



SCHOOL GROUNDS EDUCATOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The information collected with the Educator Needs Assessment will provide valuable insight on the opportunities and challenges of using the school grounds as an outdoor classroom. Please share your thoughts and opinions.

School Ground Site Use

1. Have you ever taken students outside on the school grounds to learn? ___yes ___no
*If **NO**, what hinders you from using the school grounds?*
2. Have noticed any other teachers conducting lessons with students outdoors on the school grounds?
*If **YES**, who did you observe and what were they doing?*
3. If you aren't currently using the school grounds as a teaching tool, do you have an interest in doing so? ___ yes ___no
4. Did you ever encounter problems that prevented your use of the school grounds? ___yes ___no
*If **YES**, what were the problems?*
5. How might you use the school grounds to enhance your classroom instruction or other school-related activities?
6. Do you intend to use the school grounds this school year? ___yes ___no
*If **YES**, how many times will you take students to the school grounds this year?*
7. List 3 short term goals for utilizing your school grounds site during the next school year.



School Ground Use Logistics

8. Is there any special protocol for taking your classes outside on the school grounds for a lesson?



- Do you need special permission from administration? If so, who should you ask?
- Is there anyone you need to coordinate your schedule with so that multiple classes aren't using the same school grounds site at the same time? If so, who?

9. Before doing any projects on the school site (such as putting up a bird feeder or planting a tree) who do you need to get permission from?

10. Do you know who the buildings and grounds supervisor is? If so, what questions would you need to ask him/her in order to successfully complete your project?

11. Please list any tools, resources, materials and equipment that you already use on the school grounds:

12. Please list any tools, resources, materials and equipment that you do not have but would enhance your lesson on the school grounds:

Professional Development

13. Do you need help identifying curriculum or developing lessons to use with your classes outside on the school grounds? ___yes ___no

14. Do you feel you have enough knowledge to effectively utilize the school grounds as an outdoor classroom? ___yes ___no

- What topics would you like to learn more about that would enhance your ability to teach outside on the school grounds?

15. Would you like to be involved in professional development opportunities that focus on using the school grounds as an outdoor classroom? ___yes ___no

Administration of the School Grounds Site

Do you know of other teachers who share a similar interest in using the school grounds as a teaching site?

___yes ___no

If yes, who?

Would you be willing to participate as a member on a school grounds committee that is focused on using the school site as an outdoor classroom? ___yes ___no

