

Farm2School Handbook Policy Example

1. RES supports the development of a Farm2School program to help students eat more nutritious foods and promote healthier lifelong eating patterns; support the local economy and local farmers; and teach students about the origins of their foods and how their food is grown.
2. RES supports the integration of a Farm2School program into the elementary food program and the curricular and co-curricular activities as appropriate to facilitate the nutritional and educational goals of RES.
3. The Farm2School program enhances the nutritional and educational experiences of school children by providing:
 - a. Nutritious, farm fresh grown food as part of the school food program once a month;
 - b. Opportunities for school children to visit with farmers and learn about the origins of their food and how their food is grown.
4. RES will support the sustainability of the Farm2School Program through the use of existing resources and allocation of school district funds and through activities including, but not limited to, fundraising, solicitation of community donations and grants.
5. The RES building principal has the authority to approve the Farm2School Program and the integration of the Farm2School Program into the school food program and the curricular and co-curricular activities at school. The building principal will ensure that the development of the Farm2School Program includes necessary coordination with appropriate representatives of the school food authority.
6. The RES building principal, with the assistance of the RES Head Cook, will develop guidelines for a Farm2School Program. These guidelines will include:
 - a. A Farm2School Request for Proposal packet issued each spring for the following school year;
 - b. How the costs for the Farm2School Program will be funded;
 - c. How food obtained through the Farm2School Program will be used.
7. The RES building principal or designee will review existing building policies and recommend updates to any other building policies to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Farm2School Program, including the school food program and curriculum.