



The 2018 Green Strides Tour in Missouri

Background

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) and its Green Strides outreach initiative share promising practices and resources in the areas of safe, healthy, and sustainable school environments; nutrition and fitness; and environmental education. As part of its Green Strides outreach, the Department conducts an annual tour. In 2018, the Green Strides Tour will reach its twentieth state, Missouri, and spotlight *living school grounds*.

Living School Grounds: Benefiting Learning, Health, and the Environment

The 2018 tour will highlight how schools can use their green schoolyards –gardens, habitats, nature trails, and wetlands – to engage not only with science, math, nutrition, and agriculture, but also art, literature, and social studies. Through hands-on, project-based learning, and citizen science, students discover the joys of outdoor physical activity, the benefits of nutritious, school-garden grown produce, and a deeper understanding of the natural world and their connection to it. In addition to the impacts on their learning, these experiences foster stewardship values that will prepare them to preserve our nation’s most precious resources for years to come.

Participation and Media

Federal, state, and local agencies and officials and partners are encouraged to participate in the tour, so as to spotlight school sustainability practices. Past participants have included federal and state agency officials, national, state, and local legislators and elected officials. Members of the press are welcome to attend. In addition, neighboring schools and districts are invited to come learn from the tour.

This year’s tour will take place **October 24-25**, according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, October 24

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. Bellerive Elementary School, 620 Rue de Fleur Dr., Creve Coeur
10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. McKelvey Elementary School, 1751 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights
11:15 a.m.–12 p.m. Transit and Picnic Lunch at Green Trails
12 p.m.–1 p.m. Green Trails Elementary School, 170 Portico Dr., Chesterfield
1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. The College School, 7825 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis
2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Maplewood Richmond Heights Middle School, 7539 Manchester Rd., Maplewood
4 p.m.–6 p.m. Reception and Discussion Panel, 7539 Manchester Rd., Maplewood

Thursday, October 25

8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m. W. W. Keysor Elementary, 725 N Geyer Rd., Kirkwood
10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. St. Louis University High School, 4970 Oakland Ave., St. Louis
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Crossroads College Preparatory School, 500 DeBaliviere Ave., St. Louis (includes
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch at Crossroads and transit
1:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m. Parkway North High School, 12860 Fee Fee Rd., St. Louis

To register for the tour, please go to www.missourigreenschools.org