

Green Schoolyards

Collective Impact for Schools & Communities: Make the Connection

Student | Parent | Community Member

Use these connections to spark collaboration between internal district departments and to develop partnerships between internal and external school system stakeholders.

- As a student or student group, explore possible green schoolyard projects that would satisfy course requirements or community service hours
- As a student or a student group, meet with the school principal, the district Operations Director, or school board members about helping plan, design, or implement green schoolyard projects
- As a parent, join parent/teacher organizations to help plan outdoor learning spaces
- As a community member, connect with the Principal or district Operations Director, or school board members to offer your support

School Staff Member | Garden Coordinator

- Before adding a Green Schoolyards Feature, check with the school district operations or facilities if there are required forms to fill out before construction
- Meet with the appropriate buildings & grounds staff member to discuss a maintenance plan for the designated space
- Meet with a district curriculum manager to identify if there are resources that can be utilized
- If applying for a grant, contact the district staff member who is in charge of grants

City Official

- Meet with the district Operations Director to identify shared priorities related to expanding greenspace, tree canopy, green workforce development, and active transportation
- Establish a plan and identify partners to meet aligned sustainability goals
- Offer a grant program for organizations to implement green schoolyards infrastructure and programming that ideally is student-led

District Career & Technical Education Department

- Connect with the district Facilities & Grounds Director to identify outdoor school sites that need care for establishing a work-based learning program for CTE students to help maintain greenspaces
- Meet with organizations and businesses that can help fulfil work-based learning requirements to increase the number of students who are college or career-ready

Partner Organization | University | Business

- Connect with the Career Technical Education Director to identify how your organization can provide work-based learning for students
- Meet with the district Facilities & Grounds Director or Operations Director to support the expansion of greenspace and green schoolyards
- Meet with the district Curriculum Director to address outdoor learning needs for educators and students