



EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD NYC



How we help school communities thrive

Daily cooking and gardening classes taught by ESYNYC staff

Build and maintain school gardens

Extracurricular activities and special events including family cooking nights, open garden hours, afterschool programming, community farm stands, and more

We're Edible Schoolyard NYC

Founded in 2010, Edible Schoolyard NYC (ESYNYC) is a nonprofit organization on a mission to make edible education accessible for every child in NYC. We believe **edible education—where children experience hands-on cooking and gardening**—helps them gain the skills to contribute to a healthy and sustainable food system for us all.

Our programming reaches over **4,000** students in over **30** NYC schools each year, helping students to:



Foster healthy eating habits as they learn to like new fruits and vegetables



Develop social and emotional learning skills by working together, taking risks, and trying new things








Feel more connected to their school community, and learn about other cultures



Our Impact

During the 2024-25 school year:

-  We taught **1,167** edible education lessons
-  Over **1,766** pounds of produce was harvested from our school gardens
-  **92%** of parents & caregivers agreed their child was more interested in healthy foods
-  **91%** of students reported that working in the garden helped them understand where their food comes from
-  **85%** of teachers reported that ESYNYC helped their students understand at least one academic subject

“One of my students, who usually struggles to stay engaged in the classroom, lit up with excitement while planting seeds in the garden. He said 'I didn't know I could grow food.' This moment showed how powerful this experience can be for our kids.”

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