Green Schools

Amigos de Los Rios has led green schoolyard transformations at over 16 schools across Southern California. Greening schoolyards provides climate friendly solutions to an outdated and oftentimes toxic asphalt blacktop schoolyard model. In addition to turning these “heat islands” into regenerative open play spaces and inviting learning institutes, green schoolyards significantly lower temperatures, capture stormwater and increase tree density and shade. The benefits of green schoolyards cannot be overstated; they provide proven physical and mental health benefits for students and teachers, promote better school attendance, academic engagement and stronger educational outcomes, as well as increased teacher retention and general wellbeing.

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THE BENEFITS OF GREENING SCHOOLS
HOW DO YOU "GREEN" A SCHOOL?

Minimize impervious surfaces and decrease water runoff

Build green infrastructure and increase water infiltration

Add trees and habitat that sequester carbon and fight climate change
GREEN SCHOOLS IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

STUDIES SHOW

improvement on test scores
increase in graduation rates
higher concentration & productivity
Green schools improve student health & wellness. Studies show:

- Improvement in stress recovery
- Help reduce symptoms of ADD & ADHD
- Alleviate mental fatigue