



MPS Farm to School Internship: Spring 2018

Department Overview: Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Culinary & Wellness Services serves upwards of 40,000 meals each day to students at 63 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://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/>.

Position Overview: MPS Culinary & Wellness Services is seeking 1-2 interns this spring to help with our Farm to School Program and community engagement efforts. This internship will provide experience in a large, urban school district through a variety of projects including: Farm to School programming, garden planning and maintenance, and education and outreach efforts.

Duration/Timing: 120 hour internships. 10-20 hours per week, mid January through mid May. Internship schedule is flexible; office hours are typically Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. Special events or meetings may occasionally fall on evenings or weekends.

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

Responsibilities:

- Assist with creation of Farm to School promotional and educational materials
- Organize and analyze local food purchasing records
- Help with planning and execution of winter (February 7-9th) and spring (April 25-27th) True Food Taste Tests at more than 45 elementary and middle schools
- Help plan the 4th annual Jr Iron Chef Competition scheduled for May 7th, 2018 (Local chefs and middle school students team up to compete top-chef style for a panel of judges!)
- Oversee planning, planting and maintenance of 2,200 sq. ft. garden at MPS Culinary Center
- Other duties as assigned

Learning Opportunities: This internship will provide hands-on, professional learning experience related to school nutrition, Farm to School programming, community engagement, nutrition education and more.

Qualifications:

- Eligibility to receive course credit, service learning hours or grant funding for internship hours.
- Interest in school food, nutrition, child health, local food, agriculture, youth engagement, etc.
- Excellent, professional written and oral communication skills
- Comfortable juggling a variety of tasks – organized and self-motivated
- Basic gardening experience and/or enthusiasm
- Some experience with safe food preparation, handling and serving preferred
- Having a car is not required, but very helpful

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Kate Seybold, MPS Farm to School Coordinator, at kate.seybold@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 Kate Seybold at kate.seybold@mpls.k12.mn.us by 5:00PM on Friday, January 12th.

