

Future Farmers of America (FFA)

The William Penn FFA Chapter creates amazing experiences for students at the high school level. While involved in the Agricultural Experience at William Penn, each student has the opportunity to join the FFA program.

The opportunities presented by the FFA are unbelievable and cannot be compared to any other. Our FFA program is different because students get hands on learning and training at our very own farm, while learning about the "agriculture" side of themselves.

In this chapter many trips are taken to see farms, shows, and leadership conferences. At these events, students meet many people and develop lifelong friendships.

Farm to School

Farm to School enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools. Students gain access to healthy, local foods as well as education opportunities such as school gardens, cooking lessons and farm field trips. Farm to school empowers children and their families to make informed food choices while strengthening the local economy and contributing to vibrant communities.



Historic Penn Farm, a New Castle Trustee property managed by **Delaware Greenways,** encompasses 107 acres of land and is located adjacent to William Penn High School. The close proximity of such a

historic piece of land has allowed for a natural connection to develop between the high school, the community, and an opportunity to link current curriculum to hands on learning.

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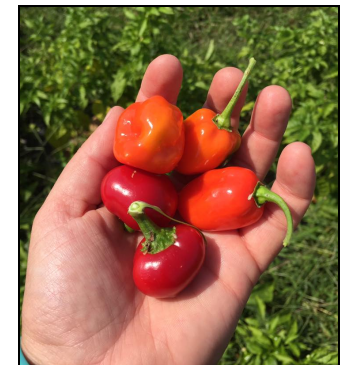
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Grown by students at
William Penn High School
New Castle, DE 19720



**Connecting Students to
Agriculture, Communities,
& History**

2018 CSA Information

What is a CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a popular way for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer.

Here are the basics: a farmer offers a certain number of "shares" to the public. Interested consumers purchase a share (membership or subscription) and in return receive a portion of seasonal produce each week throughout the set time frame. Some farms may have one or more seasons that they have CSA shares available.

This arrangement creates several rewards for both the farmer and the consumer.

In brief:

Advantages for farmers:

- Get to spend time marketing the food early in the year, before their 16 hour days in the field begin
- Receive payment early in the season, which helps with the farm's seasonal cash flow
- Have an opportunity to get to know the people who eat the food they grow

Advantages for consumers:

- Eat ultra-fresh food, with all the flavor and nutritional benefits
- Are exposed to new vegetables and new methods of cooking
- Develop a relationship with the farmer who grow their food and learn more about how food is grown

Penn Farm's CSA

The CSA at Penn Farm lasts from June-August, for 7 weeks. By participating in our CSA you will receive fresh produce weekly.

Our CSA is a great way for Penn Farm and William Penn High School to provide a valuable service to our community. In return this serves as a method of monetary support for Penn Farm and our Agriculture Programs at William Penn High School.

The CSA benefits the students of Penn Farm by allowing the students to be able to grow, sell, and answer any questions the consumers might have about the produce. This provides students with valuable business skills in the field of agriculture.



A share from 2018!



Shares all ready to go!

Cost, When, Where & What's in my share?

Penn Farm's CSA costs \$200 and will feed 4 healthy vegetable eaters each week.

Each Tuesday shares are picked up at the back of the Wheelies Farm Stand on Rt. 273 between 12-5 pm.

Your share will include seasonal items from greens, green beans, summer squash, tomatoes and much more.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CSA program, contact Toby Hagerott at pennfarm@colonial.k12.de.us or 302-323-2800 ext. 4406.

OR

Visit our website

<https://www.colonialschooldistrict.org/pennfarm/> and go to the CSA section to enroll.