



School Garden Coordinator Framework

This framework is to help schools and organizations to better understand and develop a School Garden Coordinator position. The categories and tasks below can be used to create a job description or plan for the implementation of a school garden and farm to school program. School Garden Coordinators are typically expected to directly or indirectly complete the following tasks:

Program Management

- Securing Funding
- Managing Volunteers
- Managing Committees
- Engaging the Community and Food Service Vendors
- Supporting Teachers
- Using Produce

Technical Skills

- Facilitating Planning and Design
- Building Structures
- Managing Garden Systems (“Eco”, Soil, Compost, Water, Plants, Pests)
- Maximizing Harvests
- Preparing Fresh Produce for Taste Tests

Instruction

- Managing Student Groups
- Lesson Planning and Curriculum Integration
- Structuring School Staff Garden Trainings
- Assessing the Program
- Cooking Inside and Outside

