

7000 A

Definitions: Gardens

Regulation

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this regulation is to establish the definitions for words or terms used in Policy 7000 and its attendant regulations.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. ***School Garden.*** A school garden is defined as one:

1. created, maintained and used by the students of the school;
2. where the garden is an integral part of the standards based curriculum of the district as taught in the school, and
3. where the gardening program conforms to district curricular guidelines and beliefs about learning, and
4. where the gardening program is supervised by school staff, and
5. where the gardening program is approved by the principal or site administrator.

B. ***Landscaping or beautification project.*** A landscaping or beautification project is defined as:

1. a plan to use plant materials for the purpose of improving the aesthetic of the school facility;
2. where the project may be sponsored by:
 - a) a school-based program involving students and staff;
 - b) a school-based parent organization;
 - c) a community organization;
 - d) a combination of any of the above
3. where the project is properly approved.

C. ***Community Garden.*** A community garden is defined as a garden

1. created on school property by an organization that is qualified as a community partner under district policies,
2. where a license agreement between the organization and the District has been negotiated and executed,
3. where individual members have assigned plots within the larger garden, and
4. where the organization's status as a community partner exists for the entire term of the license with the District.

D. ***Intergovernmental Project.*** An intergovernmental landscaping or gardening project is one in which the District enters into an agreement with another governmental agency to change the existing landscape of school premises to serve an identified public environmental good.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §152.01, Subd.14a, clauses (1) and (3) (Definitions: School Property)
Minn. Stat. §123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)
Minn. Stat. §123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes; Closings)
Minn. Stat. §128D.04 (District Like Independent District; Exception)
Minn. Stat. §609.605, subd. 4 (Trespasses on school property)

Cross References:

MPS Policy 8110 (Purposes and Role of the Board)
MPS Policy 1301 (Community Partners)
MPS Policy 1600 (Community Use of School Facilities)
MPS Policy 7000 (Gardens on School Property)

MPS Regulation 7000 B (Application and Approval Process)