



School Garden and Outdoor Classroom Resources

List of School Gardens (Montana)

opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/FarmtoSchool/10MarSchoolGardens.pdf

School Garden Q&A for School Food Service (Montana)

opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/FarmtoSchool/SchoolGardenQ_A.pdf

Food Safety in the School Garden: University of Maryland Extension

<http://www.growit.umd.edu/Youth%20Gardening/foodsafety.pdf>

Gardening with Kids

Lots of resources, courses, curriculum, activities, supplies for conducting fun and engaging activities with children. www.GardeningwithKids.org

Kids Gardening

A website created by the National Gardening Association with links to loads of information and resources related to gardening with children. www.KidsGardening.org

California School Garden Network- One of the most comprehensive 'go to' sites for resources, curriculum, research references, funding tips and resources, how to's. <http://www.csgn.org/>

Nancy's Garden Kits (Montana)

Newest feature of Montana Governor First Lady's Math & Science Initiative. Nancy's Garden provides a gardening experience for every 4th grade student by supplying grow boxes, seeds, lesson plans and instructions for each classroom. <http://mathscience.mt.gov/pages/nancysgarden.htm>

Teachers Guide: <http://mathscience.mt.gov/files/NancysGardenTeachers%20Guide.pdf>

The Edible Schoolyard

The Edible Schoolyard (ESY) is a program of the Chez Panisse Foundation. Website resources include garden lesson, kitchen lessons and classroom lessons... and much more.

<http://www.edibleschoolyard.org/>

School Garden Wizard

A resource created for America's K-12 school community through a partnership between the United States Botanic Garden and Chicago Botanic Garden. 'How to' activities, guides, funding sources for school gardens <http://www.schoolgardenwizard.org/>

National Environmental Education Foundation, Children & Nature Initiative– teaching, planning resources, supporting stats. www.neefusa.org/health/children_nature and also www.eeweek.org

National Farm to School Network– register your project on their website, funding, curriculum, resources www.farmtoschool.org

Children & Nature Network– a movement to re-connect children to the outdoors, articles, networking. www.childrenandnature.org

Center for Ecoliteracy- pioneering work with school gardens, school lunches, integrating ecological principles and sustainability into school curricula. www.ecoliteracy.org

Promise of Place– Place Based Education- promotes learning rooted in local history, environment, culture, economy, literature, and art of a particular place, as a foundation for cross-curricular studies. www.promiseofplace.org

Gardner’s Supply– retail, resources, planning, small grants www.gardeners.com

Agencies offering lessons, activities, on-line resources, virtual ‘field trips’, events, online data collection for children in the outdoors- <http://fwp.mt.gov/education/teachers/> <http://montanakids.com/> www.fws.gov/letsgooutside/ www.fs.fed.us/outdoors/naturewatch/ www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/

Reading Lists

Children’s Environmental Literature List- bibliography for pre-12gr. www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eeek/teacher/childlit.htm

Children and Nature- Readings for you (adults)- devoted to the children and nature movement, including recent and not-so-recent contributions. www.childrenandnature.org/reading/

Children and Nature – a premier set of research studies highlighting what’s best for children’s healthy development. www.childrenandnature.org/research/

Funding Resources

Note: *Granting resources, availability, criteria and deadlines can change from year to year. It is always best to thoroughly research and contact a funding source before applying to request support. Also be sure to carefully read over the applicant qualifications to assure your idea fits within their funding criteria. This list is only a SMALL sampling of what’s available supporting outdoor learning-related endeavors.*

Grant Wrangler Funding Directory- a free grants listing service. Find funding, search grants by keywords, subscribe to a monthly e-newsletter. www.grantwrangler.com

Foundation Center– directory of private grant making foundations, some info requires membership. www.foundationcenter.org

School Garden Wizard– funding links www.schoolgardenwizard.org

National Farm to School Network– funding opps and links www.farmentoschool.org

Captain Planet Foundation– up to \$500 for materials only, online application, 1/4ly deadlines.
www.captainplanetfdn.org

Gardner’s Supply- small grants www.gardeners.com

The Kids in Need Foundation- provides K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for their students. \$100-500. www.kidsinneed.net/grants/index.php

Project Learning Tree ‘Green Works’ grants for PLT participants. www.plt.org

Toyota TAPESTRY Grants for Science Teachers. Offers grants to K–12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district. www.tapestry.nsta.org

Toshiba America Foundation- Funds programs / activities that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics, K-12. Up to \$20,000. www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/about/HowApply.js

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