

Outdoor Classroom Management with Denver Urban Gardens

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Welcome!

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History of DUG

Established in 1985

170+ community gardens, 65+ school-
based community gardens.

There are more than 15,000 gardeners in
the DUG community garden network.



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The school garden is a unique learning environment



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Have help

- One adult for every 10 students

Set the tone

- Create routines
- Reinforce classroom learning
- Reinforce classroom behavior
- Emphasize respect
- Celebrate small successes
- Importance of safety

Distractions = learning opportunities



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Everyone has a task

- Clear instructions
- Small groups
- Rotate tasks
- Balance quiet activities with hands-on activities

Build ownership

- Focus on education rather than productivity
- Provide choices
- Alter expectations for the garden

Be prepared



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Questions?

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