



2019 Farm to School of NC Awards Criteria for Local Education Authorities (LEAs) of 51 or More Schools

Awards will be given to LEAs satisfying criteria at each level: Gold Awards - satisfy at least 9 of the 11 Gold level criteria; Silver Awards - satisfy at least 7 of the 11 Silver level criteria; Bronze Awards - satisfy at least 5 of the 11 Bronze level criteria; *LEAs that satisfy at least 2 criterion within the Bronze level or higher will receive an Honorary Award.* *LEAs that satisfy all 11 criterion within the Gold level will receive a Platinum Award.*	RECOGNITION LEVEL				
	HONORARY	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
1. Local Food Purchasing: Offer locally grown items on the school menu, during breakfast and/or lunch, through School Nutrition Programs, this could be School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program, Afterschool Snack Program, At Risk Supper Program, Summer Nutrition.	*	At least 8 times per year in the LEA.	At least 30 times per year in the LEA.	At least 50 times per year in the LEA.	Satisfy Gold Level
2. Local Food Recipes and Taste Tests: Local food recipes are used in school nutrition programs and taste tests expose students to local foods	*	At least 8 times per year in the LEA.	At least 16 times per year in the LEA.	At least 30 times per year in the LEA.	Satisfy Gold Level
3. Farmer and Food partners: Students are connected to farmers and experience school visits from farmers or farm field trips	*	At least 6 interactions in the LEA.	At least 12 interactions in the LEA.	At least 20 interactions in the LEA.	Satisfy Gold Level
4. Classroom Curriculum: Lessons offered in local food systems; agriculture; food, nutrition, health, and wellbeing education	*	At least 16 times per year in the LEA.	At least 30 times per year in the LEA.	At least 50 times per year in the LEA.	Satisfy Gold Level
5. Hands on Cooking: Students are connected to hands-on cooking and training in safe food handling and preparation	*	At least 16 times per year in the LEA.	At least 30 times per year in the LEA.	At least 50 times per year in the LEA.	Satisfy Gold Level
6. Hands on Gardening: Students experience edible school gardening	*	Gardens in at least 10 percent of schools.	Gardens in at least 25 percent of schools.	Gardens in at least 75 percent of schools.	Satisfy Gold Level
7. Healthy Local Food Environment: Farm to school promotions are done throughout the school environment	*	At least 10 times per year in the district.	At least 20 times per year in the district.	At least 30 times per year in the district.	Satisfy Gold Level
8. Trainings: School staff (i.e.: teachers, school nutrition, administration, etc.) participate in farm to school professional development training	*	At least 2 trainings in the LEA or 2 teams sent to trainings.	At least 8 trainings in the LEA or 2 teams sent to trainings.	At least 12 trainings in the LEA or 2 teams sent to trainings.	Satisfy Gold Level
9. Community Engagement: Schools and/or LEAs engage community partners in farm to school activities	*	Participation in at least 10 farm to school activities in the LEA.	Participation in at least 20 farm to school activities in the LEA.	Participation in at least 30 farm to school activities in the LEA.	Satisfy Gold Level
10. Policy: Farm to school language is adopted into an LEA-wide policy or procedure (i.e.: wellness policy/SHAC), including specific naming of farm to school engagement efforts	*	Includes farm to school language in one area of the school environment.	Includes farm to school language in two areas of the school environment.	Includes specific language for implementing f2s throughout the school environment.	Satisfy Gold Level
11. Racial Equity: visibility of equity principles related to farm to school, across criteria	*	Racial Equity incorporated into 2 criteria.	Racial Equity incorporated into 5 criteria.	Racial Equity incorporated into 7 criteria.	Satisfy Gold Level