

Retrospective Re-Interviews
Educational Research & Training Corporation
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A core responsibility of the South Dakota Department of Education is to certify that only children who are eligible for migrant education are recruited, counted, and served. The State Migrant Program submitted 100 Certificates of Eligibility as an oversample for South Dakota for a random sample of 50 students for the Re-Interview.

The interview protocol was developed based on recommendations by OME staff. The protocol was required to be used by the audit interviewers with each family to complete the process. The audit interviewers also had copies of each student's original COE from 2013-14 to use as comparison following the completion of the interview. The interview protocol was designed to include a review of the interview content and COE by the project coordinator from ERTC as well as the state migrant director. The interviewers, the project coordinator, and the state migrant director must all agree on any issues related to recruiting and each student's eligibility and sign off on the interview protocol. If the student is found to be ineligible, reasons must be provided and included on each form.

The audit interviewers were the ERTC team of the following individuals: Mr. Richard Rangel and Mr. Michael Rangel. The interviews were conducted in English and Spanish and translation in Karen by Dil Bhujel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Christo Day in Huron, South Dakota. The team was assisted by program coordinators, Jennifer Sweeney and Stefanie Sage in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Dawn Marshall in Huron, South Dakota; and Heather Fischer and Katie Binder in Watertown, South Dakota.

The audit of the Child Eligibility was completed by Educational Research and Training Corporation. It is important to note that of the random sample of the 29 migrant families of 50 migrant students in the sample, all were eligible to receive services. This would calculate the State's defect rate at zero percent. This is indicative of the high degree of accuracy of the South Dakota migrant recruiters and infers that migrant students and families in the State of South Dakota are eligible for services they are receiving. There are currently 944 eligible migrant students in our state.