

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Ornamental perennial grasses may be used with the approval of the Division of Plant Operations prior to planting.

### Turf Grasses

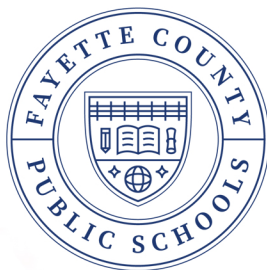
Turf-type Fescues shall be used on all schools grounds with the exception of athletic fields. Perennial Rye grasses may only be used on fields with irrigation systems.

## HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES

All chemicals used on schools grounds must be applied by a certified and licensed applicator. No restricted chemicals may be applied to school grounds without written notice and approval by the Fayette County Public Schools Division of Plant Operations.

## NOTICE!

Schools and their various support groups that want to propagate plants on school property must submit a Project Proposal to the Division of Plant Operations for approval prior to planting. This plan must include a list of all approved plant materials, their location on the grounds and a maintenance plan for the life of the plant material.



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## Accepted Landscape & Plant Materials List



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## LANDSCAPE PLANT MATERIAL

### REQUIREMENTS

Trees, shrubs, groundcovers or any other landscaping shall be kept safe for children and be low-maintenance.

Only dwarf or ornamental trees shall be planted within 50' of any school building or any other permanent structure.

Trees that will reach heights above 20' shall be at least 50' from any building, due to potential gutter and structural damage.

Trees and shrubs with thorns shall not be planted. Examples include Hawthorn—Crataegus species, Black Locust—Robinia species, and Barberry—Berberis species.

Tree and shrubs with poisonous leaves, stems, fruits or berries shall not be used including Yew—Taxus species.

Trees bearing large or high quantities of fruit shall not be planted. This includes Plum, Peach, Pear, Cherry, all Malus species.

Only trees and shrubs that are suitable for the central Kentucky climate (hardiness zones 6a and 6b) shall be installed. Additional zones 5 and 4 may be deemed acceptable, approval upon consultation. Trees and shrubs over 3' tall at maturity shall not be planted any closer than 10' from the buildings or sidewalks.

Courtyards or areas that are surrounded by any structure shall be kept to a bare minimum of trees and shrubs and when used shall only be small or dwarfed varieties.

All shade trees shall have a single stem, unless stated otherwise—ornamental trees may vary.

Hedges must consist of dwarf shrubs with a maximum mature height and width of 3'-5'.

Perennials that can reproduce by seed and are considered invasive or noxious shall not be planted.

## Shade Trees

Maple- Acer species (excluding Acer negundo, Acer platanoides and Acer saccharinum)

American Yellowwood- Cladrastis kentuckea

Fagus species- Beech species

American Sweet gum- Liquidambar species  
Rotundiloba variety only

Oak- Quercus species- Sawtooth oak, White oak, Swamp white oak, Bur oak (except Quercus palustris)

Bald cypress- Only in wet areas at least 60' from any structure

Sugar Hackberry- Celtis laevigata

Blackgum- Nyssa sylvatica

Hornbeam

Musclewood

Bluebeech- Carpinus species

## Ornamental Trees

Eastern Redbud- Cercis canadensis

White Fringe tree- Chionanthus virginicus species

Dogwood Kousa- Cornus kousa, Cornus mas

Foster Holly- Ilex atropurpurea

Witch Hazel- Hamamelis

Magnolia- Species that are zoned for Kentucky

Sourwood- Oxydendrum

Maple - Acer palmatum

Japanese Tree Lilac - Syringia reticulata

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## Evergreen Trees

Pine - Pinus species - Limber, Eastern White, Lacebark (excluding Pinus sylvestris)

Spruce - Picea species - Norway, Serbian, Oriental, Colorado Blue

## Shrubs

Little Leaf Boxwood- Buxus species

Bottle Brush Buckeye- Aesculus parviflora

Butterfly bush- Buddleia

Chamaecyparis- Shrub type only

Dwarf Fothergilla

Forsythia- Only dwarf type, minigold, arnold dwarf etc.

Hydrangea

Inkberry- Ilex glabra

Winterberry- Ilex verticillata

Possumhaw- Ilex decidua

Heavenly Bamboo- Nandina domestica

Fragrant Sumac- Rhus aromatica

Viburnum- All except Viburnum rhytidophyllum or other hybrids

Button Bush- Cephalanthus occidentalis

Northern Bayberry- Myrica pensylvanica  
subsp. arifolia

Forked trunks on trees are not acceptable.

