There are 4 main types of carrot varieties: Nantes, Imperator, Chantenay, and Danvers. The carrot type is usually printed on the seed packet, so choose a type that will work best in your school garden.

**NANTES**
Nantes are considered the easiest carrot to grow since they don’t get too long and generally tolerate heavier soils.

**IMPERATOR**
Imperator carrots have the traditional carrot look that students are accustomed to: long, tapered, and slender. However, their size can mean a bit more work on the soil needs to be done to get well-formed carrots.

**CHANTENAY**
Chantenay carrots have large shoulders and quickly taper to a round point. They are the original style of carrot grown in home gardens before Nantes and are still a favorite to grow.

**DANVERS**
Danvers type carrots are shorter than Imperator types with thick roots and perform well even in heavier clay soils.

Carrots that work well for fall planting in school gardens:

**Dragon Carrots** are Danvers-type carrots with a deep red-purple skin and yellow-orange interior when sliced. One of the most popular purple carrots due to its sweet flavor with a hint of spiciness.

**Napoli Carrots** are Nantes-type carrots that are bright orange and considered one of the best for growing in the fall since they get sweeter when harvested in winter. Great for schools because of how quickly they mature.

**Atomic Red Carrots** are Imperator-type carrots with beautiful red skin and an orange core. Great carrot for growing in the fall in deeper soils.

**White Satin F1 Carrots** are a hybrid carrot of Imperator and Nantes-type carrots. Beautiful pale, creamy skinned carrot that is adaptable to difficult growing conditions.

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