



citysprouts

Public school gardens for teaching and learning

CitySprouts school garden program creates an environment that fosters good health and life-long learning for all young people. Based in public elementary and middle schools in Cambridge and Boston, CitySprouts School Partnership Program works closely with schools to establish experiential learning in the garden and integrate garden-based education in teachers' practice and school culture. Our Middle School Program curriculum is grounded in scientific inquiry, engineering practices and understanding food systems- starting from the school garden.

Fifteen years since the organization's inception, CitySprouts' programs now serve more than 6,000 students and 225 teachers in 23 public schools in Boston and Cambridge.



SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2001, CitySprouts has employed a systematic approach that connects school gardens with public schools' academic and health goals.

Our staff of five garden educators provide 10 hours per week of support to each partner school throughout the school year: meeting with teachers in grade-level staff meetings as well as individually to support their garden-based extensions to science, literacy and math curricula.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our tuition-free Middle School Program serves 175 youth through a summer program, after school clubs, and in-school electives. CitySprouts Middle School garden-based curriculum blends three areas of focus: growing and preparing food, expanding science and engineering practices, and building community and autonomy.

WHAT TEACHERS SAY

"The garden has shown ways that we can connect multiple content areas to our studies, communities, and families in and out of the school day."

"My students are gaining experiences on how to be part of the community and taking care of their environment."

"The school garden provides a strong basis for science experiences in the preschool classroom... it is so important for children to put their hands in the soil and to experience life cycle changes (like composting) and learn where food comes from."

"I was able to take two students to the garden who don't normally get along and to see them eventually play and become more comfortable together."

"Absolutely increases science understanding and engagement!"

"We feel purposeful."



CITYSPROUTS MAKES AN IMPACT

CitySprouts boosts children's learning, especially in science and literacy
83% of teachers report that the school garden helps their students meet learning goals; the majority of these teachers used the garden for science or literacy instruction.

With CitySprouts, teachers are making the garden their own

More than half of the teachers in our partner schools taught lessons in their school garden; teachers made 1,604 unique visits to their learning gardens last school year.

CitySprouts changes eating habits

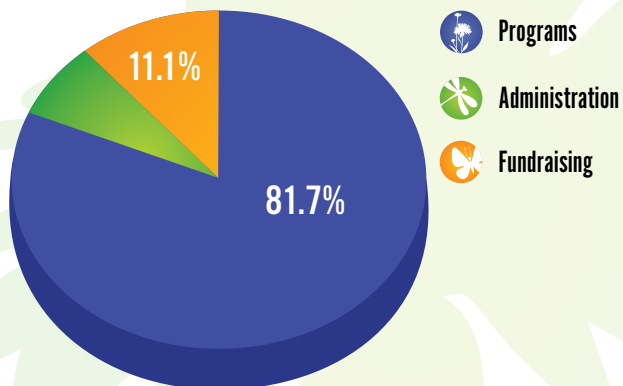
86% of middle school youth liked a new vegetable after completing the CitySprouts program, and 78% tried a new vegetable at home with their family.

CITYSPROUTS ENGAGES YOUNG PEOPLE IN STEM AND FOOD SYSTEMS

"CitySprouts middle school activities are doing something unique... authentically supporting students' decision-making and leadership, and helping young people link their summer learning to their lives outside of the classroom and even outside the garden. These are unique strengths worth celebrating."
- Harvard PEAR evaluation team (2015)

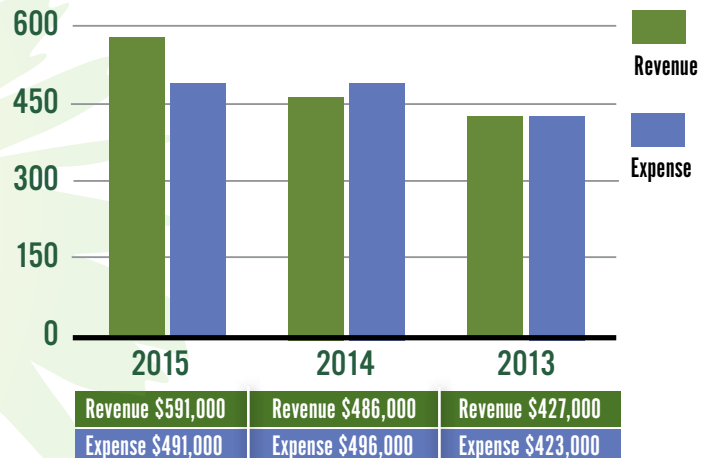


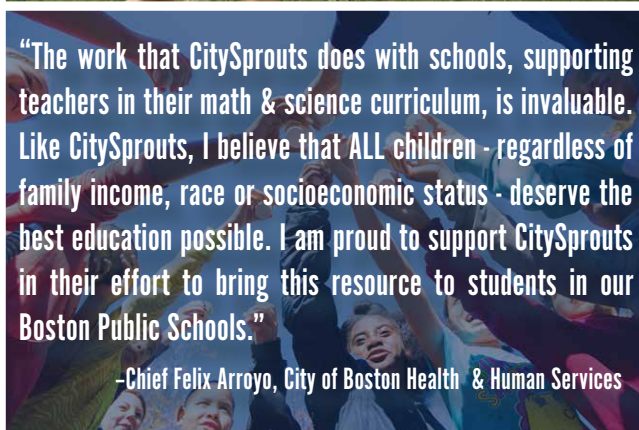
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