

Compost Curriculum Resources

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KEEP IN MIND THESE RESOURCES OFTEN REFER TO ACTIVITIES SPECIFIC TO LOCATIONS WITH CLIMATES MUCH DIFFERENT THAN ALBUQUERQUE. EXPECT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS THAT CUSTOMIZE YOUR COMPOSTING EFFORTS TO OUR HIGH DESERT CLIMATE.

Composting for Teachers and Students | US Composting Council:

<http://compostingcouncil.org/composting-for-teachers-and-students/>

This is the site that covers it all, including most/all of the resources listed below

DO THE ROT THING A Teacher's Guide to Compost Activities:

http://www.cvswwmd.org/uploads/6/1/2/6/6126179/do_the_rot_thing_cvswwmd1.pdf

Life Lab: Composting Lesson Resources and Videos:

<http://www.lifelab.org/composting/composting-curriculum/>

School Composting: A Manual for Connecticut Schools:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/compost/compost_pdf/schmanual.pdf

Composting Across the Curriculum: A Teacher's Guide to Composting:

http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/mcstoppp/~/_media/Files/Departments/PW/mcstoppp/education/nov%202012/Composting%20Curriculum%20out%20of%20print.pdf

Cornell Composting: Composting in Schools

<http://compost.css.cornell.edu/schools.html>

This site has many resources for secondary students, including their online book: [Composting in the Classroom: Scientific Inquiry for High School Students](#), by Nancy Trautmann and Marianne Krasny, and a video, *It's Gotten Rotten*, designed to introduce high school students to the science of composting.

Let's Start Composting Curriculum: Cornell Waste Management Institute:

cwmi.css.cornell.edu/letsstart.pdf

Composting Education for Schools and Communities:

<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/solidwastecurriculum.htm>

Composting, Unit 3 of Closing the Loop K-3 Curriculum:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Education/curriculum/ctl/46module/unit3/unit3.pdf>

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The Edible Schoolyard Project, Compost Lab (Grade 6)

<https://edibleschoolyard.org/node/472>

This project is international and includes several schools in Albuquerque, the lesson references California state standards.

The Lunch Line with Recycling in Mind, Snohomish County [WA] Public Works:

<http://snohomishcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3768>

This is a list of resources, many of which relate to composting lesson plans and activities. Most seem to be oriented to elementary level, but some are secondary.

Eberwhite School Composting Program and Project Grow's Compost Education Center:

http://projectgrowgardens.org/uploads/media_items/aapsschoolgarden-bestpractices-composting-1.original.pdf

This is the summary/report of one Michigan elementary school's composting project

GROWING THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM: A Handbook on Gardening in Albuquerque Public Schools: www.aps.edu/coordinated-school-health/wellness/wellness-documents/ggt-handbook-sept-2014