

San Diego Unified School District Food Services Department Garden to Café Program

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Conditional Approval of a School Garden Food Source for San Diego Unified District

Name of School:	
Address:	
Principal:	
Cafeteria Site Leader:	Phone:
Garden Leader:	Phone:
Garden Co-Leader (if applicable):	Phone:
Garden Location on Campus:	

Introduction and Purpose

A growing number of schools across the nation recognize the importance of school gardens in addressing childhood obesity and creating a successful learning environment. School Food Services Departments (FSD), such as the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), are taking an important leadership role in the school garden movement—partnering with parents, teachers, and administrators to develop Garden to Café programs that extend the lessons learned in the garden to the school café. At its core, Garden to Café is about serving fresh and healthful garden-grown foods to students through the school meal program, specifically lunch.

Ensuring the safety of the food supply is critical to a healthy student and healthy communities. School and retail food facilities regulated under the California Retail Food Code are required to obtain their food from an "approved source," as defined in Sections 113725 and 114021 of the California Health and Safety Code. The regulation of food sources helps to ensure a safe food supply.

Some on-site gardens that provide food for a single co-located and regulated school kitchen facility are considered by SDUSD and the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) of San Diego to be approved food sources for that food facility. Express documentation of these determinations, and of the considerations underlying these determinations, will help to ensure safe practices in school Garden to Café gardens.



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This conditional approval is intended to ensure that the school garden identified above is a safe source of food for the school kitchen facility participating in the Garden to Café Program. The practices and standards required under this agreement are consistent with applicable standards for approved food sources, are in conformity with current public health principles and practices, and generally recognized industry standards that protect public health.

School gardens are often co-led by multiple school staff or parent volunteers. Hereafter, within this document when 'garden leader' is referenced, the standards, protocols and approvals to follow will apply to the 'garden co-leader' as well for school sites where garden coordination is a shared responsibility. The certifications within this agreement document that the school principal and school garden leader understand the critical factors that play a role in preventing the microbial or chemical contamination of produce. In addition it documents the school and garden leader agree to adhere to these minimum requirements. This agreement must be reviewed and re-signed whenever a garden leader or garden co-leader is replaced.

This document regulates only those foods grown in a Garden to Café garden and used in the National School Lunch Program by the identified garden and kitchen facility. The FSD does not take responsibility for the harvest and use of garden-grown foods in the school classroom, or at other non-approved serving sites. The FSD is not responsible for illness or outbreaks related to improper management of plants or produce by gardens and garden leaders. The FSD is only responsible for garden-grown foods after possession of such foods has been taken by FSD staff.

No transfer to, or use of, garden-grown food in any school food facility other than the facility identified above, is allowed under this approval. Food grown on site must be processed and used at that school site in the identified kitchen.

Garden Visit Check List-Conditions for Use of Garden-Grown Produce in School Kitchens Boxes for reviewer **Water Quality** 1) Water used for irrigation must be obtained from a public water system or from wells that have been shown to be free from pathogens. Gray water, or recycled water, is not an approved water source for Garden to Café gardens. 3) Water runoff from other irrigation practices unrelated to the Garden to Café garden, or rainfall water runoff, must be prevented from coming into contact with the Garden to Café garden. **Septic Systems** 4) Gardens shall not be planted over septic systems or leach fields. **Protection from Contamination** 5) Efforts shall be maintained to exclude animals, including domestic animals, from the growing area. 6) Gardens must be protected from contamination by an appropriate method. This may include: physical barrier, monitoring program or other effective method.



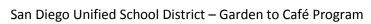
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Pesticides & Herbicides 7) Pesticides and herbicides shall not be applied on or around Garden to Café gardens. 8) School garden coordinator must communicate with the District's Integrated Pest Management Department to ensure awareness of edible school garden. Compost 9) Compost applied to culinary gardens must be fully composted, and may not contain animal fecal materials. Vermicompost may be applied to culinary gardens. 10) Compost must be composted in an appropriate vessel or container. 11) Non-commercial compost produced at the school site must be less than one cubic yard of food material at any one time. Waste must be generated and used on site. **Sanitary Practices** 12) Gardening and harvest equipment must be maintained in a clean condition and stored in a sanitary location. Garden to Café gardens must have equipment dedicated to, and shall be solely used in, the school garden and not used for other purposes on the property. 13) Vegetation at the edges of gardens should be maintained to prevent harborage places for rodents and insect pests. **Harvesting Garden Produce** 14) A garden leader certified in the Garden to Café Program must be present when food is harvested. 15) Harvested produce must be stored in clean, non-porous, food grade containers. Unacceptable containers include wicker baskets, cloth or burlap bags, and any containers that originally held chemicals, such as household cleaners or pesticides. 16) All harvested produce must be weighed prior to delivery and indicated on harvest receipts. 17) Produce must be delivered to kitchens, the same day it is harvested with two colored harvest receipts, see Appendix 2. 18) Produce must be washed in a food preparation sink by an approved method in the cafeteria. 19) After each use, the harvest container should be run through a dishwasher, 3-compartment sink or equivalent washing system before the next harvest, and stored in the cafeteria. 20) Sprouted seeds and garden harvested fresh fruits and vegetables that have been juiced will not be served at schools as part of the Garden to Café program. **Student Sanitation** 21) Sick or potentially ill students and garden leaders exhibiting symptoms are not allowed to participate in the harvest of foods for use by the kitchen at any time. 22) Students, staff, garden leaders, or any gardeners harvesting produce from Garden to Café gardens, must properly wash their hands before handling produce and be free of open cuts or wounds on their extremities. 23) Staff or garden leader must ensure that students are following hand washing procedures, including liquid soap and single use paper towel. 24) Restroom facilities with water and soap must be readily accessible to anyone working in a Garden to Café garden. 25) Gardeners should avoid cross-contamination of produce by ensuring equipment, gloves, and other sources of contamination do not come into contact with produce after being potentially

