

School Gardens

The following Web sites contain information on school gardening programs. These Web sites include those operated by the federal government, schools, and nonprofit groups that health professionals consider to be reputable organizations. *Planet Health* cannot vouch for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained on these Web sites. The listing of a Web site here does not mean that *Planet Health*, the Harvard School of Public Health, or the Harvard Prevention Research Center endorses these organizations or their positions.

Center for Ecoliteracy

Rethinking School Lunch

The Center for Ecoliteracy's Rethinking School Lunch (RSL) program offers a comprehensive planning framework for improving school lunches. The RSL guide's curriculum framework talks about the importance of school gardens; a link to the RSL guide is available on the Web site.

www.ecoliteracy.org/programs/rsl.html

Chicago Botanic Garden, United States Botanic Garden

School Garden Wizard

Designed for teachers, this Web site offers step-by-step advice on launching a school garden. Topics covered include writing the proposal, assembling the garden team and creating a plan, building the garden and maintaining it, and evaluating success. The site also has a section on school garden activities and curriculum connections.

www.schoolgardenwizard.org/

Cornell University

Garden Mosaics

This youth and community education program uses community gardens to teach youth about science and community engagement. The Web site offers information on the science behind gardening, in English and Spanish, as well as a database of school and youth gardening projects from around the United States and South Africa.

www.gardenmosaics.cornell.edu/pgs/aboutus/mainaboutus.htm

Edible Schoolyard

Located at the Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Berkeley, California, this organic gardening and cooking program lets students experience food production and preparation from "seed to table." The Web site includes details about the program (which is supported by the Chez Panisse Foundation), classroom and garden lessons, and recipes.

www.edibleschoolyard.org

Green Schools Initiative

The Little Green Schoolhouse: Thinking Big About Sustainability, Children's Environmental Health and K-12 Education in the U.S.

The Green Schools Initiative was founded by parent-environmentalists to improve the environmental health and ecological sustainability of schools in the United States. This report broadly addresses environmental sustainability in schools and includes many recommendations, among them creating edible school gardens.

www.greenschools.net/report/index.html

Junior Master Gardener Program

The Junior Master Gardener (JMG) Program is the youth gardening program of the University Cooperative Extension network. The Web site has information on JMG Program curricula and teacher training, as well as the JMG newsletter.

www.jmgkids.us/index.k2

National Gardening Association

KidsGardening.Com

The National Gardening Association's Web site covers several topics related to school gardens, including a school greenhouse guide, teacher stories about their experiences with class gardens, and information on school and youth gardening grants.

www.kidsgardening.com/teachers.asp

Team Nutrition, USDA Food and Nutrition Information Center

School Food Service: Gardening Classroom Activities

The gardening section of Team Nutrition's Healthy Meals Resource System Web site has links to school garden-related lesson plans and activities.

http://riley.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=14&tax_level=3&tax_subject=265&topic_id=1373&level3_id=5378