



## Schoolyard Gardens Volunteer Position

The mission of Kansas City Community Gardens is to empower and inspire low-income households, community groups, and schools in the Kansas City Metropolitan area to grow their own fruits and vegetables. Here in our Schoolyard Gardens program we work with over 200 schools in the Kansas City area as far as Leavenworth and Gardner on the Kansas side, and as far as Smithville and Oak Grove and Belton on the Missouri side and everywhere in between. We work with 20 school districts and serve public, private, charter, and parochial schools as well as daycares and early learning centers.

- Do you like working with kids?
- Do you like gardening?
- Do you want to help students grow vegetables and learn and play in the garden?
- If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be a great fit to volunteer with our SYG.

We have different options for volunteering:

- 1) The Weekly Gardener: Commit to a school and work outside in the garden with students, helping to water, weed, and harvest with kids.
  - a. Requires 1 hour/week
  - b. For 10 weeks (the duration of a growing season)
  - c. Commitment to one school
  - d. Fall (September – October); Spring (March-May); Summer (May/June)
- 2) Twice Monthly Gardener: Commit to a school and work outside in the garden with students, helping to water, weed, and harvest with kids.
  - a. Requires 1.5 hours every 2 weeks.
  - b. For 10 weeks (the duration of a growing season)
  - c. Commitment to one school
  - d. Fall (September- October); Spring (March-May); Summer (May/June)
- 3) The Snack Chef: Help schools utilize the produce in their gardens in a fun, nutritious way.
  - a. Harvest produce with students
  - b. Wash produce appropriately
  - c. Prepare produce, make into a healthy snack for kids
  - d. Fall (October), Spring (April/May)

Expectations:

- A background check through the school
- A meeting with the SYG team to learn about the position
- A commitment to garden with a school consistently for a growing season or at harvest time (snack chef) & tracking the hours served.

Contact [syg@kccg.org](mailto:syg@kccg.org) for more information or to get started volunteering!

