

Garden in Every School[®]



Garden in Every School® Program Overview

The purpose of the GIES program is to educate 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 efficient irrigation methods.

- Program began in 2004
- Installed 60 gardens since inception
- \$4,500 assisted grant
- School representative must attend workshop to be eligible
- Approximately four schools per year are selected
- Build relationships with schools and introduce water-use efficiency opportunities through new irrigation techniques, low water use plants and state-aligned curriculum
- Promote hands-on outdoor learning
- Aims to build water-wise educator networks

Benefits of School Gardens as Outdoor Classrooms

- Encourages wise-water usage
- Underscores good nutritional habits
- Illustrates the web of life
- Celebrates multi-cultural awareness
- Effective with different learning styles (sight, smell, taste and touch)
- Increases students' self-esteem
- Enhances academic instruction
- Builds teamwork



Components of a Successful School Garden



- ✓ School Staff
- ✓ Maintenance Team
- ✓ Students
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Community

What the Program Does Not Include

- Site Clearing
- Longevity Maintenance
 - Minimum four year commitment
- Additional Labor
- Grant funding cannot be used to purchase non-related garden materials including text books, fences, benches, water features, etc.

Task List & Schedule

	Task Name	Schedule
1	Garden in Every School® Workshop	February 26, 2019
2	Applications Due	April 18, 2019
3	Review Applications & Pre-site Evaluations (check for qualifications)	April 2019 – May 2019
4	Award Garden Grants	May 2019
5	Develop Garden Design & Irrigation Parts List	August 2019 – September 2019
6	Site Preparation (school's responsibility)	September 2019 – November 2019
7	Garden Installation	November 2019 – December 2019
8	Dedication Ceremony	Spring 2020
9	Program Summary & Evaluation Due	June 2020

Garden Design Criteria

- Efficient Irrigation
- Water Connection Hook Up
- Water-Wise Plants
- Vegetables – Up to 7 Vegetable Beds Maximum
- Other Plants & Themes



School Garden Themes

- Wise-Water Usage
- Bird and Butterfly
- Native Plants
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Literacy
- Sensory
- California Regions
- Salsa, Mixed Vegetable Salad or Root Vegetables

Sustainable Agriculture



Sensory, Bird & Butterfly



California Regions



Site Preparations

Turf Removal



Before



After

Digging Trenches



Building Boxes



Soil Preparations & Plantings



Dedications



Oak Park Elementary

Fontana



Ranch View

Ontario



Eagle Canyon

Chino Hills





“Water-Wise” Garden in Every School® 2019/20 Garden Funding Program

Introduction to the Garden in Every School® Program:

The Garden in Every School® Program (GIES) in the western Inland Empire region was initiated in 2004 to provide a native landscape garden to approximately four schools per year within Inland Empire Utilities Agency’s (IEUA) service area (Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Upland, Ontario, Montclair, and Rancho Cucamonga). Each year, approximately four schools will be selected from a pool of competitive applicants to participate in the Garden in Every School® Program (GIES).



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 water-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/administration, school maintenance teams, and community members 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 (*Note: Site clearing is the responsibility of the school and maintenance team*);
- Funding of climate appropriate plants, vegetables, garden tools, and irrigation equipment;
- 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 environmental steward in your community.



Program Sponsors and Partners:

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). 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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Past Participants:

2004/2005 Alta Loma Elementary Butterfield Ranch Elementary Euclid Elementary Grant Elementary Lehigh Elementary Magnolia Elementary Rhodes Elementary	2005/2006 Coyote Canyon Elementary Foothill Knolls Elementary Hidden Trails Elementary Newman Elementary North Tamarind Elementary Rancho View Elementary	2006/2007 Buena Vista Arts-Integrated El Rancho Elementary Liberty Elementary Litel Elementary Newman Elementary Poplar Elementary Sycamore Elementary Victoria Groves Elementary	2007/2008 Chaparral Elementary Linda Vista Elementary Peppertree Elementary Los Amigos Elementary Oak Park Elementary Our Lady of the Lourdes
2008/2009 Glenmeade Elementary Jasper Elementary Ontario Center School Perdue Elementary Grapeland Elementary	2009/2010 Stork Elementary Baldy View Elementary Howard Cattle Elementary Mariposa Center School	2010/2011 Rancho Cucamonga High Monteria Elementary Briggs Elementary Mission Elementary Oxford Prep. Academy	2011/2012 Los Osos High School Monte Vista Elementary Redeemer Lutheran Upland High School
2012/2013 Edison Academy Etiwanda Intermediate Sultana Elementary Vina Danks Middle School	2013/2014 Mini Grant Chaparral Elementary Grapeland Elementary Hidden Trails Elementary Oak Park Elementary Rancho View Elementary	2014/2015 Cal Aero Preserve Cypress Elementary Country Springs Elementary	2015/2016 Citrus Elementary Cortez Elementary Eagle Canyon Elementary Etiwanda Colony Golden Elementary Truman Middle School
2016/2017 Arroyo Elementary Montclair High School Rolling Ridge Elementary Townsend Junior High	2017/2018 Mini Grant Arroyo Elementary Briggs Elementary Citrus Elementary Country Springs Elementary Grapeland Elementary Hidden Trails Elementary Montclair High School Pepper Tree Elementary Rolling Ridge Elementary Stork Elementary Townsend Junior High Truman Middle School	2018/2019 Hillside High School St. George Parish School Valley View High School	

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, April 18, 2019 by 4:00pm
DISTRICT GROUNDS LEAD SIGNATURE:
LEAD TEACHER’S SIGNATURE:
LEAD PARENT’S SIGNATURE:
PRINCIPAL’S SIGNATURE:
SUPERINTENDENT’S SIGNATURE:

By executing this signature page, all parties agree to abide by qualification requirements listed on Page 2 “School Qualifications”.

Please coordinate with fellow teachers, parents and principals to ensure one application per school is submitted.
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