

**School Garden Resources** When starting a school garden we recommend 1) establishing a garden committee that includes the principal, teachers, parents, school staff, students and community members; 2) creating clear goals and objectives for the garden program before a garden is built. Include how the garden will be maintained, where and how the harvest will be used and what and how educational activities will occur and; 3) start small and celebrate & build upon successes.

## Helpful links to start or maintain a school garden

**The School Garden Wizard** <http://schoolgardenwizard.org>

This website provides information and resources on starting and sustaining a school garden.

**National Gardening Association Kids Gardening** <http://www.kidsgardening.org>

This website has information regarding funding school garden projects, activity ideas, and gardening advice. It also has a very in depth store for buying books, materials and resources to support kids gardening.

**Life Lab** <http://lifelab.org>

This website has useful information on sustaining a school garden and has other helpful information including their Life Lab curriculum books, in association with UC Santa Cruz.

**California School Garden Network** <http://www.csgn.org>

This website has a link to the “*Gardens for Learning – Creating and Sustaining your School Garden*” manual and all chapters are downloadable. The website also has a good curriculum section with 12 downloadable lesson plans.

## Local resources

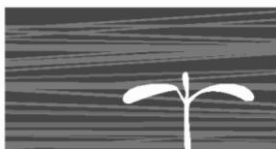
**Eat.think.grow** <http://eathinkgrow.pps12.or.us/>

Portland Partners for School Food & Garden Education, a community of activists, non-profits, Portland Public School department leads, and representatives of city and state agencies committed to advancing the Portland Public Schools Wellness Policy.

## Portland Farm & Garden Educators Network (PFGEN)

The Portland Farm and Garden Educator's Network connects educators, volunteers, youth, families and community members who support healthy food culture, wellness and Portland-area food security through sustainable food and agriculture education. The PFGEN mission is to:

- Foster a learning community around farm and garden-based education.
- Generate project ideas, celebrate achievements and provide inspiration for the wider community.
- Demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship and democratic process.



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