

## Future Farmers of America (FFA)

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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

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The students who participate in the Penn Farm class and work on the farm during the summer start the seed, transplant, tend for and harvest. Harvested produce is washed and then transported to the culinary kitchen to be weighted, bagged and distributed to schools, restaurants, or weekly vegetable shareholders (CSA shares). Excess produce is properly preserved to be used later on by the schools.



**Historic Penn Farm**, 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.

## Contact Us

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William Penn High School  
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Connecting Students to  
Agriculture, Communities,  
& History

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# What is a CSA?

For over 25 years, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become 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 box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week throughout the set time frame. Some farms may have one or more seasons that they have a 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 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 vitamin benefits
- Get exposed to new vegetables and new ways of cooking
- Develop a relationship with the farmer who grows their food and learn more about how food is grown

# Penn Farm's CSA

The CSA at Penn Farm lasts from June-August, approximately 7-8 weeks. By participating in our CSA or "buying a share", 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.



## 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 in the front lobby of William Penn High School between 12-5

Your share will include seasonal items from greens, beans, winter and summer squash, potatoes and tomatoes.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CSA program, please contact Toby Hagerott at [toby.hagerott@colonial.k12.de.us](mailto:toby.hagerott@colonial.k12.de.us) or 302-323-2800 ext. 4406.

OR

Visit our website <http://www.powerofwecsd.com/farm/> and click on the CSA to enroll.