

The issues we aim to address are climate change, food justice and social empowerment related to food. We believe that *where* you obtain your food is very important because:

1. Local food takes less energy for transportation.
2. Local food can be harvested closer to peak ripeness since it has a shorter distance to travel. This often means tastier more nutritious food.
3. Local food supports your local communities.

We want to analyze some of our most favorite or common meals and determine where all the ingredients came from. We will map this and discuss how the food travels, what happens along the way and pro's and con's of sourcing ingredients from different places. We will then consider what options we have and share that within our school and local community.

We will know we are successful if our students and school community are empowered to make informed decisions when sourcing food. We will measure this by taking surveys where people's knowledge of local food and its benefits are measured.

If we are awarded this grant, we would be able to buy a nice large map for the cooking classroom at Wilshire Crest Elementary School. We will also be able to obtain some plants to add to our cooking garden to support the local food production we do at the school.

People in our community not understanding the benefits of sourcing local food.

Map the locations ingredients in our favorite foods come from and consider more local options. Share this information with the school and greater community.