

GARDEN BITES

A partnership between Common Threads and Big Green

What to Expect?

We are excited for your school to participate in Garden Bites this year! This document provides your school with an overview of the expectations associated with implementing Garden Bites.

Program Cost

Your school will be provided with a grocery stipend at \$3 per participating student and there is no cost to participate in Garden Bites.

Program Supplies

Your teachers will be provided with digital access to Garden Bites in addition to the grocery stipend to purchase grocery items. Your school will need to provide the following supplies:



Program Supplies per classroom	Cooking Equipment for 30 students	Garden Equipment for 30 students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to a sink with running, potable water • Storage for cooking and garden equipment • Pens, pencils, & coloring supplies • Computer & Internet, optional • Projector with hook-up cables, optional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 mixing spatulas • 6 measuring cups & spoons • 6 mixing bowls • 1 chef knife (teacher only) • 1 cutting board • 1 salad spinner • Dish soap & sponges • Sundries – paper towels, Dixie cups, plates, spoons, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Productive school garden • 30 clipboards or hard surface • 5-10 trowels • 2 harvest buckets with lid • 1 adult harvest scissors • 12 child harvest scissors • 1 analog scale • Fridge space to store produce • Harvest Tracking Form

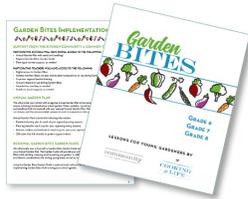
Teacher Time Commitment

Teachers should be allotted time to prepare for, teach, and reflect on the Garden Bites curriculum. Below is an overview of the expected time commitment for each teacher:

Garden Bites Program Component	Anticipated Time Commitment
Teacher Training & Professional Development	2 hours, new teachers only
Teacher Preparation	2 – 4 hours, teacher dependent
Lesson Implementation	15 lessons, 60 minutes each
Harvesting	8 harvest sessions, 30 minutes each
Grocery Shopping and Recipe Preparation	8 classroom cooking activities, 60 minutes each
Program Reporting	2 hours (post-survey, stipend report)

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Teacher Training

Teachers implementing Garden Bites this year who are new to the program are required to attend a teacher training. Returning teachers are not required to attend the teacher training, but they have the option to attend. Trainings are offered either via an in-person training in your region or through a national webinar.

Program Timing

We recommend implementing Garden Bites during the growing season. Check in with your regional Garden Educator for more information on when your school should implement Garden Bites and pick up a copy of your regional Garden Bites Guide!

Harvesting, Cooking, and Tasting in the Classroom

All teachers participating in Garden Bites will be asked to harvest, prepare, and taste **eight** Garden Bites recipes! To support these efforts, your regional Garden Educator will ensure that your school receives and plants seeds and seedlings in your school garden. In addition, teachers will be provided with a Grocery Stipend (see below for more information) to support these efforts. Schools are expected to provide tasting sundries (e.g. paper plates, Dixie cups) as well as cooking equipment (e.g. mixing bowl, mixing spoons).

Classroom Visits

Big Green may periodically request to visit your classroom during Garden Bites lessons. During this visit, staff members from both organizations are available to support and assist. The purpose of the classroom visit is for staff members to observe real classroom experiences and provide crucial feedback on the scope and sequence of the Garden Bites curriculum.

Grocery Stipend Allocation & Report

All participating teachers will receive a grocery stipend allocation for their classroom(s) based on the number of students that will be receiving the Garden Bites curriculum. To receive the grocery stipend allocation, teachers need to sign and return the Grocery Stipend Allocation Agreement along with their classroom roster(s). Once a grocery stipend allocation has been received, it is the responsibility of each teacher to track their grocery stipend spending on the Grocery Stipend Allocation Report and save corresponding receipts. The Grocery Stipend Allocation Report along with photocopies or scans of corresponding receipts should be submitted upon completion of Garden Bites.

Lesson Tracking

All participating teachers are asked to track their lesson completion and submit this information on the post-survey (see below). This information is part of our process evaluation and is in no way an assessment of the teacher.

Teacher Program Evaluation

Upon completion of the program, teachers will complete a post-survey. The teacher post-survey is part of our process evaluation. Your participation is crucial to the continuous improvement of Garden Bites for the future.

