



Reasons for Categories

Categorization of students relates to equity. By categorizing and gathering data on specific subgroups, federal and state governments direct resources and provide supports to ensure equal access to education. For this assignment, consider why migrant students are a federally mandated category.

Every state, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, has migrant students. California, Texas, Florida, Washington, and Oregon serve the most migrant students, with California serving close to 34 percent of the nationwide total (CDE, 2007). It is estimated that 90 percent of migrant children are of Hispanic/Latino origin, and that 34 percent are English Language Learners.

Already you should have some sense of why it is important to categorize and disaggregate data for migrant students.

Questions

A. List at least 5 reasons why this is a disaggregation category and explain your choices.

1. Reason:

Explanation:

2. Reason:

Explanation:

3. Reason:

Explanation:

4. Reason:

Explanation:

5. Reason:

Explanation:

B. What barriers to equal access, other than physical location, might there be?