What Is School Garden 101?
SG 101 DESCRIPTION

- 4-5 session course for school staff
- Developed by Susan DeBlieck and Marjorie Peronto, Maine Extension
- Purpose: Help school staff plan, create and maintain school gardens
COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Build understanding of basic gardening principles;
- Connect gardening principles to school activities and curriculum;
- Support the creation and maintenance of school gardens with ideas and planning time.
FORMAT:

- Sessions last from 2 to 2.5 hours, one day per week, over 4 to 5 weeks
- Each session includes:
  - Gardening lessons (compost; soil, seeds etc.)
  - Gardening activity (hands on activity to take back to school/classroom)
  - Group discussions (so staff have time to plan and implement their school garden)
OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Individual assignments: documentation of having given youth at your school site one lesson on gardening related topics
- Group assignments: as a school group, complete school garden planning tasks
OTHER BENEFITS:

- Teachers can earn CEUs
- Some basic curriculum will be provided, plus links to other resources
- Meet and learn from staff from other schools
- It’s fun!
BEST PRACTICES:

- Groups of 3 to 5 come from a school – can be teachers, admin or cafeteria staff
- Sessions are planned for after school hours and snacks are served
- Sessions are conveniently located for participants

- Questions?
SAMPLE GARDENING LESSON:

- [http://z.umn.edu/sg1013](http://z.umn.edu/sg1013)

- Lesson on planting seeds and seedlings

- (Note: sample curriculum from “Minnesota School Gardens: A Guide to Gardening and Plant Science” featuring 31 K-12 lessons linked to MN Standards)
SAMPLE GARDENING ACTIVITY:
SAMPLE GROUP ASSIGNMENT:

- We’ll be working on Group Assignment 1
  School Vision and Goals
What questions do you have?
Thank you!

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