

Selected References and Resources For School Garden Programs

The following are valuable references in addition to those listed in *Gardens for Learning* (93 – 95).

Useful Web sites

California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers. “Education and Career” section includes curriculum ideas and many links to horticulture sources. <http://www.cangc.org>

California Foundation for Ag in the Classroom. Offers online publications and resources for teachers. Comprehensive list of children’s literature relating to agriculture, plus curriculum guides, writing contests, and a great site for kids with science fair project ideas. <http://www.cfaitc.org>

California Integrated Waste Management Board. Information on composting and recycling. <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov>

California School Garden Network. One-stop-shop site that includes garden curriculum for teachers and garden volunteers; research about garden-based learning; training and funding opportunities; many useful links and more. <http://www.csgn.org>

California Master Gardeners. Get gardening information specific to your county. Ask gardening questions and get free gardening handouts on pruning and fertilizers to soils and insects. <http://www.mastergardeners.org>

Growing Good Kids: Excellence in Children's Literature. This award, presented by Junior Master Gardeners, recognizes children's books that promote an appreciation for gardening and the environment. <http://www.jmgkids.us/index.k2?did=11777>

National Gardening Association. Essential site for information about gardening: resources, books, expert advice, regional information by zip code. <http://www.garden.org>

NGA Kids Gardening! Offers teacher resources, gardening information, newsletter, grants and funding sources. <http://www.kidsgardening.com>

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources. Find your county’s cooperative extension office to get specific growing information for your region. <http://ucanr.org/ce.cfm>
Clearinghouse for UC ANR Gardening publications. <http://ucanr.org/pubs.shtml>

University of California Integrated Pest Management Program. Invaluable storehouse of information about landscape management, beneficial and pest insects, plant diseases, mites, nematodes and weeds. Photos of plants, pests and their enemies. <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu>

Garden Reference Books

Jeavons, John. *How to Grow More Vegetables (than you ever thought possible on less land than you can imagine)*. Ten Speed Press. 1982.

Kourik, Robert. *Designing and Maintaining Your Edible Landscape Naturally*. Metamorphic Press. 1986.

Kourik, Robert. *Drip Irrigation for Every Landscape*. Metamorphic Press, 1992.

Sunset. *Western Garden Book, 8th Edn.* Sunset Books, Inc. 2007.

Sources of Supplies

Garden Tools by Lee Valley. High quality tools for affordable prices. 800-871-8158.
<http://www.leevalley.com>

Harmony Farm Supply & Nursery, Organic Farm and Garden Supply. 3244 Hwy.116 North Sebastopol, CA 95472. 707-823-9125 <http://www.harmonyfarm.com>

Johnny's Selected Seeds. Flower and vegetable seeds in bulk. Wonderful germination and growing information. Popcorn, Indian corn, seeds for sprouting. Winslow, Maine. 207-861-3901.
<http://www.johnnyseeds.com/catalog/hgindex.html>

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply. Extensive Farm and Garden Supply. Call for a catalog. They only send it once per year. Grass Valley, CA. 888-784-1722 or 530-272-4769.
<http://www.groworganic.com>

Seeds of Change. 100% certified open-pollinated organic seeds, traditional, heirloom and unique varieties. Seed donation program for schools. Santa Fe, NM. 888-762-7333.
<http://www.seedsofchange.com>

Soil Testing: A & L Western Laboratories. 1311 Woodland Ave #1, Modesto, CA 95351.
(209) 529-4080. <http://www.al-labs-west.com/>

School Garden Grant Opportunities

California Fertilizer Foundation. CA Fertilizer Foundation School Garden Grant Program. CFF awards grants of \$1,000 to California K-12 school garden programs. Awards include educational materials. Applications reviewed in January and June. <http://www.calfertilizer.org/grant.htm>

Fiskars—Project Orange Thumb. Grants are geared toward community involvement & schools are encouraged to apply. Up to \$1,500 plus more. Watch web site for future grant cycles.
<http://www.fiskars.com/US/Garden/Project+Orange+Thumb/About>

Junior Master Gardener Program. Periodic grant offerings. National Science Teachers Assn and Toyota Tapestry partnered to offer grant for 2007-08 school year. Watch for future opportunities. <http://www.jmgkids.us>

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. Outdoor Classroom Grant Program. Grant applications are reviewed three times per year. Grants range from \$2,000 for a school to \$20,000 for major outdoor classroom projects for a district. <http://www.lowes.com>

OSH—Orchard Supply Hardware. Grants up to \$1,000 awarded in 2006-2007 school year for building a garden with OSH supplies. Watch web site for future developments. <http://www.osh.com>

Western Growers Charitable Foundation. From WGA Homepage, click on School Gardens. WGA offers grants of \$1,000 and \$1,500 plus garden start-up supplies. Award money must be used mainly for supplies. Applications due November and June of each year. <http://www.wga.com>

➤ ***Be sure to check your local businesses for in-kind donations: nurseries, garden supply and hardware stores, landscape, soil, and irrigation supply stores. They are often happy to contribute to school gardens!***

Starting School Garden Programs

Children's Gardens: A Field Guide for Teachers, Parents, and Volunteers. Bremner, Elizabeth and John Pusey. University of California Cooperative Extension Common Ground Garden Program. 3rd edn. \$12.00+SH. <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>

School Garden Resource Packet. CA Dept of Education, Nutritional Services Division. Contact CDE by phone 800-952-5609 or email: dtamanna@cde.ca.gov for a packet.

School Garden Start-Up Guide (downloadable pdf in English and Spanish) Common Ground Garden Program. UC Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles County. <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu>

Schoolyard Mosaics: Designing Gardens and Habitats National Gardening Association. 2002 \$19.95 <http://www.kidsgardeningstore.com>

Teaching Materials for Garden Educators

Applehof, Mary, et al., **Worms Eat Our Garbage.** And **Worms Eat My Garbage.** 1993. Flowerfield Enterprises, LLC. Over 100 lessons focus on the world of worms, vermicomposting and beyond the worm bin. Activities address a broad range of math and ELA standards. <http://www.wormwoman.com>

California Department of Education. **A Child's Garden of Standards.** Links garden-based activities from existing curricula with academic content standards for grades 2-6. **Kids Cook Farm-Fresh Food.** Activities and recipes that use fresh, seasonal, local produce. **Nutrition to Grow On.** Curriculum for grades 4-6. Available from CDE. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/rc/> or download A Child's Garden of Standards at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fd>.

California Integrated Waste Management (CIWMB). **Closing the Loop 2000** and **Worms, Worms and Even More Worms.** 1998. Fifty lessons organized into two sections: K-3 and 4-6. Units cover nutrient cycles, resource conservation, and waste reduction including composting and vermicomposting. CIWMB provides teacher training. <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov>

Life Lab Science Program. **The Growing Classroom.** 2007. Step by step instructions for setting up a garden-based science program and dozens of outdoor classroom activities. <http://www.lifelab.org>

UC Cooperative Extension, San Mateo & San Francisco Counties. **TWIGS Youth Development Program.** 1997. Fifteen basic gardening lessons and 15 cooking lessons are designed for use in classroom or after school program. <http://cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/>