

## Developing a School Garden Classroom Mission Statement

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Creating a school garden classroom is hard work. To guide and sustain that work, it is essential that the school garden team have a shared vision for what members hope to accomplish through the use of the garden. Clarifying the team's goals for developing a garden can help engage and motivate members, focus the team's activities and ensure that garden efforts contribute to the vision team members have for the garden classroom.

1. Brainstorm a list of goals for the garden.

What does the team want to accomplish by creating a garden classroom? Think about the various ways the garden benefits students, teachers as well as the community.

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2. From this list, identify the team's top 3-4 priority goals. Circle these goals.

3. From these priority goals, create a mission statement that unites the team and school garden community.

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