

THRIVING: GUILFORD

Provided

- Ongoing technical assistance
- Communications support
- Grant writing support

Result

- A thriving educational garden
- School specific marketing materials
- Farm to School curricular connections
- A new refrigerator for the FFVP



"Food Connects helped us be intentionally ahead of the curve in terms of getting local foods into school meals by purchasing local items like potatoes, carrots, local beef, and maple syrup. The other big piece is Food Connects' help with professional development for our cook. I think that is a very important and necessary practice."

- John Gagnon (Principal, Guilford)

SCHOOL IS WHERE IT ALL BEGINS...

60,000 children in Vermont eat at school five days-a-week, getting more than half their calories from school breakfast, lunch, snacks and after-school meals.

*WHAT WE FEED OUR KIDS
IN SCHOOL, AND WHAT
WE TEACH THEM ABOUT
FOOD MATTERS.*

WORK WITH US!

Our Farm to School program focuses on supporting the "three c's" of farm to school—cafeterias, classrooms, and communities. Our experienced staff work with teachers, school nutrition professionals, and administrators in order to: increase local food procurement, increase school meal participation, and improve teacher capacity to teach about food, farming, and nutrition.

From school gardens and marketing materials to grant writing and professional development—we're here to support your Farm to School vision and create a more vibrant experience for your students!



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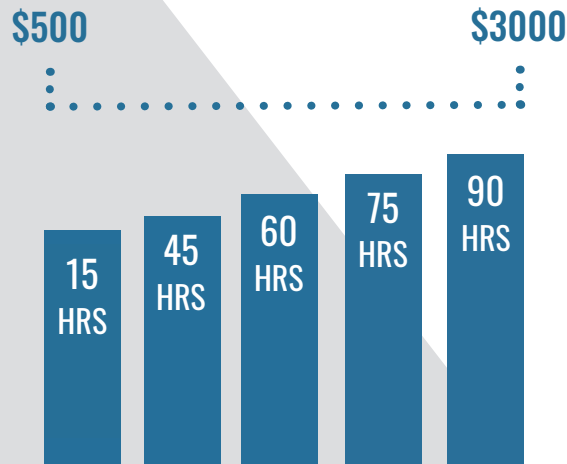


MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Farm to School implementation is a process that deepens over time. A small investment can reap big rewards. You can become a member at \$500. We can work with you to decide what is best for your school.

Schools pay for Farm to School with:

School Budgets • Title 1 Funds
 Medicaid Funds • Sponsorships
 Fundraisers • Grants



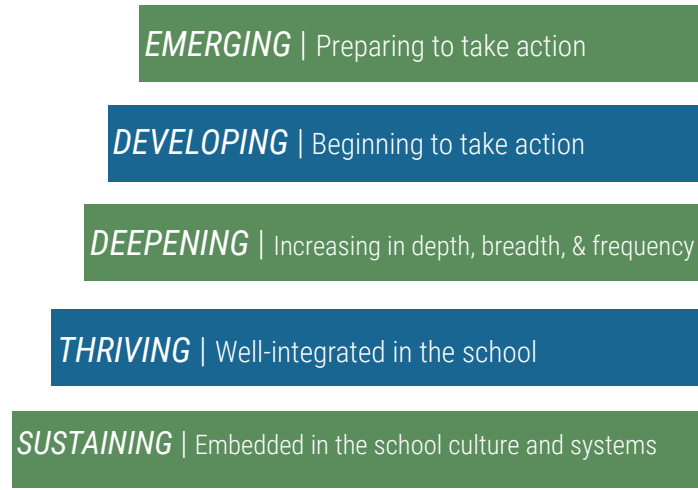
WE CAN HELP

Food Connects provides experienced coaches who can help you:

- Increase availability of fresh, local food
- Create demand from students for good food
- Offer hands-on learning opportunities for students and staff
 - Support local farms

FARM TO SCHOOL STAGES

We categorize our member schools into stages of farm to school development and recommend a number of hours of direct support for their programming.



EMERGING: ACADEMY



Provided

- Farm to School team facilitation
- Garden planning & support
- Technical assistance before & during COVID-19

Result

- Part-time, year round garden coordinator hired
- Additional food relief delivered to families

"Food Connects has been an integral part of helping to develop goals and a focus for our school gardens at Academy School. Over the past year, Food Connects supported and helped facilitate our Farm to School committee meetings and provided information on numerous grants and resources that will help to grow our garden program in the future."

- Kathy Cassin (Garden Coordinator, Academy School)

DEVELOPING: WESTMINSTER & GRAFTON

Provided

- Technical assistance for local food procurement
- Grant writing support
- Presentations to administration and school board

Result

- Increased local food purchases
- Awarded state funding for the Farm to School Program
- Farm to School Coordinator stipend allocated



"Food Connects quickly helped us make connections within the district and build a strong relationship with our food service crew. After helping us secure a \$15,000 Agency of Ag grant, our coach facilitated a deep dive into working as a team and envisioning where we wanted the gardens at both schools to go. We came up with a plan and successfully carried it out with the unending, consistent support of our Food Connects coach."

- Mandy Walsh (Librarian & Farm to School Coordinator, Westminster & Grafton Schools)