and US History  
Additional subjects: Algebra II, Geometry, Chemistry, Physics, and World Geography

**Free Online Tutorials**

TMIP has a new vendor for online tutorials to help Texas migratory students as they migrate intra/interstate from their Texas home-based campus. The new more robust IXL program may be used as a tutorial tool. IXL provides personalized learning in math, language arts, science, social studies, and Spanish. TMIP will cover the cost of this program while your student(s) migrate.

Take advantage of this FREE resource. IXL is personalized, comprehensive learning for grades K-12. Prior to the student(s) departure send TMIP a referral with a list the content the student(s) need to review. TMIP will set-up the student(s) username and password, and the personalized content based on your recommendations. Access to this program may be from home and/or campus, anywhere internet access is available.

The program content may be viewed with the following link: [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)

**Community Corner**

**P-EBT**

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides food benefits to families with children up to 21 years of age for the 2020-2021 school year and summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information about eligibility and how to apply, visit the site below.

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-information-texans/pandemic-ebt-p-ebt-due-covid-19>

**Healthy Minds**

The outbreak of COVID-19 and related responses like social distancing can impact our mental health and psychological well-being. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, help is available.

To speak with a mental health professional for help, please call the toll free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at 833-986-1919 or visit the link below.

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/mental-health-substance-use>