

"As the Garden Grows, so
grows the Gardener."

DOS AND DON'Ts

Do...



- ✓ Submit a Project Proposal
<https://webapps.fcps.net/Proposal/>
- ✓ Review *Creating Outdoor Learning Environments*
- ✓ Complete an Outdoor Classroom Needs Assessment
- ✓ Keep your cafeteria manager, grounds crew and staff informed
- ✓ Have a long-term maintenance plan in place
- ✓ Establish clear curriculum connections

DON'T...

- ✗ Try to do everything yourself
- ✗ Depend on ground crew to maintain



Popular School Gardens

Butterfly Garden
Community Garden
Container Garden
Edible Garden
Flower Garden
Herb Garden
Multicultural Garden

Native American Garden
Native Plant Garden /
Three Sisters
Rain Garden
Salsa Garden
Vegetable Garden



William Wells Brown Elementary



Ashland Elementary



Athens Chilesburg Elementary



Outdoor Classrooms

In Fayette County
Public Schools



www.Sustainability.FCPS.net

Inspiring Kids to Dig Healthy Food

Are you a Community Partner?
To join FCPS's Outdoor Classroom Coalition, contact
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859-619-6472.

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies."

Gardens engage students by providing a dynamic environment to observe, discover, experiment, nurture, and learn.



Liberty Elementary

They are living laboratories where interdisciplinary lessons are drawn from real life experiences, encouraging students to become active participants in the learning process.

School gardens

- Have a positive impact on student achievement and behavior
- Allow students to become scientists by conducting fieldwork and experiments to gain a deeper understanding of the natural world and how systems work
- Improve life skills, including working with groups and self-understanding
- Form ecological identity
- Improve nutrition knowledge and vegetable preferences
- Increase fruit and vegetable consumption
- Allow opportunities for purposeful learning and service without having to leave school grounds



5 Steps to an Effective, Safe & Healthy School Garden

1. Site Selection

- Avoid utility lines
- Easy access/visibility to students
- Level site to prevent erosion
- Develop ownership and specific long-term maintenance plan

2. Project Proposal

- Curriculum Connections
- Funding
- Principal Signature

3. Installation/Maintenance

- Raised bed benefits
- Soil Amendments
- Weed/grass removal
- Water source
- Fun & Functional
- Mulched paths

4. Harvest

- Ask cafeteria manager about café table display
- Schedule Farm To School Taste Test
- Follow food safety handling procedures (harvest, preparation, serving)

5. Curriculum Connections

- Science
- Math
- Practical Living
- STEM
- Social Studies



Henry Clay High School
Community Garden

For more on curriculum connections and Food Safety Tips, visit Teacher's Corner on FCPS's Sustainability website.

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