Connecting Kids to Healthy Food in Schools

What is FoodCorps?
Together with communities, FoodCorps connects kids to healthy food in school. We envision a future in which all our nation’s children—regardless of race, place, or class—know what healthy food is, care where it comes from, and eat it every day.

What will you do as a service member?
Serving with FoodCorps is a paid, full-time, 11.5-month commitment beginning in August. Service members are placed in 1-2 schools and work with local organizations and communities to build healthy school environments. The majority of your time will be spent teaching in the classroom, garden or online. The amount you are spending on each of the below activities will vary.

Hands-On Learning
You’ll teach students to grow, cook, and taste new foods, building their skills and changing their food preferences. You’ll collaborate with teachers on integrating food into the curriculum.

Healthy School Meals
You’ll cultivate a joyful eating experience that steers students towards the healthiest options and gets them excited to try new foods. You may work with food service directors and farmers to get local food on the lunch line, including fresh produce from your school’s garden. You may support your school’s emergency meal distribution programs.

Schoolwide Culture of Health
Together with the school community, you’ll work to ensure that the whole school environment—from hallways to classrooms to cafeteria to grounds—celebrates healthy food. You may be planning an online cooking night to engage parents and organize fundraisers like school garden markets.

Our connection to AmeriCorps
FoodCorps is proud to be part of the AmeriCorps Service Network. This means that we are a grantee of AmeriCorps—receiving a portion of our funding from them—and a member of a successful service network. All FoodCorps service members are also AmeriCorps service members and receive the benefits accorded with that program, including a monetary education award upon successful completion of the service term.
As a FoodCorps AmeriCorps service member, you’ll be placed in 1-2 schools for an 11.5-month service term. Our current service sites are listed below:

- Green Village Initiative
- New Haven Public Schools Food Services Department
- Middletown Board of Education and Community Health Center, Inc.
- East Hartford Public Schools
- Meriden Public Schools Food Services Department
- New London Public Schools Food Services Department
- Norwalk Public Schools
- The Consolidated School District of New Britain
- Food and Child Nutrition Services - Hartford Board of Education
- Naugatuck Public Schools

Learn more about serving with FoodCorps

Want more information? Visit foodcorps.org/ct to learn all about our service sites.

Got questions? Interested in talking with someone who has served with FoodCorps? Email the FoodCorps CT team at CTprograms@foodcorps.org.

Ready to serve? Visit foodcorps.org/apply to check deadlines and learn how to submit your application.

“`My service year helped me realize that discovering our own connections to food ultimately teaches us a lot about ourselves, our family, our community, our heritage, our culture—and to share this journey of self-discovery along with our students is something that I found to be very profound.”

— Genesis Caplan, FoodCorps service member 2019-2021