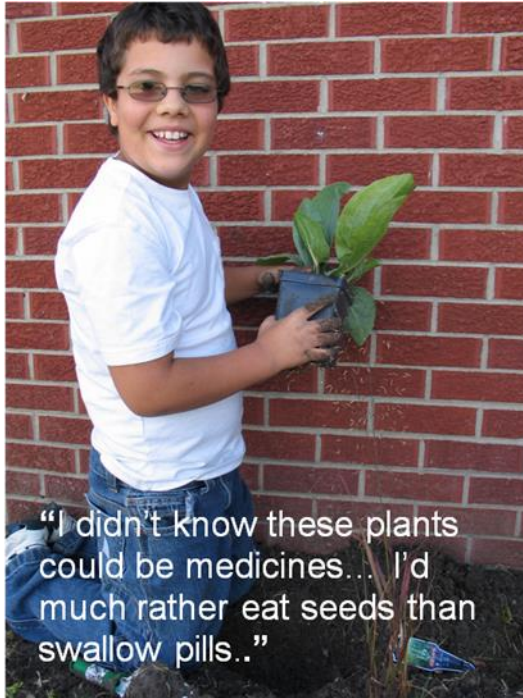


# Kansas Earth Partnership for Schools Has Been Facilitated by Dyck Arboretum of the Plains from 2006-Present

Entire schools – students, staff, and community members – can participate in changing their school grounds into a learning landscape.



Earth Partnership for Schools (EPS) is making its ever-growing mark in Kansas. The message is clear – get kids outside and in touch with their natural surroundings and teach them about the prairie and natural history of Kansas. To date, 351 teachers/educators from 101 schools/entities trained through summer and winter EPS Institutes at the Dyck Arboretum are becoming transformed by a unique curriculum. They regularly remark that this institute provides some of the most inspiring training they have ever received. These passionate educators are also passing this infectious energy along to their students by the thousands. Students learn about the prairie and its plant species, get dirty planting them on school grounds, enjoy the wildlife attracted to them, and so much more.



