School Garden Program

Grades served: 3rd through 12th

Unpaid opportunity

Program offered: Year-round opportunities, but especially during the school year (September-June). The best time to get started is in the fall.

Description: The Conservation District’s School Garden Program provides financial support and practical advice on how to get a school garden up and running at your school. We also help teachers and parents incorporate hands-on lessons into the garden. Many subjects including art, math, science, history, and literature can come alive in the garden.

How to participate: You can help inspire and motivate your school to build and nurture a school garden. Build your leadership and project management skills while developing an invaluable resource for your school for years to come. If you and other students are interested in starting a garden at your school, talk to your teachers and principal about the idea. You, a teacher, or a parent can contact the District to learn more about our program and get involved.

Who to contact: Find out more by contacting Laura Taylor; laura@wmswcd.org or 503.238.4775, ext. 112. Learn about the program on the “School Gardens” page of our website (www.wmswcd.org).
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District helps residents with their land, whether it contains a forest, garden, farm or stream. Areas of assistance include invasive weed removal, native plants, livestock management, stream and habitat restoration, wildlife enhancement, school and community gardens and healthy forests.

The Conservation District is a non-regulatory municipal agency, governed by an elected board of directors. We serve private landowners in the District, which covers over 80,000 acres in Multnomah County, west of the Willamette River, including all of Sauvie Island.

The District is committed to continuously evaluating and updating our programs to better serve communities of color and welcomes and encourages applications from people of color. The District’s goal is to welcome, engage and retain people of color in all facets of our organization. The District is committed to non-discrimination against all protected classes; our Statement of Non-Discrimination is available upon request. The District makes reasonable accommodations for events, educational materials and services. For more information, e-mail info@wmswcd.org or call 503.238.4775.