

RHODE ISLAND FARM & SEA TO SCHOOL



INSTITUTE

The Farm & Sea to School Institute is a year-long professional development opportunity that brings together K-12 and early care education administrators, child nutrition professionals, and teachers to build relationships, skills, and a collaborative Farm & Sea to School Action Plan.

The Rhode Island Farm & Sea to School Network provides leadership, coordination, and advocacy to advance farm to school efforts in Rhode Island's cafeterias, classrooms, and communities.



The RI Farm & Sea to School Institute Recipe for Success



BUILD YOUR SKILLS

The Institute builds an understanding of farm & sea to school principles with engaging, hands-on workshops and technical assistance.



BUILD A WHOLE-SCHOOL TEAM

Develop the strong cross-departmental relationships needed for long term sustainability of your farm & sea to school programs.



CREATE AN ACTION PLAN

Develop a values-based, school-wide farm and sea to school action plan that strategically integrates your goals with your school's curriculum, nutrition programs, and community connections.



COLLABORATE WITH YOUR COACH

Each Institute team will receive a year of coaching from a local food system professional who will guide you as you implement your farm & sea to school action plan and help you address emerging needs.



GROW YOUR CONNECTIONS

Build valuable relationships with experienced practitioners in the Farm & Sea to School Network. Engage with other teams and like-minded community partners who can provide support, resources, and inspiration.

What Our Alumni Are Saying:

"I learned that anything is possible and that we have an entire community here to support us. I am eager to reach out to all of the contacts that have been made to get these gardens going!"

FARM & SEA TO SCHOOL INSTITUTE ATTENDEE

Your Institute Year



SUMMER

The program starts with a two-day in-person retreat for school teams to develop their unique vision for their farm to school programs.



FALL-WINTER

Meet regularly throughout the school year with your coach as you implement your action plan.



SPRING

End your network year with a year two action plan and regroup with your cohort to share your progress and reflections at an in-person celebratory gathering.

Begin your school's Farm & Sea to School journey today!

HOW TO APPLY

Scan the QR code to begin your application for the Farm & Sea to School Institute!



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