



Beaufort County School District – SOUTH CAROLINA

The Beaufort County School District was selected in 1967 as the pilot site for a summer program for migratory children. Funds for the program were available under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (E.S.E.A) which provided for academic subjects, health and dental services, lunch and transportation for school age children only.

Migrant parents had to take young children to the fields or keep the school age children at the camps to care for their younger brothers and sisters. These conditions made it necessary to set up a preschool program and day care center for the preschool migrant children through funds provided by various commissions, organizations and other programs.

In 1991, with broken cribs, worn-out furniture and no funds, Beaufort County School District's preschool migrant program was about to come to an end. Through the efforts of the State Department of Education, the school district was placed in contact with the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project. Beaufort County School District became a delegate agency during the summer. The funding through ECMHSP enabled the school district to provide a quality preschool program. Additional staff was hired, rooms were equipped and additional training was provided. The program addresses the needs not only for the migrant children but also for the families through parent involvement and education.

The Beaufort Count School District, with the help of the SC State Department of Education and East Cost Migrant Head Start Project, remains committed to providing the best program possible for migrant children and their families.