

Garden Design Ideas

Have a neat idea you'd like to share? Email it to us (with a photo, if possible!) at wsgi@communitygroundworks.org.

Themed Vegetable Gardens

- Pizza, Salsa, Salad, Pickle, or Eggroll Garden
(Or, pick any favorite recipe and grow all the ingredients!)
- [Three-Sisters Garden](#)
- Alphabet Garden: Vegetables by letter
- Rainbow Garden: Vegetables by color
- Global Garden: Plant foods eaten around the world. Or, plant a garden that reflects the interests and cultures of the school-including foods and native plants.
- Seed-saving garden: Include plants that are easy to save seeds for next years' garden, such as: beans, peas, cilantro, lettuce, arugula, and heirloom tomatoes. (Squash and cucumber will cross-pollinate, so seeds may be hybrids of any varieties planted in your garden. This can be an interesting genetics experiment!)

Themed Flower Gardens

- Edible flowers
- Butterfly Garden
- Pollinator Garden
- Natural Prairie
- Rain Garden

Interesting Garden Features and Design Ideas

- Bean Tipi
- Create tunnels and archways for climbing plants like beans, squash, and gourds.
- Circular or Keyhole Garden
- Sunflower House or Tunnel. Try stringing twine across the flowers as they mature and letting vining plants create a living roof!
- Living roof-top sheds teach about sustainability and hold garden tools.
- Create paths wide enough to accommodate wheeled vehicles used by differently-abled students.
- A fence can help distinguish your garden space. Try creating a living fence from willow saplings: often available cost-free!
- Create raised beds from recycled materials, such as an old deck or concrete blocks.
- Create a centralized discussion area with seating or standing area for a whole class.
- Try building a cold frame or small hoop house to extend the growing season.