

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

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What is an Outdoor Classroom?

The space outside a building that can be effectively used for learning. It can be a set of diverse and complex ecosystems such as gardens, ponds, prairies, woodlands; or as simple as a crack in the sidewalk with views of the sky.

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What is the NEED?

nature disconnect
~ food systems

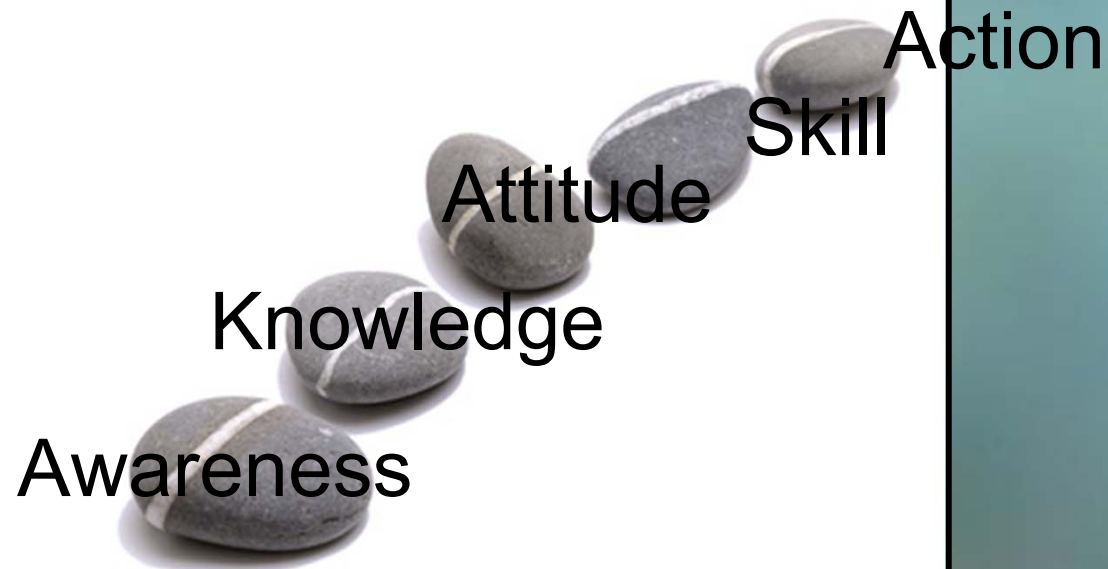
sedentary lifestyles
~ technology

mental and physical health crisis
~ violence
~ obesity rates



OC Program Focus:

Building a foundation for informed decision making by educating about life cycles, food and nature interconnectedness.



early childhood
(4 - 7yrs)
Empathy

middle childhood
(8 - 11yrs)
Exploration

early adolescence
(12 - 15yrs)
Action

Steps to Environmental Literacy

Understanding CCUA's role

empowering	facilitating	partnering
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● ID key partners● mentoring● curriculum development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● committee building● work days● lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● resource sharing● consulting● stewardship

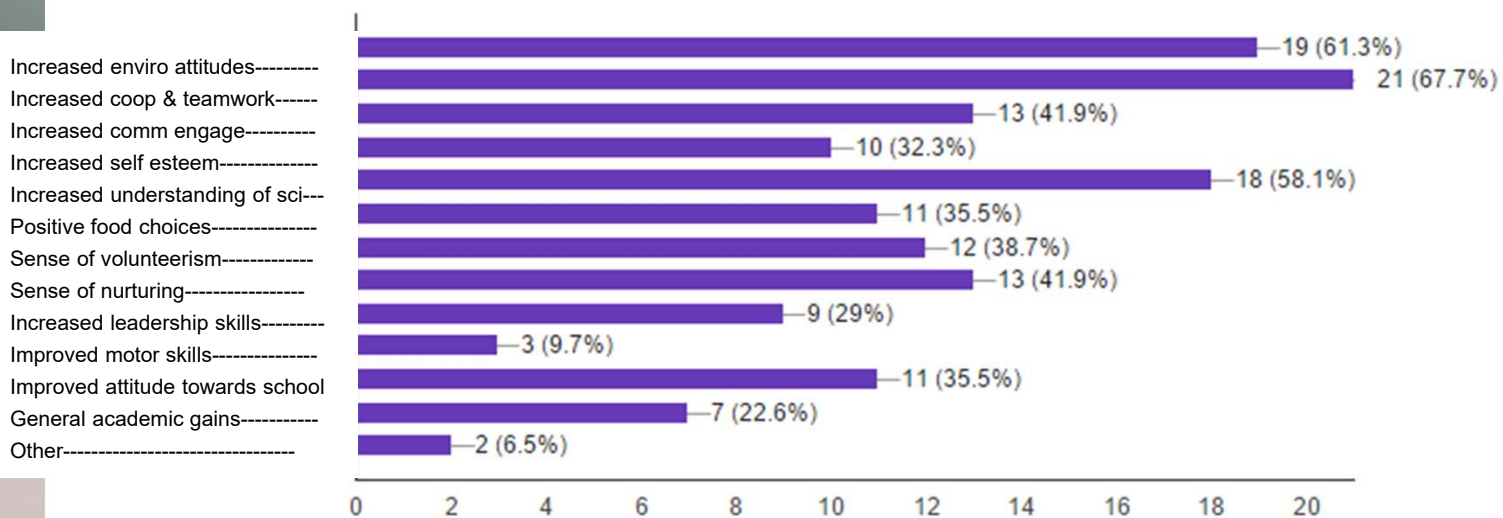
- Russell
- Midway
- Rock Bridge
- Grant
- Lee
- Benton
- West Blvd

