

Welcome!

Health Ambassadors for
a Ready Texas (HART)

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HART Initiative

Overview





HART Background

- Started 2019
- Evolution of Initiative
- Purpose
- Impact
- Recognition

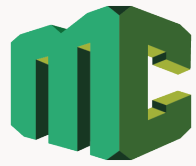


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Who, What, When, Where, How?





Students

High school students in districts that participate in National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

- Individuals
- Groups

Advisors

Adults on campus with student participants

- Teachers
- Coaches
- School nurse
- Agri-Life Extension agents

Child Nutrition Staff

- CND
- Cafeteria staff

Who is Involved?



Students

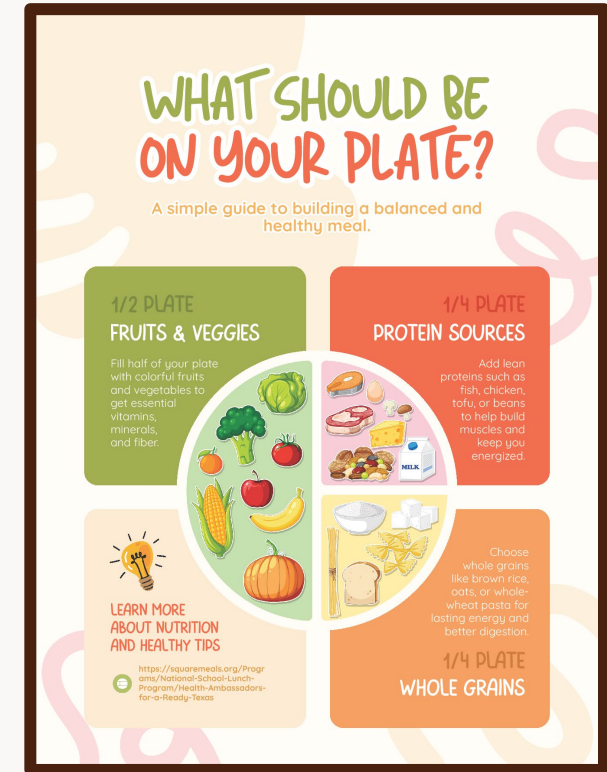
Complete projects that promote or celebrate school meals and Texas agriculture

Advisors

- Liaison
- Sounding board
- Provide motivation

Child Nutrition Directors

Coordinate with students and advisors



What are Their Roles?



Students

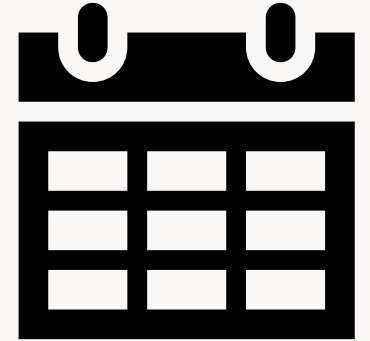
- Monthly projects *OR*
- Long-term projects
- Bi-monthly calls w/TDA

Advisors

- Monthly check-ins with students
- Bi-monthly calls with TDA

Child Nutrition Directors

- Dependent on project
- Bi-monthly calls w/TDA



When to Participate?



Campus

- Home campus
- Demonstrations at other schools
- Halls and classrooms

Cafeteria

- Taste tests
- School Lunch Hero Day

Outdoors

- School garden
- Planted seeds

Where are Activities?



Complete Projects

- 6 monthly projects
- One long-term project
- October mandatory for monthly project option

Fill out Progress Reports

- Monthly is best
- Tracked monthly
- Can attach tracker

Earn Recognition

- Certificate and letter signed by CSM
- HART logo patch
- HART logo pin

How to Earn Recognition?

