

Alice Fong Yu Alternative School Garden

Nestled in the busy city of San Francisco, California, rests a school garden on the hillside of Alice Fong Yu Alternative School. In this oasis, there are many treasures to be discovered. A solar-powered pond trickles water under the shade of an oak tree, where birds may nest and rear their young. A compost pile quietly sits in the corner where fungus, bacteria, and invertebrates decompose leftovers from student lunches.



In the fifteen raised beds within the garden many crops like chard, carrots, peas, fava beans and lettuce flourish. Over 360 elementary students partake in loving and nurturing the garden so that harvest may be bountiful for semester-ly Garden Parties!

When not tending to the garden, students participate in activities integrated with California's math, science and environmental standards. These activities may range from experimenting with the needs of plants and living things, to observing the wondrous stages of the butterfly life cycle, to recording rainfall throughout the school year, to even exploring the biodiversity and intricate venations of the many leaves in the garden.



The garden is strongly supported by not only staff but also by the parents - who take time from their busy lives to help and maintain the garden.

Our garden joins the growing, sweeping movement across California to empower the younger generation with knowledge of our environment and food. Our world is a place of delicate balance. We hope to cultivate little stewards- who will one day become leaders in our community and world.

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