

# Curricular Connections

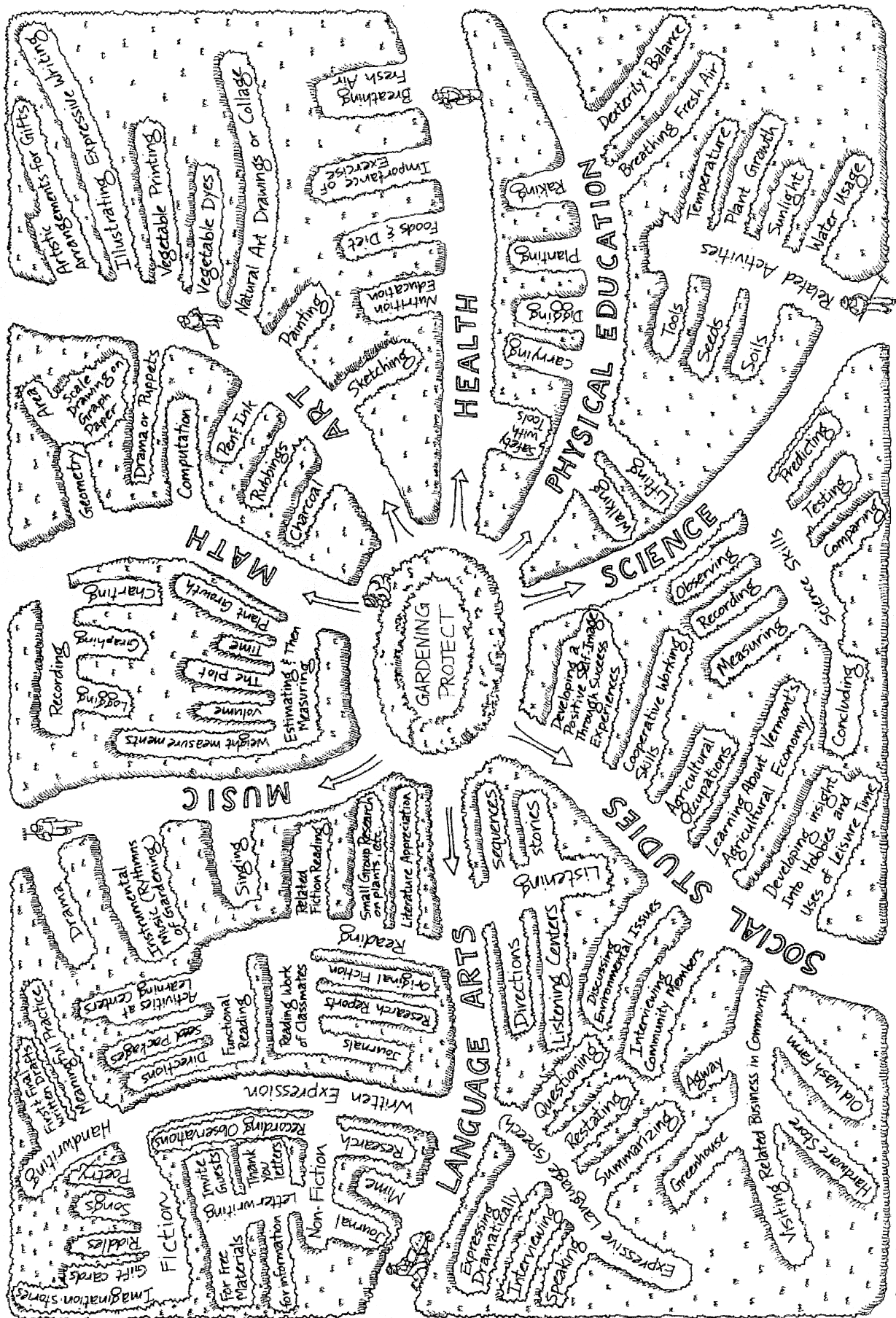


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## Overview of Garden-Based Learning Educational Resources

- **California State Content Standards** Download at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
- **Gardens for Learning** “Linking Gardens to School Curriculum” pages 20 – 28.
  - **Linking State Standards to your School Garden** – This supplement to *Gardens for Learning* developed by Agriculture in the Classroom links the activities listed in *Gardens for Learning* to California State Standards. This document is downloadable for free.
- **Garden Pathways Map** is a visual representation of ideas about all the directions curricular applications can take in the garden.
- **A Child’s Garden of Standards** published by California Department of Education is a useful online resource for teachers. It links activities from various garden-based learning teaching materials to the CA state content standards. It is downloadable for free.
- In addition to garden-based lessons, there are many children’s literature books relevant to gardening and life cycles. Agriculture in the Classroom has an extensive grade-specific list on their website.
- A few of our favorite garden-based teaching materials are listed below. For a searchable list of free online resources, visit the CSGN website ([www.csogn.org](http://www.csogn.org)).

Title	Grades	Availability; Cost	Description
<a href="#">The Growing Classroom</a>	2-6	\$39.95 from Life Lab	Comprehensive; easy to use; supports science and math
<a href="#">Twigs</a>	Elementary	\$25 from Cooperative Extension of San Mateo County	Very easy to use; great for primary; good connections to nutrition
<a href="#">Botany on Your Plate</a>	K-4	\$21.95 from National Gardening Association	Lessons with a horticultural approach to math, science and the arts
<a href="#">Math in the Garden</a>	K-8	\$29.95 from National Gardening Association	Grades K-8, Hands-on math activities in to use the garden
<a href="#">Life Lab Science</a>	K-5	\$79-\$189/grade level from Life Lab	Comprehensive K-5 garden-based science curriculum
<a href="#">Kids Cook Farm Fresh</a>	2-7	Free download	Seasonal recipes and information about crops, local farms and farmers
<a href="#">Harvest of the Month</a>	PreK-12	Free download	Activities and recipes focused around seasonal crops.
<a href="#">Nutrition to Grow On</a>	Upper Elementary	Free download	Nutrition in the garden.
<a href="#">WE Garden</a>	Elementary	Free download	10 garden-based science lessons



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# Educational Tie-Ins: Interview a Lesson

<b>Name of teaching material:</b>
<b>Name of activity:</b>
<b>Subject area, content standard and/or other learning objective:</b>
<b>Brief description of activity:</b>
<b>How could you integrate this activity into your existing curricula or lesson plans?</b>
<b>Extensions, cross-curricular connections, and/or any other ideas about this activity:</b>

# Educational Tie-Ins: Interview a Resource

<b>Name of teaching material:</b>
<b>Grade level(s):</b>
<b>Theme(s):</b>
<b>Connected to Content Standards? Which Ones?</b>
<b>Where is it Available? Cost?</b>
<b>What are your impressions? How could you integrate this resource with your existing curricula or lesson plans?</b>