

Let's grow a Granby Garden



Student Design Contest

This school year Granby Elementary will be designing and installing a school learning garden! This garden will provide opportunities for teachers to take students outside for real-world learning in a variety of subjects such as math, science, art, writing, music, and beyond. Gators, we need you to help grow this new, amazing space!

How can you help? We want to YOU to design the garden! You can show what you want to have in this space by creating a drawing, building a diorama, making a computer design, building a Lego creation or by using whatever media best represents your ideas.

How to participate:

1. **Research school gardens in books or the internet.** Look up pictures of school gardens. What should be in the school garden to allow for outdoor learning opportunities? What do you think would be fun to have in the garden? Consider including some of these elements in your design: raised beds for growing fruits and vegetables, an area for plants that attract bees and butterflies, small animal or insect homes, rain barrels to collect rainwater, compost bin, seating area for your class, tool shed, weather station, whimsical elements, student art.
2. **Create a garden design.** Use your creativity to visually display what you want your school garden to look like! Drawings, dioramas, computer designs, Lego creations, or other visual media are acceptable. You are welcome to work on your design during noon art!
3. **Turn in your design to your classroom teacher.** Please include your name, teacher, and grade level with your design. Designs are due **Wednesday, September 13**. Bring in a picture of your design if the design is fragile. Classrooms will vote on their favorite design Thursday, September 14, and then grade levels will vote on their favorite design. The entire school will vote on their favorite 3 designs Friday, September 15. Winners will be announced Monday, September 18.

The top 3 design winners will present their designs to parents and others in the school community during a Community Design Evening this fall. A landscape architect will then take your design ideas to create a professional design of the Granby Garden. You're invited to help install the garden in the spring!

Have fun dreaming about and designing your school garden!

Resources

Resources to help you with your design

Here are some great YouTube resources to check out as you consider what to include in your design and how to make your design. Please ask a parent for permission before searching for these on YouTube.

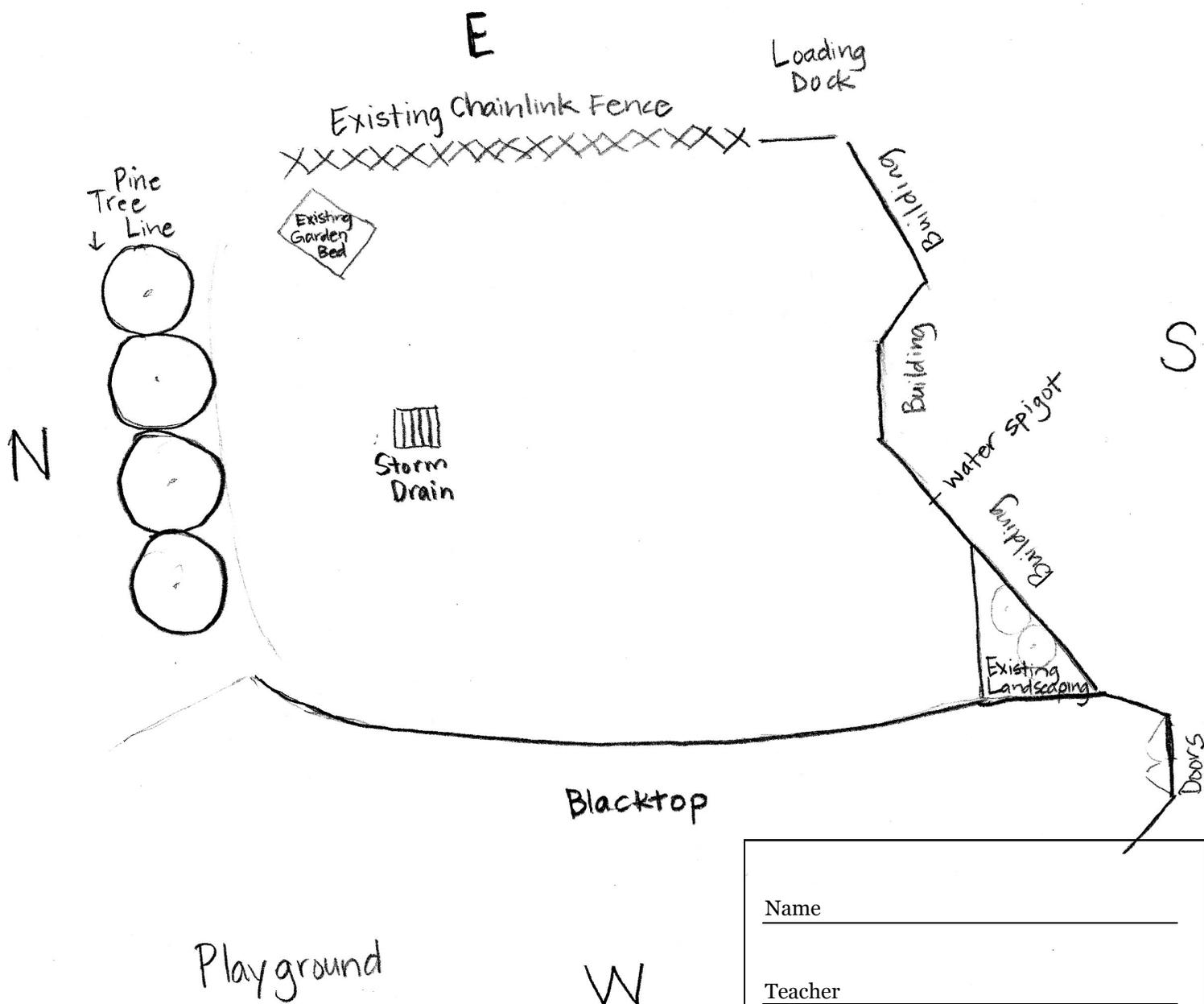
School gardens and learning elements

- YouTube**
- Tour a REAL School Garden
 - School Garden Design Ideas

More ideas for making your design

- YouTube**
- Minecraft Garden Decoration Ideas
 - Lego Garden MOC

Granby Garden Site Map*



Name _____

Teacher _____

Grade Level _____

*You are welcome to use this site map as part of your garden design, but it is not required. This map is not drawn to scale.