

Farm and Garden Arts (Sperduto)

Farm and Garden Arts is a hands-on elective where students learn about proper practices and techniques involved with planning, planting, pruning, and culture of the ornamental landscape, fruit, and vegetable gardening. They learn how to identify native and invasive species and how to help to minimize the spread of the latter. The school has a small vegetable garden and a 14 x 24 ft. greenhouse that is used to start seedlings and grow a variety of vegetables throughout the year. The elective also helps to maintain a small fruit orchard with a dozen pear trees and half a dozen grape vines. Hardscape construction with stone, brick, or timber is also introduced when repairs or installations are necessary. Falmouth Academy also has a small flock of layer hens that offers an introduction to chicken management. Visits to Peterson Farm, Spohr Gardens and other local gardens to volunteer and learn about different animals and garden styles are regular annual field trips.