

New York State Migrant Education Program

Migrant Educator Newsletter

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Green Light Law: Workshop Pamphlet

Contributed by Travis Williamson

In April 2023, Worker Justice Center of New York (WJCN) collaborated with the NYS-MEP's Out-of-School Youth (OSY) Spring Workshop Series team and presented the steps about what to expect when in the process of obtaining a standard New York State Driver License. OSY students and families were shown many links to resources throughout this informative workshop. NYS-MEP compiled these links and created a two-page [pamphlet with QR codes](#), available in English and Spanish. Migrant Educators can use the pamphlet to walkthrough the links if a student or family is interested in achieving this goal. Visit WJCN's [Green Light Law webpage](#) for more information.



Web App Tip

New Code

NEW! Migrant Educators throughout the state asked for a code to use when they attempt to provide service but meet a barrier and need to retry. Web App has a new code called **"Attempted-No Service,"** and it is ready to start using now, during Summer 2023!



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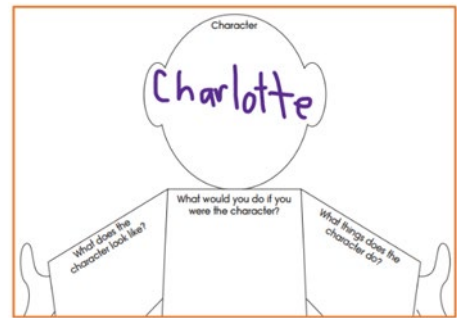
Find this issue and previous Migrant Educator Newsletters on the NYS-MEP Website: <https://www.nysmigrant.org/news>

English Language Arts (ELA) Tip

Contributed by Kathleen M. Lord, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, SUNY New Paltz

For years, while reading stories, I struggled to comprehend what I was reading. I learned, on my own, to follow the character's actions. This one shift in focus changed the meanings of stories for me. I have found that some students read sentence after sentence, and like me, do not gather meaningful information from the story!

- On the NYS-MEP website, as part of The Reading Comprehension Series in our *On Demand PD* library, find [READING COMPREHENSION OF LITERATURE: CHARACTERIZATION](#). This module provides strategies for reading literature and paying attention to the story's character.
- Watch the 9-minute video and check out the ready-to-use graphic organizers.



Example: [Character Graphic Organizer](#)

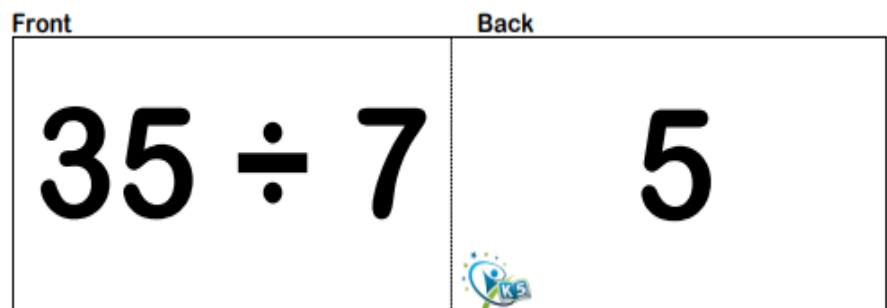
Keep Those Math Facts Fresh All Summer

Free Math Flashcards from K5 Learning

Math facts are part of each student's "Math Fluency." Flashcards make review more like a game.

[K5 Learning](#) has ready-to-download flashcards for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Note: K5 Learning currently offers many math worksheets free of charge. They also have membership benefits that you can purchase for a year.



Load the Trucks with Stones!

Trucks Play Dough Math Mats from PreKinders

Download all ten PDF mats from [PreKinders](#), each with a different number and color. You can also choose to download the Trucks “Toddler” mat, with just one truck and no numbers, so you can adapt the game to your students.

For example, the child can select a card or roll one die to discover how many "stones" to make or draw. A different student could roll two dice to count, add, or multiply to discover how many stones to make.

Note: Most of the PreKinders resources are free, with or without a subscription. Resources requiring payment are clearly marked. Subscribing to PreKinders is not necessary to use the website but a choice for you to join their email list. Some Educators find the one to two emails a month useful for their seasonal ideas.



Support for Registering New Students in School

Navigate to the Advocacy Page on the NYS-MEP Website.



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Click to open the heading [“SCHOOL REGISTRATION.”](#) There you will find:

- The newest Fact Sheets from the United State Department of Education and Department of Justice about Protecting Access to Education for Migratory Children (English & Spanish), and Protecting Access to Education for Unaccompanied Children (English & Spanish).
- Letter for highly mobile children with disabilities receiving services in a timely manner.
- Guide to Understanding the Rules for School Registration in New York State (English & Spanish).
- New York State School Physical Requirements for New students, and students entering UPK or K, and for Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.
- School Vaccination Requirements in New York State and the 2023-24 list of requirements per grade.
- New York State Education Department Memo about the Provision of Educational Services for Recently Arrived Unaccompanied Children and Youth.

What Families Need to Know before School Starts

Which students need a school physical this year?

Physicals: The [Required New York State Health Examination Form](#) was updated in May 2023. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires a physical exam for

- New entrants; and
- Students entering Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11.

Physical exams are required annually for interscholastic sports.

Which immunizations are needed this year?

Immunizations: The [2023-24 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance](#) identifies the specific number of doses and immunization differences between the various grade levels, Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12.

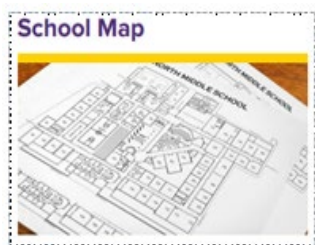
Note: You can find these links on the ADVOCACY Page of the NYS-MEP Website, under “SCHOOL REGISTRATION.”

School Information for Parents Brochure

NYS Statewide Language Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN) - Resources for Families and Students

Scroll through RBERN’s [Resources for Families and Students](#) to see what is available. The “School Information for Parents Brochure,” provides great photos along with a short introduction to school systems in New York. Available in English and five other languages, you could use the picture cards from the English brochure with the picture cards from your families’ home language to create a matching game to help families learn and understand the words.

This brochure is available in [Arabic](#), [English](#), [Farsi](#), [Karen](#), [Nepali](#), and [Spanish](#).



Schools in the United States – What Parents Need to Know

NYS-MEP Parent and Family Library: Working with Schools



In the Parent and Family *Library* on the NYS-MEP website, check out the [Working with Schools](#) book. Here you will find several resources including:

Schools in the United States – What Parents Need to Know.

Illustrated like a graphic novel, use this booklet to introduce families to schools in the United States. It outlines what parents need to know to help their children succeed in school.

Share all of it or select the sections most appropriate for individual families. For example, one page can be used to help a parent prepare for a Parent-Teacher Conference and another to explain an Individualized Education Program.

The booklet is available in

[English](#), [Burmese](#), [Haitian](#), [Karen](#), [Nepali](#), and [Spanish](#).



“Don’t worry about it, my friend... just read this booklet and you will learn.”