Garden in Every School®
The purpose of the GIES program is to educate children and their families, school staff, and other community members about the efficient use of water through the establishment of thematic school gardens that feature climate appropriate plants and efficient irrigation methods.

- Program began in 2004
- Installed 60 gardens since inception
- $4,500 assisted grant
- School representative must attend workshop to be eligible
- Approximately four schools per year are selected
- Build relationships with schools and introduce water-use efficiency opportunities through new irrigation techniques, low water use plants and state-aligned curriculum
- Promote hands-on outdoor learning
- Aims to build water-wise educator networks
Benefits of School Gardens as Outdoor Classrooms

- Encourages wise-water usage
- Underscores good nutritional habits
- Illustrates the web of life
- Celebrates multi-cultural awareness
- Effective with different learning styles (sight, smell, taste and touch)
- Increases students’ self-esteem
- Enhances academic instruction
- Builds teamwork
Components of a Successful School Garden

- School Staff
- Maintenance Team
- Students
- Parents
- Community
What the Program Includes

- $4,500 grant funding
- Assistance in the establishment of a theme garden
  - Site selection
  - Irrigation installation
  - Design and installation of the garden (Note: Site clearing is the responsibility of the school and maintenance team)
- Funding of climate appropriate plants, vegetables, garden tools, irrigation equipment
- Access to state-aligned curriculum materials promoting the efficient use of water for teachers and parents
- And to showcase your school and stand out as an environmental steward in your community
What the Program Does Not Include

- Site Clearing
- Longevity Maintenance
  - Minimum four year commitment
- Additional Labor
- Grant funding cannot be used to purchase non-related garden materials including text books, fences, benches, water features, etc.
## Task List & Schedule

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Garden Design Criteria

- Efficient Irrigation
- Water Connection Hook Up
- Water-Wise Plants
- Vegetables – Up to 7 Vegetable Beds Maximum
- Other Plants & Themes

School Garden Themes
- Wise-Water Usage
- Bird and Butterfly
- Native Plants
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Literacy
- Sensory
- California Regions
- Salsa, Mixed Vegetable Salad or Root Vegetables
Site Preparations

Turf Removal

Before

After
Digging Trenches
Building Boxes
Soil Preparations & Plantings
Ranch View
Ontario
Appliction Walk Thru

Deadline: April 18, 2019

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“Water-Wise” Garden in Every School®
2019/2020 Garden Funding Program

Introduction to the Garden in Every School® Program:
The Garden in Every School® Program (GIES) is a program to provide a native landscape garden to approximately four schools per year within Inland Empire Utility Agency’s (IEUA) service area (Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Upland, Ontario, Montclair, and Rancho Cucamonga). Each year, approximately four schools will be selected from a pool of competitive applicants to participate in the Garden in Every School® Program (GIES).

The purpose of the GIES program is to educate school-age children and their families, school staff, and other community members about the efficient use of water through the establishment of thematic school gardens that feature climate appropriate plants and water-efficient irrigation methods that are coordinated with proven native-adapted curriculum materials. Building this relationship with the schools is significantly important to IEUA and its partners. Through GIES, participating schools, school boards/administration, school maintenance teams, and community members are introduced to water-use efficiency opportunities through new irrigation techniques, low water use plants, and curriculum.

Schools participating in the garden funding program will receive the following:
• Assistance in the establishment of a thematic garden, including site selection, irrigation installation, and design and installation of the garden. (Note: Site clearing is the responsibility of the school and maintenance teams)
• Funding of climate appropriate plants, vegetables, garden tools, and irrigation equipment;
• Access to state-aligned curriculum materials promoting the efficient use of water for teachers and parents;
• An opportunity to showcase your school and stand out as an environmental steward in your community.

Program Sponsors and Partners:
Sponsors and partners in the Garden in Every School® Program include the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA), Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD), the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Ontario, Upland, Corona/Santa Ana Water District (City of Rancho Cucamonga), Monte Vista Water District (City of Montclair), Fontana Water Company and San Antonio Water Company (City of Upland). Each of the partners in the Garden in Every School® Program strive to enhance the quality of life in the Inland Empire by promoting water-use efficiency and environmental protection through the Garden in Every School® Program.

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