2007 EPS  
Summer  
Institute &  
Follow-up  
Winter  
Institute

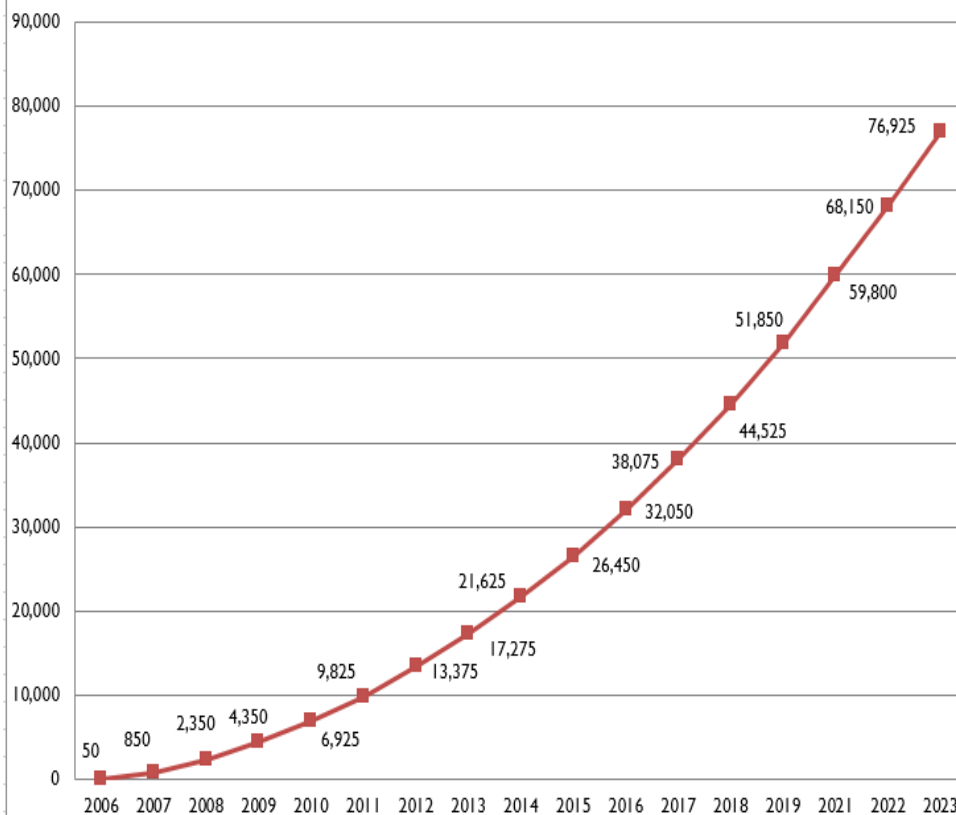
# EPS Impact in First Year

850 kids

31 Teachers



## # of Students Reached by Kansas EPS



## Continuing Impact...

If each teacher influences 25 students per year with EPS, teaches a new class each fall, and new teachers are trained each year, the cumulative reach of EPS in Kansas becomes staggering: 850 students in 2007 . . . and nearly 77,000 students in 2023. A “pyramid scheme” for ecological restoration? Let’s just call it the power of the prairie.

## Schools/Education Centers

### Partnering with Dyck Arboretum of the Plains

- Botanica (Wichita)
- Buckner Performing Arts & Science Magnet Elementary
- Butler County Community College
- Centre USD 397
- Chase County Elementary
- Cheney Middle
- Chisholm Middle (Newton)
- Christa McAuliffe K-8 Academy
- Coleman Middle (Wichita)
- Conway Springs High
- Cooper Early Ed Center (Newton)
- Council Grove Elementary
- Council Grove High
- Curtis Middle (Wichita)
- Dallas Arboretum
- Derby High
- Dodge Literacy Magnet Elementary (Wichita)
- Earhart Environmental Magnet (Wichita)
- El Dorado Middle
- Ellsworth High USD 327
- Erie-Galesburg USD 101
- Faith Lutheran (Wichita)
- Ferrell Ranch (Beaumont)
- Goddard High
- Goddard Middle
- Goessel Elementary
- Grassland Groupies
- Great Plains Nature Center (Wichita)
- Hamilton Elementary (Wichita)
- Haven Elementary
- Hesston Elementary
- Hesston Middle
- Hesston High
- Holy Cross Lutheran (Wichita)
- Horace Mann K-8 Dual Language (Wichita)
- Hutchinson Middle
- Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library (St. John)
- Irving Elementary (Winfield)
- Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary (Wichita)
- Junction City High
- Kairos Consulting and Counseling, LLC
- Kansas Wetlands Education Center
- Kennedy Elementary (Abilene)
- Lakewood Middle (Salina)
- Maize High
- Marion Middle
- McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary (Wichita)
- McPherson College/Washington Elementary
- McPherson Church of the Bretheran
- Mid-America All-Indian Center
- Minneha Core Knowledge Magnet Elementary (Wichita)
- Minneapolis Elementary
- Moundridge Middle
- Mulvane Middle
- Newton High
- Northridge Elementary



- Park Elementary (Wichita)
- Peabody-Burns Elementary
- Peterson Elementary (Wichita)
- Pilgrim Christian School (Hutchinson)
- Pius X High (Lincoln, NE)
- Pleasant Valley Elementary (Wichita)
- Prairie Elementary (Wichita)
- Prairie Hills Middle (Hutchinson)
- Pretty Prairie Elementary
- Pretty Prairie High
- Rainbows United (Wichita)
- R.L. Wright Elementary (Sedgwick)
- Reno County KSU Extension
- Reno Valley Middle (Hutchinson)
- Riverside Elementary Leadership Magnet (Wichita)
- Robinson Middle (Wichita)
- Roosevelt Elementary (McPherson)
- Sedgwick County Zoo (Wichita)
- Seltzer Elementary (Wichita)
- Service Valley Charter Academy (Parsons)
- Shawnee Heights Middle School (Topeka)
- Slate Creek Elementary (Newton)
- Smoky Valley Middle School (Lindsborg)
- South Breeze Elementary (Newton)
- South Hutchinson Elementary
- Southwest Elementary (Pratt)
- Spaght Multi-Media Magnet Elementary (Wichita)
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton PreK-8 (Wichita)
- St. John Elementary
- St. Margaret Mary's PreK-5 (Wichita)
- St. Mary's Catholic (Newton)
- Stafford Middle/High
- Stucky Middle (Wichita)
- Sunset Elementary (Newton)
- The Land Institute (Salina)
- Truesdell Middle (Wichita)
- Walton Rural Life Center Elementary
- Wichita Collegiate High
- Wichita North High
- Wichita NE Magnet High
- Wichita South High
- Wichita West High
- Windom Elementary
- Winfield High
- Yoder Charter

