



EVANSTON/SKOKIE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

D65 Climate Action and Gardens at Schools

Guidance for 23-24 School Year

D65 Sustainability Focus Areas

23-24 School Year ([click here](#))

D65 Climate Action & School Garden Community Contact List

Contact List

Please update as contacts change at your school!

D65 Sustainability & Garden Resources



Check out our library of D65 resources for sustainability and school gardens!

★ [Click Here](#)

★ Scan QR Code



Curriculum & Student Action

Learning in Places: Science Curriculum



Learning in Places [learninginplaces.org], is a collaborative effort designed to expand our understanding of the relationships between human worlds and the rest of the natural worlds – towards just, sustainable, and culturally thriving forms of life by cultivating ethical decision-making, communal adaptations, and leadership.

- Students will be going outside regularly (wondering walks and investigations)
- Families and caregivers will be invited to take part in related family activities at home, and your child will be invited to share with the class.

Learning in Places is a research project committed to transforming education and helping to prepare young people and communities to adapt to the challenges of this century in generative and healthy ways. It's currently a 4-state collaboration between educators in Washington, Michigan, Louisiana, and Illinois, researchers at Northwestern University and University of Washington Bothell, and education and community leaders.



Piloting a yearlong learning cohort with 10 D65 Educators at Dawes, Lincoln, JEH and Bessie Rhodes.



Science Curriculum Summer Project with 9 D65 Educators, piloting this school year at King Arts, Dawes, Oakton, Chute, Haven and Nichols.

Overarching Vision for D65 Inquiry to Informed Action Unit Science Supplements

For particular units in our [K-5](#) and [Middle School](#) Scope and Sequence, we create an authentically integrated experience for students to apply and deepen their standards-aligned learning by researching and taking action on a meaningful issue:

- ★ Justice related
- ★ Sustainability related

(grounded in [optimism](#), [joy](#), and [community](#) and [cultural assets](#))

Evanston Public Library Blueberry Awards

Honors literature that best supports
kid's connection to and stewardship
of the Earth. Blueberry
Changemakers foster concrete
action for the planet.

[2022 Blueberry Award book list](#)

[2021 Blueberry Award book list](#)



Earth Month Activities

[2024 Earth Month Activities at our D65 Schools](#)

Support or set-up Climate Club at your school



- Opportunity to invite our students to focus on climate action opportunities at their school, get hands on experience and learning in a small group setting
- Encourage teacher and parent partnership
- Before or after school activity
- Recommend an application from students who want to participate if this will be happening at the same time as before / after school programs
- D65 Climate Clubs:
 - Nichols Climate Club with Alexa Sorock
 - Chute Green STEAM Club with Wendy Mohrenweiser and Dana Salazar
- [Topics / Ideas to Get Started](#)
- Potential grants available to fund climate club leaders, engage with Karen Bireta to explore

Waste & Circularity

Lunchroom composting & recycling in every school



[D65 Lunchroom Composting & Recycling Resources](#) (1-pager)

[Composting and Recycling in Staff Lounge: D65 How to Guide](#)

[Back to School Prep \(Aug. 2023\)](#) shared with School Principals, Assistant Principals, nominated point people at schools

How you can support?

1. Reach out to your school's nominated point person ([click here](#)) to offer support, perhaps if they're new ... bringing them up to speed on your school's lunchroom composting efforts, lessons learned, challenges to overcome, etc
2. Some schools may request parent volunteers to help monitor waste stations at the beginning of the school year, feel free to check-in with your school's nominated point person to ask if they'd like help.
3. We've delivered waste station supplies to schools, let us know if your school needs additional supplies.
4. Gratitude for our custodians and lunchroom supervisors! Encourage sharing thank you cards, bakery treats, refreshing drink, or more ideas...



D65 END OF SCHOOL CLASSROOM & LOCKER CLEAN OUT

SCARCE Items accepted:

Books - any & all
School Supplies: new / like-
new
Art Supplies
Folders
Calculators
Paper - unused, all kinds
Cords & wires
Inkjet Cartridges (no toners)



Complete
list here

Art Makers Outpost Items accepted:

Art Supplies: new / like-
new
Pencils
Markers
Plastic pieces from
games or learning tools
Misc game pieces

**LOOK FOR COLLECTION BOXES IN YOUR SCHOOL
MAY 8 - JUNE 9, 2023**

We encourage sharing and reusing within your school!

New and used condition is accepted; items must be clean, safe and working.
Remaining items will be donated to Art Makers Outpost (local) and SCARCE.

12 Participating Schools:

Bessie Rhodes, Dawes, Dewey, JEH
Early Childhood, Haven, Kingsley,
Nichols, Oakton, Orrington, Walker,
Washington and Willard

2023 Key Resources:

- [2023 Timeline and Process](#)
- [2023 D65 Guidance Manual](#)

School supply reuse within schools: set-up school supply swap closets



- How do we find opportunities to reuse school supplies within and across our schools?
- Opportunity to set-up a School Supply Swap Closet at your School [click here for guidance](#) - in Summer 2023: created at Liincolnwood, Haven and Dawes
- If you see donation opportunities at your school, contact your custodian, principal along with Karen Bireta and Eddie Reeves (we'll do our best to donate the items)
- Other ideas to promote reuse?

End of School Classroom and Locker Clean Out - 2023 Key Resources:

- [2023 Timeline and Process](#)
- [2023 D65 Guidance Manual](#)



Trash or Treasure Candy Wrapper Recycling

[D65 How to Guide](#)

Free for Schools, October - November

Energy & Transportation

Bike Racks at D65 Schools

To request new bike racks, contact your D65 school principal who will partner with Buildings & Grounds to install.

Buildings & Grounds

Creating / Improving Outdoor Learning Spaces

Learning in Places “Designing Places for Outdoor Learning”

Planting new trees and native plants on school grounds



- [D65 Tree and Native Planting / School Food Garden Process at our Schools](#) - school approval needed prior to planting
- Display positive impact from tree planting ([click here](#)).

Help protect your native plants and trees!

- ➔ Include signage or fencing around your plantings to designate them as purposely planted with our landscaping crew.
- ➔ Homemade signs or official signage from Natural Habitat Evanston



School Garden: Yard Waste Pick-up

D65 Process - Yard Waste Pick-Up

Water

Best Practices for Watering at School Gardens and Grounds (Trees, Native Plants)

[D65 Watering Best Practices](#)