

Tips for Purchasing Materials/Supplies

Tools and Materials

The quantity of each tool needed depends on the budget and the school's needs.

Consider number of students in lower and upper grade classes. It is recommended that there are enough tools for students to work in pairs.

- garden hoses, watering wand
- watering key
- watering cans
- wheelbarrows
- trowels
- shovels - adult and kid sized
- pitch forks
- digging forks
- bow rakes / leaf rakes
- hoes
- twine /string
- stakes
- buckets
- pruning shears
- spades
- tape measure
- wood
- soil
- compost
- bolts
- compost bin
- plants
- seeds/starts
- paint
- paintbrushes
- bamboo
- drip irrigation supplies (t-tape, poly-tubing)
- mulch

Acquiring Tools and Materials

- Donation ideas:
 - Parents and staff: Put wish lists in the community bulletin
 - Parent Groups (PTA, etc.)
 - Put wish lists in the local newspaper
 - Orchard Supply Hardware: \$25 worth of materials every three months
 - Wal-mart: \$50 gift card
 - Home Depot
 - Ace Hardware and other local hardware stores
 - East bay Nursery and other local nurseries
 - Stables - straw bales
 - Tree Companies - tree stumps and wood chips
 - www.craigslist.org
 - www.donorschoose.org
- Grants
For a list of grants to apply for go to:
www.csgn.org and click on "Grants and Fundraising" under Resources

Things to think about

- When calculating your soil/compost order, use the following formula to obtain Cubic Yardage. Soil/compost is ordered in Cubic Yards.

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(Length in feet)}} \times \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(Width in feet)}} \times \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(Depth in feet)}} = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{(Answer)}}$$

Divide the Answer by 27 = _____ Cubic Yards needed