Appendix 2 – School Garden Resources

www.gardening-with-kids.com
Gardening with kids is a site that includes tips for how to successfully garden with kids. Additionally, tips on how to encourage children to get involved with watering and weeding the garden are offered.

http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/kindergarden/kinder.htm
KinderGarden provides an introduction to the many ways children can interact with plants and the outdoors. The site includes a direct link to multiple school garden resources, including a step-by-step guide to building a school garden.

www.kidsgardening.com/resources/resource.asp
Kidsgardening.Org is a one-stop shop website that provides you with valuable information on how you can connect with other school gardening projects around the nation, access to possible funding opportunities, a school greenhouse guide, wonderful and classroom gardening stories.

http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/schoolmeals/
Resource: www.farmtoschool.htm
Healthy School Meals Resource provides information to persons working in the USDA’s Child Nutrition Programs.

www.njha.org
The National Junior Horticultural Association is designed to help youth obtain and develop skills expanding art and science of horticulture. This site contains information about ongoing projects and programs involving horticulture.

www.scien cetnetlinks.com
Science NetLInks is a website that provides resources for K-12 science educators, including lesson plan ideas on where food comes from and what plants need to grow.

http://www.zip4tweens.com
Website designed to help kids and their families find a balanced approach to a healthier lifestyle. Free games, recipes and resources for kids and parents.

www.jmgkids.us
Junior Master gardeners is a site that includes information on Junior Master Gardener Curricula, an inter-active kid’s section, and wonderful resources for teachers and leaders.

http://www.spaceag.org/
Space Agriculture in the Classroom A great site that is teacher and student friendly. The site contains lesson plans and more.

www.FoodAndJustice.org
Urban & Environmental Policy Institute provides helpful publications, media and even chats in relation to food and schools.

http://www.feedingminds.org
Feeding Minds, Fighting Hunger is an international resource for exploring the problems of hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity. Designed to help equip and encourage teachers, students and young people all over the world to actively participate in creating a world free from hunger. Includes lesson modules for teachers, resources and activities for young people and an interactive forum for exchanging information and experiences around the world.

http://www.ecoliteracy.org
Model Wellness Policy Guide is the center for Ecoliteracy, Slow Food USA, Chez Panisse Foundation, 2005. Provides language and instructions for drafting a school district wellness policy that places health at the center of the academic curriculum. It is also a guide and planning framework that applies a systems approach to connect classroom studies with hands-on experiences in school gardens, kitchen classrooms, and cafeterias, making child nutrition part of the educational system.
Rethinking School Lunch addresses 10 critical dimensions of change in its comprehensive approach to integrating curriculum and food service innovation.

http://urbanext.illinois.edu/firstgarden/index.cfm
My First Garden is a great starting point for any student, teacher or parent who is looking into starting up a garden.

www.farmtoschool.org
Farm to School connects schools (K-12) and local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities, and supporting local and regional farmers.

www.lifelab.org
Life Lab Science program is a national leader in garden-based education. Life lab is dedicated to developing and using school gardens as “living laboratories” where students can integrate and apply what they are learning in the classroom.

http://schoolgardenwizard.org/wizard/sitemap.php
School Garden Wizard is a great place to get worksheets for assessing one’s garden and objectives.

www.organicgardening.com
Organic Gardening is a site full of tips and recommendations for organic gardeners nationwide.

http://www.backyardgardener.com/veg/
The Backyard Gardener is “Your Backyard Information Source”. It is a great source of free information for people interested in gardening at home.

http://www.thegardenhelper.com/guide1.html
The garden helper is a great site for keeping up with your garden or even for those who are considering to start a garden. The site provided a large supply of worksheets, maps, charts all relating to the maintenance gardening.

http://ddl.nmsu.edu/
The Digital Desert Library is an educational resource for teachers and students to learn more about the Chihuahuan Desert.

http://www.garden.org/
The National Gardening Association

http://www.nmaitc.org/
New Mexico Ag in the Classroom

http://www.agclassroom.org/
The Agriculture in the Classroom National resource Directory is an online searchable database that lists hundreds of educational resources designed to help educators locate high quality classroom materials and information to increase agricultural literacy among their Pre-K through 12th grade students.

http://www.projectwet.org/
Educate. Empower. Act. The mission of Project WET is to reach children, parents, educators and communities of the world with water education.

http://www.plt.org/
Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents, and community leaders working with youth from preschool through grade 12.

http://www.projectwild.org/
Project WILD is one of the most widely-used conservation and environmental education programs among educators of students in kindergarten through high school.

http://www.gardenersguild.org/
GardenersGuild Offers support for growing in extreme environments, including online library