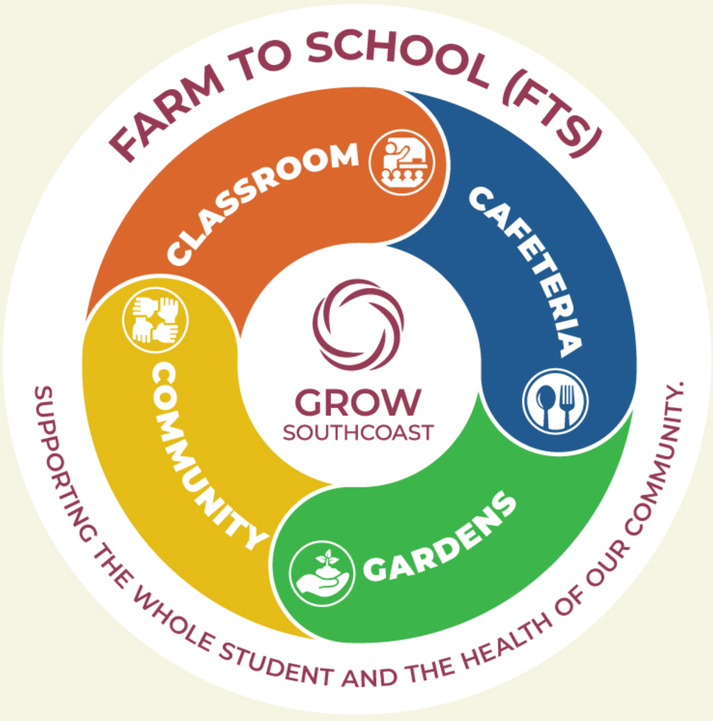
GROW EDUCATION

Planting Knowledge, Cultivating Community

OUR MISSION:

We support teachers, engage families, and educate students in creating healthier eating and living habits. In partnership with school districts, we are building a more equitable food system that promotes ecological literacy, health and sustainability.



Building Outdoor Classrooms/Gardens at Each Elementary School to:

- Provide an interactive way for students to learn about healthy food and living
- Create a platform for science, health, math, ELA, and therapeutic needs
- Serve as a community garden resource for families to access during the summer

Partnering with Food Service to Rebuild Cafeterias to:

- Improve menus with ***culturally-relevant***, freshly made, and delicious items
- Source, store, and process local, fresh foods
- Implement taste tests and gather feedback from students

Implementing Educational Programming through:

- FTS and garden-related professional development for teachers
- Curriculum implemented across the third grade
- Food Corps members teaching in schools, with staff and students

Bridging Program Development with the Community to:

- Create a menu and recipes influenced by the diverse communities being served
- Source local, supporting our regional food economy
- Support infrastructure development to enable scratch cooking in school districts

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