

## **NWS Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability Internship – Summer 2018**

Are you passionate about environmental sustainability? Interested in learning more about urban agriculture, local food systems, and growing food in the city? Do you enjoy being outdoors, building things, and getting soil under your fingernails? If so, apply to be an NWS Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability summer intern!

During the 2016-2017 school year, NWS students designed and built a campus farm and garden on half of an outdoor basketball court near the main school building, and during this school year students are designing and building an extension to it in the adjacent lot. This space is ever-evolving, and is intended to be a student-managed outdoor lab, creative space, demonstration space for sustainable urban agriculture practices, and food producing space on campus.

### **Dates, Times, & Logistics**

- June 25 – July 27, 2018.
- 10am-4pm, three days/week (T-W-Th), with the occasional daylong field trip to volunteer on other urban farms in Seattle or visit other food systems related sites.
- This is an unpaid, educational internship; interns will collaborate with Jenny Cooper, Director of Environmental Education & Sustainability, on a variety of projects related to the NWS Urban Farm/Garden.

### **You Are...**

- Passionate about environmental sustainability and finding ways to further strengthen sustainability efforts at your school.
- Able to work effectively independently and collaboratively in teams.
- Inquisitive, intellectually curious, and excited to learn.
- Reliable and timely.
- Excited to give tours and share the farm/garden with NWS summer campers.
- Available for the entirety of the internship dates.
- A rising 10th – 12th grader. (Or, you are a rising 8th-9th grader that demonstrates exceptional maturity, dependability, and interest.)
- Interested in gaining experiences and developing skills in urban agriculture, gardening/farming, leadership, and engaging in environmental issues.

### **Interns Will...**

- Care for the NWS Urban Farm/Garden: water, weed, plant, harvest, plan, and build.
- Assist with any summer camp classes that would like to use or visit the NWS Urban Farm/Garden.
- Take on one additional independent or team project related to the NWS Urban Farm/Garden, which could include:
  - Designing and building vertical herb garden/tower;
  - Designing and building hydroponic growing space;

- Research projects on the potential to add a mini-wind turbine or solar panel, aquaponics, chicken coop, bees, and/or other physical elements;
- Research projects on sustainable sourcing practices for the NWS Dining Hall;
- Any other compelling, well thought out, related project that you are interested in pursuing.

**To Apply.**

- Please email applications to [Jenny.Cooper@northwestschool.org](mailto:Jenny.Cooper@northwestschool.org).
- Applications received by April 20, 2018 will be given priority. Final deadline is May 1, 2018.
- To apply, please email the following to [Jenny.Cooper@northwestschool.org](mailto:Jenny.Cooper@northwestschool.org)
  - Full name, phone number, school you attend, and grade you'll be entering in Fall 2018.
  - A resume or list of your extracurricular activities, and/or previous work/internship experience (include the dates, organization, and type of involvement for each).
  - A Word document or PDF with your typed responses to the following questions (~1 paragraph for each question):
    - What inspired you to apply for NWS Urban Farm/Garden & Sustainability Internship?
    - What are three goals you would like to accomplish this summer? (These can be related, or unrelated, to this internship.)
    - If you could change one thing about your school to improve the school's environmental sustainability, what would it be and why? How would you go about implementing this idea?
    - Describe a time when you worked on a project independently. What did you enjoy about this experience? What would you do differently if you had this experience again?
    - Describe a time when you work together with a team. What did you enjoy about this experience? What would you do differently if you had this experience again?