contaminated by compost or other materials.







Inspection/Notification
26) All garden facilities, equipment, operations, and records shall be subject to inspection by SDUSD Food Services Department staff, DEH, Agriculture Weights and Measures, and relevant government institutions at any time without prior notice.27) Please fill out the Garden Questionnaire and submit it to the Farm to School Specialist. An inspection
of the garden will follow the Garden Questionnaire submission, see Appendix 1.
District Garden Regulations
28) Any Garden to Café garden must first meet standards outlined for school garden development by Support Services at Physical Plants and Operations in the "School Site Garden Guidelines" Manual.
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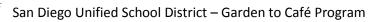




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A current agreement should be kept on file at the school cafe for inspection by the Department of

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Garden Leader Certificatio	n			
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Printed Name & Title (Garder	n Leader)	Signature		Date
Printed Name & Title (Garden Co-Leader)		Signature		Date
Printed Name & Title (School	Principal)	Signature		Date
Food Services Department	's Conditiona	l Approval c	of Food Source	
upon the garden leaders as practices' described above have inspected the Garden outlined above. Printed Name & Title	, and shall be	null and void	d if those practices are r	not followed. I certify that I
Cafeteria- Area Supervisor	& Site Leade	r		
I acknowledge that I have be food for use in the Nationa			Garden to Café garden a	s an approved source of
Area Supervisor Initials	Date		Site Leader Initials	Date
DEH Conditional Approval	of Food Sour	ce		
The County Department of food source for the food fa adherence to the requirem those practices are not foll	cility identifie ents and best	d above. Th	e approval is conditione	d upon the operator's
Printed Name & Title		Signature		 Date

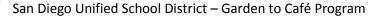




Appendix 1

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Garden Questionnaire					
School Name:					
School Street Address:					
Garden Leader's Name:					
Phone No:	No: Email:				
PLOT PLAN: Attach a plot equipment storage sheds,		•			
PLANT/TREE INFORMATION harvest product from for u	• •	•	d/or trees that you expect to space is needed.		
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Water Source:					
Fertilizer Used:					
Compost Used: (include so	ource)				
Are hand washing and rest	room facilities availabl	e onsite? 🗆 YES 🗆 NO	Distance from garden:		
ANIMALS:					
1) Are measures taken to e	exclude wild and dome	stic animals from the gr	owing area? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
2) Are any domesticated a	nimals raised at this loo	cation? YES NO If	yes, answer the following:		
Are animals separated for i. Identify animal		YES □ NO			
ii. Do the same g	ii. Do the same gardeners take care of animals and produce-growing areas? \square YES \square NO				
PRODUCE:					
1) Do you intend to wash produce prior to its delivery to kitchens? \square YES \square NO					







		Appendix 2
	GARDEN HARVEST RECEIPT	
	Date	DELIVERY#
	School Name	_
Weight	Food Item Description	
Garden leader init	ials Student initials	
Site leader initials		

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GARDEN RECEIPT:

- Garden Coordinator and or student(s) fill out 2 colored copies of the Harvest Receipt.
 Weight = the number of ounces or pounds of a food item harvested.
 Food Item Description = type (name) of each food harvested.
- 2. Garden Coordinator signs 2 receipts indicating the information is correct. Student initials are not required.
- 3. Garden Coordinator and student(s) bring 2 colored copies of the Harvest Receipt with the garden harvest to the kitchen.
- 4. Site Leader must initial both receipts indicating they received the garden produce as described.
- 5. Site Leader keeps one copy and sends the other colored copy to Area Supervisor.
- 6. Area Supervisor sends Ashley Cassat, Farm to School Specialist a copy through inter-office mail.