Current partners

Student Observations

Which of the following observations have you made in your Outdoor Classroom participants?

(31 responses)





Raleigh Taylor



Understanding ecosystems





Making a difference



Across generations



service learning opportunities



5th graders teaching
MU students!





Integrating math

Digging for treasure





Art installations to raise awareness

Storytelling





Who doesn't love garlic?

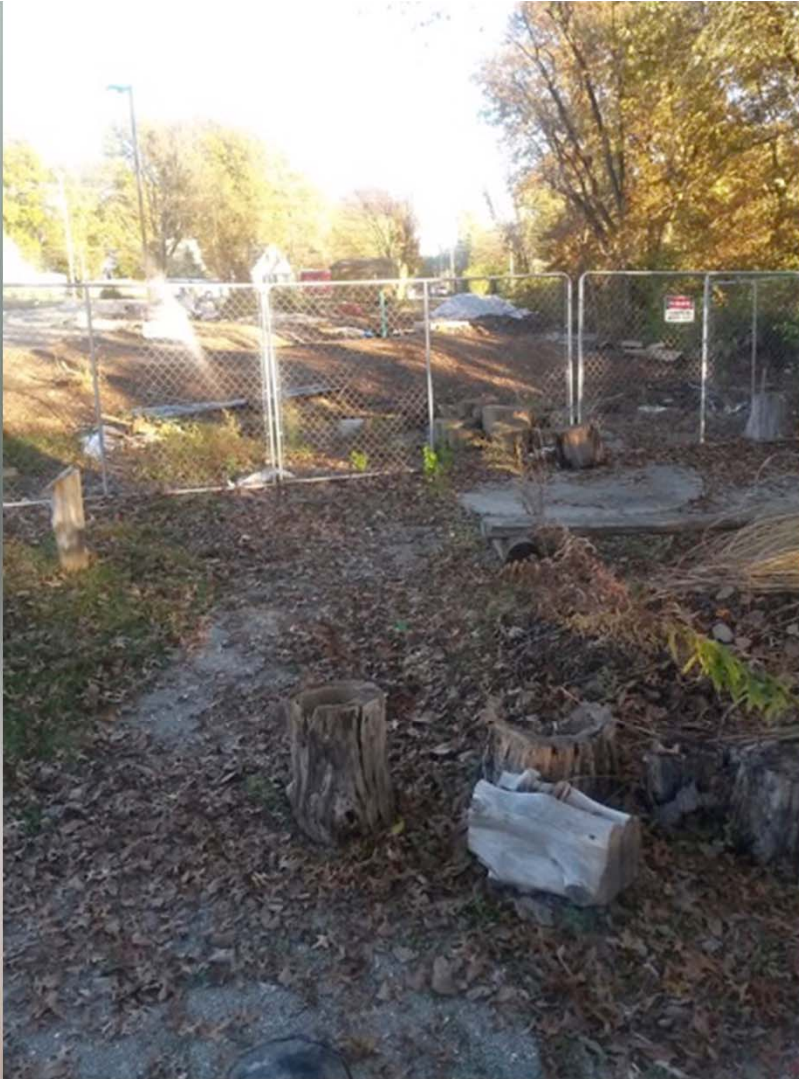
Professional development





Through the seasons





Flexibility!



Finding your super powers!

QUESTIONS?

