

# 2019 New York State Farm to School Institute

A comprehensive, year-long learning opportunity for six New York schools to develop and refine their Farm to School programs, and to help bring more New York grown food into the cafeteria and the classroom.

The NYS Farm to School Institute will provide support for participating schools that is tailored to New York's unique landscape. School teams will leave with enhanced technical knowledge and support on how to procure and prepare local foods, tools for community engagement, and classroom and culinary education. Upon completion of the Institute, schools will become alumni members of a NYS Farm to School Institute Network – continuing to share best practices and resources with others championing farm to school for years to come.

Our program offers a direct opportunity to improve the health of students and strengthen the agricultural economy by bringing farm fresh local foods into school cafeterias statewide. The New York State Farm to School Institute is a project of Farm to Institution New York State, a collaborative initiative to dramatically expand the volume of food grown on local farms that is served in institutions across New York.



**SUMMER RETREAT**  
**AUGUST 12-14, 2019**  
 Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY

**Getting Started:**

- Form your school team of 5-7 members including food service staff, educators, administrators, and community partners
- Fill out the online application by April 12, 2019
- Attend the three-day kickoff retreat

For more information visit: [finys.org](http://finys.org)  
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 or call: 518-581-0078



**Program Features:**

- A three-day kickoff retreat in August at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY
- Farm to School Action Plan development and Implementation Stipend
- Coaching and peer networking for one year
- A one-day mid-year gathering to assess progress and provide further support

**Apply at [finys.org/institute](http://finys.org/institute) by April 12, 2019**

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