



## MPS Farm to School Internship: Fall 2022

**Position Overview:** The Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Culinary & Wellness Services department is looking for an intern to help with its Farm to School program for 10-20 hours/week during the fall of 2022. The intern will report to the Farm to School Coordinator. The intern will gain experience in a large, urban school district with a strong Farm to School program through a variety of projects including: assistance with Farm to School programming, Education Farm events and garden maintenance, and education/outreach efforts.

**Department Overview:** MPS Culinary & Wellness Services serves upwards of 30,000 meals each day to students at 70 public schools across the city of Minneapolis. We aim to serve scratch-cooked, local, seasonal, fresh food whenever possible. We also engage students in the farm-to-table process and get students excited about trying new foods. Learn more at <http://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/>.

**Duration/Timing:** 10-20 hours per week, early-mid September through mid-December. Start date, hours, and days of the week are flexible. Office hours are typically Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Special events or meetings may occasionally fall on evenings or weekends.

**Compensation:** This is an unpaid internship. *Course credit, service learning hours, or outside grant funding for internship hours required.*

### Responsibilities:

- Assist with harvest, maintenance, and winterization of 2,200 sq. ft. garden at MPS Culinary Center
- Help with the Farm to School Community BBQ scheduled for September 21st, 2022 (food, educational activities, live farm animals, corn-shucking contest, and more!)
- Assist with creation of Farm to School promotional and educational materials
- Help with planning and execution of fall True Food Taste Tests
- Support Garden-to-Cafeteria activities in MPS schools
- Schedule farmer visits to school classrooms
- Other duties as assigned

### Qualifications:

- Eligibility to receive course credit, service learning hours or grant funding for internship hours.
- Can commit to the full duration of the internship
- Interest in school food, gardening, nutrition, child health, local food, agriculture, youth engagement, etc.
- Basic gardening experience and enthusiasm or interest in gaining these
- Excellent, professional written and oral communication skills
- Comfortable juggling a variety of tasks – organized, and self-motivated
- Energetic, enthusiastic, and engaging
- Some experience with safe food preparation, handling and serving preferred
- Able to pass criminal background check
- Having a car is not required, but very helpful

**Contact:** Please contact Kirsten Weigle, MPS Farm to School Coordinator, at [Kirsten.weigle@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Kirsten.weigle@mpls.k12.mn.us)

**To Apply:** Please send a brief cover letter (no more than 500 words) and resume (no more than one page) to Kirsten Weigle at [kirsten.weigle@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kirsten.weigle@mpls.k12.mn.us) by 5:00PM on Friday, August 5.