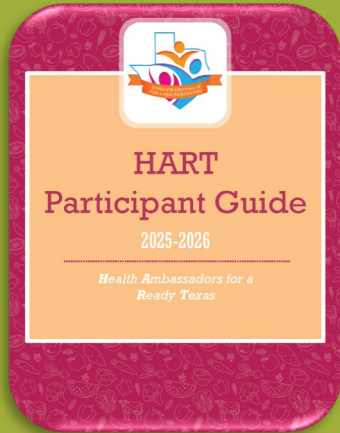


Tools

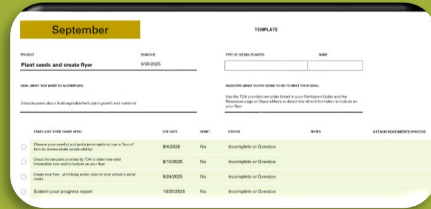
Help Students Complete Projects



Available Tools For Students



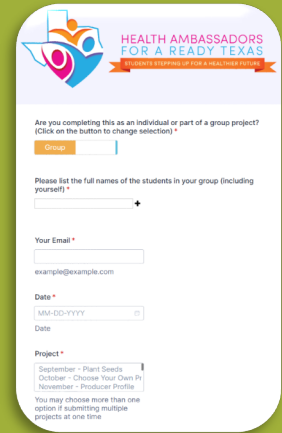
Participant Guide



Trackers



Templates



Progress Reports

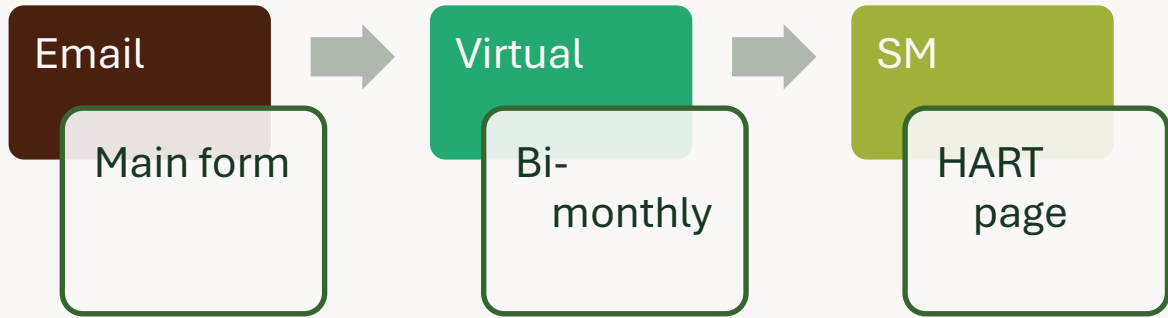


Communication

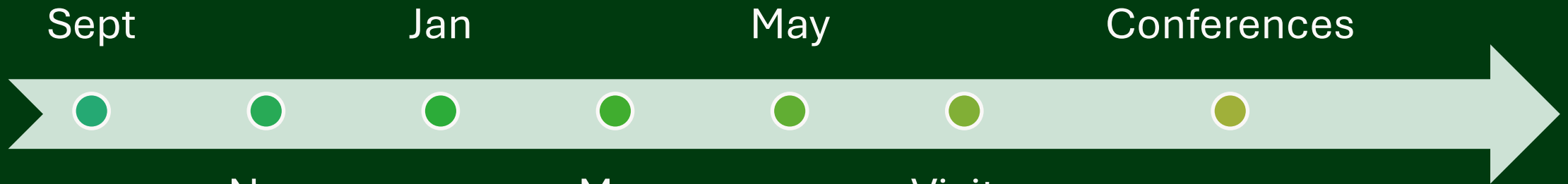
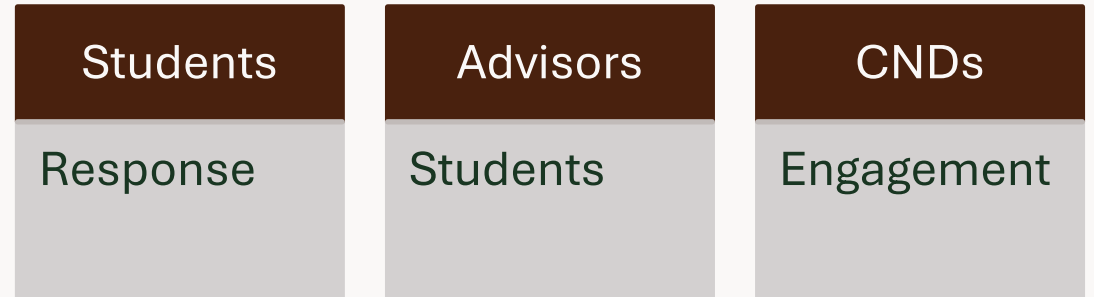
Forms and Challenges



Forms of Communication



Challenges



Meetings and Recruitment



Why?

Your District Should Participate



Increased Participation

- Reported increase

Student Engagement

- Peers
- Learning
- Experience

Feedback

- Meals
- Local foods
- Parents



Why?



Questions?

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