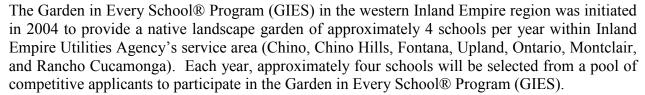


# "Water Wise" Garden in Every School® 2014/15 Garden Funding Program

## **Introduction to the Garden in Every School® Program:**





The purpose of the GIES program is to educate school-age children and their families, school staff, and other community members about the efficient use of water through the establishment of thematic school gardens that feature climate appropriate plants and more efficient irrigation methods that are coordinated with provision state-aligned curriculum materials. Building this relationship with the schools is significantly important to IEUA and its partners. Through GIES, participating schools, school boards, and maintenance districts are introduced to water-use efficiency opportunities through new irrigation techniques, low water use plants, and curriculum.

Schools participating in the garden funding program will receive the following:

- Assistance in the establishment of a thematic garden, including site selection, irrigation installation, design and installation of the garden;
- Funding of climate appropriate plants, vegetables, garden tools, irrigation equipment and state-aligned curriculum materials;
- Access to state-aligned curriculum materials promoting the efficient use of water for teachers and parents;
- An opportunity to showcase your school and stand out as an ecologically conscious leader in your community.



## **Program Sponsors:**

Sponsors and partners in the Garden in Every School® Program include the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD), the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, Cucamonga Valley Water District (City of Rancho Cucamonga), Monte Vista Water District (City of Montclair), Fontana Water Company and San Antonio Water Company (City of Upland); and the Lewis Group of Companies. Each of the partners in the Garden in Every School® Program strive to enhance the quality of life in the Inland Empire by promoting water-use efficiency and environmental protection through the Garden in Every School® Program.



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## **School Qualifications:**

Public and private elementary schools in the IEUA and its retail agencies' service area (i.e. schools within the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Ontario, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and a small portion of Rialto and Bloomington) are eligible to apply for the school garden funding program, providing the following:

- Schools must attend the recruitment and program overview workshop
- A completed application must be submitted by the <u>April 4, 2014 deadline</u>. The application must contain signatures of commitment from the Maintenance/Facilities Manager, the appointed Lead Teacher, Lead Parent, Principal, and have the Superintendent's approval.
- Sites are not limited in size, but if the site is large, a suitable support team of volunteers must be demonstrated.
- Eligible schools must exhibit a commitment to sustaining the garden and intend to use it for curriculum connections in post-project years.
- The school must commit to hands-on participation by teachers, parents and students on specified planting and garden work days.
- In accepting this funding, the school also agrees to provide a summary and evaluation of the
  project when complete, describing how the teachers used the landscape for garden-based education, including efficient water usage.
- Schools must participate in a garden dedication ceremony for the students, school staff, parents, and community members, including partnering agencies, program sponsors and the media.
- All funded items become the property of the school and IEUA and partners are not liable or responsible for the continued maintenance/care of the garden.

## **Garden in Every School® Grant Amount:**

Participants will be awarded a garden grant valued up to a maximum of \$4,500 in contract labor, irrigation hardware, plants, workshops, and education materials relating to the garden. IEUA and CBWCD staff time in coordinating and administering the program is not included in the grant award.

## **Past Participants:**

#### 2004/2005

Alta Loma Elementary
Butterfield Ranch Elementary
Euclid Elementary
Grant Elementary
Lehigh Elementary
Magnolia Elementary
Rhodes Elementary

## 2006/2007

Buena Vista Arts-Integrated El Rancho Elementary Liberty Elementary Litel Elementary Poplar Elementary Sycamore Elementary Victoria Groves Elementary

## 2005/2006

Coyote Canyon Elementary Foothill Knolls Elementary Hidden Trails Elementary Newman Elementary North Tamarind Elementary Ranch View Elementary

#### 2008/2009

Glenmeade Elementary Jasper Elementary Ontario Center School Perdew Elementary Grapeland Elementary

#### 2010/2011

Rancho Cucamonga High Montera Elementary Briggs Elementary Mission Elementary Oxford Prep. Academy

#### 2011/2012

Los Osos High School Monte Vista Elementary Redeemer Lutheran Upland High School

#### 2007/2008

Chaparral Elementary Linda Vista Elementary Peppertree Elementary Los Amigos Elementary Oak Park Elementary Our Lady of the Lourdes

## 2009/2010

Stork Elementary
Baldy View Elementary
Howard Cattle Elementary
Mariposa Center School

#### 2012/2013

Edison Academy Etiwanda Intermediate Sultana Elementary Vina Danks Middle School

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