

HOUSTON CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS

SCHOOL GROUNDS AS GREEN SPACES BENEFITS

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Children have the right to connect with nature on their school grounds.

Green schoolyards can provide a safe space for children and adults to engage in social, outdoor activities and thus benefit from the increased access to nature.

🌿 A **study** found that students at schools with more tree cover performed better academically—especially if they came from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

🌿 Choices made by schools on how they create and manage their landscapes directly impacts whether younger generations will grow up in a concrete world or a green one.

🌿 Promotes imaginative and explorative play; and have therapeutic properties which help improve mental well-being and contribute to calmer children with decreased negative emotions



➡ Hear the **impact** of school grounds as green spaces from Houston youth.



➡ The **SPARK School Park Program** works with schools and neighborhoods to develop community parks on public school grounds.



➡ Do you want a **garden** at your child's school? Houston's Native Bees provides guidance on planning and implementation.



➡ **CCCN-Houston and Resilient School Communities** aims to convene partners who can help schools become more resilient and boost academic achievement, student engagement, and overall health.

