

School Garden Resources

Highlighted free resources available from CSGN Partners:

Gardens for Learning: A comprehensive guidebook that provides a strong foundation to support the growing school garden movement. It was developed by a team of experienced garden educators, nutritionists, state officials, and other garden experts. This guidebook is a must-have resource for anyone looking to enhance learning through the use of gardens in schools and other community settings. <http://www.csgn.org/page.php?id=36>

Gardens for Learning Standards Supplement: The California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom has produced a supplement to the *Gardens for Learning* book. This supplement maps the activities mentioned in the book to California State Education Standards for grades K-6. You can download or request a free copy at www.cfaitc.org/gardensforlearning.

California Department of Education School Garden Resource Packet: Contains over ten items, including Life Lab Science Program's "Getting Started: A Guide for Creating School Gardens as Outdoor Classrooms." California Teachers request your free copy, by sending your mailing address to gardengrantQA@cde.ca.gov.

A Child's Garden of Standards: Linking School Gardens to California Education Standards: A guide to garden-based education using existing curricula in grades 2nd through 6th. It links activities selected from several published educational materials to specific academic content standards at each grade level in science, history/social sciences, mathematics, and English language arts. These varied publications, many already widely used and field-tested by teachers statewide, feature effective garden-based learning strategies. Download a PDF order form to purchase a hard copy or download a PDF version for free at the CDE's download page: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/documents/childsgarden.pdf>

Farming is Food, Fiber, Flowers... And Fun: A Workbook and Resource Guide for Growers of School Gardens: A workbook created by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom designed to help you plan a garden project. Browse <http://www.cfaitc.org/> for loads of resources to connect your students to agriculture. <http://www.cfaitc.org/GardenGuide/GardenGuide.php>

Plant a Seed, Watch it Grow: Web based guide to starting, caring for, and teaching in a school garden created by the Master Gardener Association of San Diego. <http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/plantaseed/index.html>

Student's Guide to Composting: *Composting in the Classroom: Scientific Inquiry for High School Students*, by Nancy Trautmann and Marianne Krasny is a comprehensive guide for teachers interested in guiding compost research projects by high school students. <http://compost.css.cornell.edu/CIC.html>

Other resources promoting Health:

Fruits and Vegetables for Health: The comprehensive unit, created by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, teaches students about the production, distribution, and nutritional value of California fresh produce. Geography, language arts, mathematics, science, health, and nutrition concepts are incorporated. Aligned to the Content Standards for California Public Schools. <http://www.cfaitc.org/LessonPlans/LessonPlans.php?details=409>

Healthy Foods From Healthy Soils: A Hands-On Resource For Teachers: by Patten, Elizabeth and Lyons, Kathy. Tilbury House Publishers, 2003. Simple concepts and fun activities to show children the big picture-how quality soil is the basis of nutritious foods, and how eating a variety of wholesome foods leads to healthy bodies. The program enhances existing curricula through methods that include writing, art, scientific investigation, music, and puppetry. http://www.tilburyhouse.com/Children%27s%20Frames/child_health_fr.html

TWIGS: Teams with Intergenerational Support: U.C. Cooperative Extension, 30 lessons for children, K?6, to help them connect principles of good nutrition with gardening. The materials cross age boundaries, making it easy for teens or seniors to use the materials with children. 1997. http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/Custom_Program850/

Sustainable Agriculture Resources and Programs for K-12 Youth

This 16-page (PDF) guide to sustainable agriculture-oriented educational opportunities for schoolchildren features

more than 50 programs and curricula nationwide. Includes direct links, program contact information and ideas for integrating lessons into school programs. <http://www.sare.org/publications/edguide.htm>

California Farm to School Program: California Programs that connect schools with local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing health and nutrition education opportunities that will last a lifetime, and supporting local small farmers. <http://www.cafarmtoschool.org/>

Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden Workshop Trainer Resources: Find downloads for all printed materials needed to conduct a Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden Workshop. In addition there are downloads of the Power of School Gardens PowerPoint, a sample evaluation, sample workshop flier, sample agenda, workshop supply list, and a list of all workshop handouts to aid you in creating your workshop. <http://www.csgn.org/page.php?id=75>