

# GROW PORTLAND



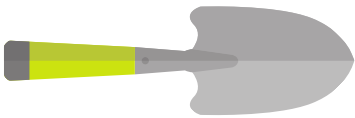
Grow Portland supports schools and communities by facilitating hands-on garden experiences that foster connections to food, nature and each other. Working at the intersection of food, education, and environmental equity, Grow Portland is dedicated to providing access to affordable environmental and food justice education for all students.

## Interested in Garden School at your school?

Grow Portland invests in strong, long-term relationships with schools, PTA, teachers, cafeteria staff, administrations, and families. Leadership staff will sit down and meet with the above parties to explore the integration of Garden School programming with your school.

An Overview of what we typically offer each school partner:

- Serve all K-5 classrooms, inclusive of SPED-specific classes: at least one 45-minute monthly lesson for each classroom during the school day.
- Curriculum supports teachers in meeting Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) & Common Core learning objectives.
- Age-specific curriculum themes include soil science, basic botany, water conservation, food systems, pollination, and ecology with an emphasis on exploration and hands-on gardening.
- Cafeteria connections; harvests going directly to schools & distributed to families.



## What is included?

- 45 minutes of education for each class/month by our professional Garden Educators.
- Garden and teaching supplies for programming (trowels, seeds, plants, clipboards, picture books, scavenger hunts, etc.).
- Staff supervision, support, and curriculum development.
- Educator professional development on equity, inclusion and outdoor teaching pedagogy.
- Harvests given to cafeterias (as harvest amounts permit).
- Additional staff time to coordinate harvests, garden maintenance, administrative communication with schools, community outreach events such as work parties, etc.
- Program evaluations soliciting feedback from principals, teachers, and students.
- Administration of contracts, supplemental funding, and program coordination.





### School Partner fees

- Grow Portland asks that each school pay a portion of the cost for Garden School Programming (typically in partnership with PTA).
- Total program cost depends on # of classrooms and # of days of programming each month (*Minimum of 3 days/month and a maximum of 5 classes/day*).
- Partner fees are offered on a sliding scale. 25% for Title 1 schools and up, based on Free/Reduced lunch %.
- Grow Portland will assist in providing resource information for fundraising options.

### What we ask of schools partners

- Garden site in place or viable site identified with adequate planting and gathering space & storage.
- Ongoing parent engagement (volunteers, work parties).
- PTA or other committee to support garden maintenance, fundraising, etc.
- Principal and administration support in coordination and communication.
- Supportive teachers who are present and engaged during garden lessons.
- Partnership with school cafeteria and/or food pantry when harvest amounts allow.



### Values:


We acknowledge that many we work with face persistent injustices and we strive to create equitable space for each participant to grow, learn and thrive.

- Our actions are grounded in environmental justice, equity, and accessibility to ensure meaningful engagement of all students, families and school personnel connected to our programs.
- Our school programs are designed to promote the well-being of children aligned with each child's personal learning style, nurturing their connection to the living world and fostering curiosity, compassion, and care for all living things.
- The joys of exploration and self-discovery drive what we do and how we do it.
- Relationships matter. We believe that our relationships with schools, students and communities form the core for successful collaboration, innovation, and responsiveness.

**100%**  
Special  
Education  
Classes  
included



**4k**  
Students  
Served /mo.



**23**  
School  
Gardens  
Improved



**10**  
Schools



**3000**  
Pounds  
harvested  
annually

