

# MPS School Garden Survey

MPS is conducting a school garden survey! Whether or not your school has a garden, we'd like EVERY MPS SCHOOL to complete the following survey. It should take 10-20 minutes to complete if your school has a school garden; less if your school does not. The information gathered from this survey will help MPS and Youth Farm better understand how school gardens operate and what garden needs are so that we can provide support.

This survey may take more than one person to fill out! Please work with teachers, partners, volunteers, or students to answer the questions as completely as possible. If you have questions, please contact Callie Recknagel at [school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us).

Sincerely,  
MPS Nutrition Services & Youth Farm

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## BASIC INFORMATION

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\* Required question

\*School name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your role:

- Teacher
- School Administrator
- Other School Staff
- Student
- Non-MPS support organization staff (not on school payroll, eg. non-profit, after school, or cooperative extension staff)
- Community Volunteer
- Parent/family member volunteer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If anyone else helped fill out this survey, please list their name, role, and contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know that MPS Culinary and Nutrition Services has a Farm to School program that sources fresh, local food from small farms in the area for school meals?

- Yes
- No

\*Does your school currently have a garden on your school property (for the purposes of this survey: an outdoor growing space that includes edible plants)?

- Yes (Fill out Survey A – Have a school garden)
- No (Fill out Survey B – Do not have a school garden)

## SURVEY B – Do not have a school garden

**Please choose all of the reasons that describe why your school does not have a school garden.**

Check all that apply.

- Lack of staffing
- Little to no knowledge about gardening
- Lack of garden supplies
- Lack of funding
- Difficulty linking to core academic standards
- Lack of volunteers
- No interest in having a garden
- Inadequate space
- The risk of vandalism
- Time constraints
- Few or no instructional materials
- Lack of technical assistance with gardening
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Has your school had a garden in the past?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**Does your school have any interest or plans for building a garden in the future?**

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

**If yes, who has shown interest in starting a school garden?**

Check all that apply.

- Teacher(s)
- School Administrator
- Other School Staff
- Student(s)
- Non-MPS support organization staff (not on school payroll, eg. non-profit, after school , or cooperative extension staff)
- Community Member
- Parent or family member
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Does your school offer any other sort of garden-related programming?**

If yes, check all that are applicable.

- Indoor grow-light growing
- Field trips to gardens or farms
- In-school classroom education with other garden-related organizations (i.e. Midwest Food Connection)
- Out-of-school time education with other garden-related organizations (i.e. Youth Farm)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you be interested in participating in a follow-up conversation to help determine how MPS and Youth Farm can support school gardens in Minneapolis?**

- Yes
- No

**If these were offered, would you be interested in any of the following ways to connect with other school garden programs/resources in the area?**

Choose your top three choices.

- E-mail list
- E-newsletter
- Social networking site
- Quarterly meetings
- Trainings/workshops
- Website
- None
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY!**

*Please return your completed survey via inter-district mail to the MPS Nutrition Center, Attn: School Gardens; fax to 612-668-2830; or scan and email to [school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:school.gardens@mpls.k12.mn.us).*