

Gardening Ford Middle School



The 6th grade at Ford Middle School received several lessons that outlined the system of natural resources, how our choices impact our environment, and how local, organic farming can have a positive impact on the health of our streams. Additionally, students grew vegetable starts for transplanting at the farm, and helped lead a booth at their science night on water quality testing using live macroinvertebrates.

To prepare for their service learning on the farm, students learned about natural resources, how to conserve and recycle them; how diverting food waste from the landfill into a composting bin can have multiple benefits; and how our actions that we take in our own community can effect the health of the surrounding bodies of water. The healthy food students grow on the farm is prepped and prepared by the school district for school lunches and goes to support local food banks.



Lessons:

- No Time To Waste
- Bite of the Finite (classroom teacher lead)
- Compost Investigations
- Fishing for the Future (classroom teacher lead)
- Water We Doing?

Project:

- Contribute to the greater effort of growing food locally, organically, and testing the health of the creek next to the farm.

Partnerships:

- Ford Middle School 6th Grade
- Franklin Pierce SD CTE Director
- Pierce County Public Works