



# Indiana Grown for Schools Recognition Program

## Kids Win. Farmers Win. Communities Win.



The Indiana Grown for Schools Recognition Program is a marketing-based program designed to recognize schools that are engaged in farm to school programming. Recognized schools will demonstrate a commitment to provide a comprehensive learning environment while supporting local economies. The four badges represent the four nationally recognized pillars of farm to school: Local Procurement, Agriculture and Nutrition Education, School Gardens, and Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE).



A qualifying entity must earn the main three badges to achieve full recognition. Schools that include ECE classrooms can achieve additional recognition by adding the fourth badge: Farm to ECE. Standalone ECE providers and/or centers must meet the standards of the three main pillars in order to achieve the Farm to ECE badge. Your qualifying entity's leaders can use the Recognition Program Checklist on the following page to determine what badges the school can receive and how to continue working towards recognition. The Checklist is a tool available for your farm to school leaders to use internally and will not be part of the application for recognition.



### How to Use the Checklist

We've prepared this checklist to be used however you prefer: you can print it and fill it out manually or you can open this PDF using Acrobat, Preview, or the PDF-viewing application of your choice and fill it out interactively by clicking on the checkboxed and on the spaces made available for notes.

**Questions?** Please contact Brianna Goode, Farm to School Coordinator, at [BGoode@health.in.gov](mailto:BGoode@health.in.gov)



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# Recognition Program Checklist

| FARM TO SCHOOL BADGES   | COMPLETED?                          |                                    |   | NOTES |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-------|
| <p><b>Eat Smart School (Procurement)</b></p> <p>Serve local food at least twice a month in school breakfast and/or lunch program (milk is not eligible to fulfill this requirement)</p>   | <p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>In Progress</p> <input type="checkbox"/> |       |
| <p><b>Great Garden School (School Gardens)</b></p> <p>School garden planted and harvested on school grounds or off-site but maintained by school personnel (tower gardens, hydroponics, windowsill gardens, etc.)</p> <p>School food harvested for use in edible programming or cafeteria (either in classroom or the cafeteria) OR donated to the community through school backpack program, local food bank, etc.</p>   | <p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>In Progress</p> <input type="checkbox"/> |       |
| <p><b>Farm Friendly School (Ag and Nutrition Education)</b></p> <p>All students that you serve within grades K-8 receive nutrition education as a systematic unit of instruction</p> <p>All students that you serve within grades K-8 receive agriculture education as a systematic unit of instruction</p> <p>All students that you serve within grades 9-12 receive nutrition education integrated in two courses required for graduation</p> <p>All students that you serve within grades 9-12 receive agriculture education integrated in two courses required for graduation</p> | <p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>In Progress</p> <input type="checkbox"/> |       |
| <p><b>Future Farm Friends (Farm to Early Care &amp; Education)</b></p> <p>Serve local food in at least two different meals or snacks per month</p> <p>Have a learning garden for students at your location</p> <p>Have a unit that teaches about nutrition and/or agriculture/location</p>  | <p>Yes</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>No</p> <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>In Progress</p> <input type="checkbox"/> |       |