

Mission

Colonial's Penn Farm aims to educate children and adults on a living farm about the connection between food, agriculture and the environment that results in a more informed consumer and responsible stewards of the land and bodies.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**
and questions about scheduling a field trip.

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Healthy Foods
FOR Healthy Kids 



Helping Kids Grow.

A one of a kind experience for kids and adults alike, Penn Farm can provide access to educational opportunities for Colonial field trips, area group visits and so much more.

HISTORIC PENN FARM

- Historic Penn Farm, located adjacent to William Penn High School (WPHS) property, is a 300 year old 112-acre farm granted to the Trustees of New Castle Common in 1764.
- In 2011, Delaware Greenways, a non-profit organization that works in several capacities to create outdoor connections for active lifestyles and healthy eating, became the 22nd managing tenant of the farm.
- In 2012, WPHS began a partnership with Delaware Greenways leasing roughly two to three acres of Historic Penn Farm as part of a capstone project for many students in the agriculture degree program.
- Currently, Penn Farm leases seven acres to operate the project and is now offering education opportunities to schools and groups inside and outside of Colonial with help from the first state garden experts, Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids!
- The Trustess of the New Castle Common are now again managing their property for the benefit of the community. Currently, there are a total of three farms renting land at Historic Penn Farm.



What will students learn?

Field trips and educational experiences will be age appropriate and will engage students from pre-k through high school. Programming and hands-on gardening experiences will align with content standards, age appropriate and be dependent on the season. Activities may include some or all of the following: soil preparation, planting seeds, watering, harvesting, exploring plant structures and which parts are edible.

Spring 2025 Field Trips are available from April-June on Tuesdays and Fridays with 2 times available, 10:00 am - 11:15 am & 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm sessions.



Sample Schedule

Field trips are approximately two hours long and offered two days a week with morning and afternoon availability April through the end of October.

- Arrive at Historic Penn Farm's farm stand (791 Frenchtown Rd E, New Castle, DE 19720)
- 45 minutes of hands on educational lessons and activities via teaching garden, fruit trees, and pollinator garden. (Age appropriate lessons)
- Walk to William Penn High School to visit animal science program.
- 45 minutes interacting with Animal Science program
- Wrap-up/Depart from William Penn High School greenhouse

Please Note: field trips are limited to 30 students at a time.

To see available dates & times, visit penn.farm under "Visit the Farm" tab.