



“Of all public spaces such as parks, pools and recreation centers, playgrounds are among the places where children are the most physically active.”

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



**EDUCATION. COLLABORATION. EQUITY. INNOVATION.**

**What is a Learning Landscape?**

Learning Landscape schoolyard-design reflects the unique culture and history of the people, the school, and the neighborhood it serves while providing opportunities for physical activity, socialization & creative play. The distinctive elements of Learning Landscape schoolyards include:

- Community gateways and gathering spaces
- Public art works
- Age-appropriate play equipment
- Grass playing fields
- Colorful structured & unstructured asphalt games
- Custom shade structures
- Vegetable gardens
- Habitat areas/nature play

On Learning Landscape schoolyards, students interact with educational elements such as fractions, historical timelines, common words, and quotes to help students learn as they play.



**DESIGN APPROACH**

To ensure innovation and affordability, Learning Landscape schoolyards are collaboratively designed by graduate students at the University of Colorado, College of Architecture and Planning, the school district, local elementary schools and communities. Elementary school students participate in the design process by creating drawings that illustrate their vision for a new playground.

We involve the community in all phases of development, building stewardship of the Learning Landscape. The many people participating in Learning Landscape projects sends the essential message to the children and families of each community: “We believe in you!”



**Our Impact**

- Every elementary Denver Public School yard (96) has been transformed into a vibrant & healthy play space.
- Learning Landscape schoolyards are neighborhood parks used by the community on weekends and afterschool.
- Learning Landscape schoolyards challenge the existing concept of traditional schoolyards.
- Studies show Learning Landscapes increase physical activity and socialization skills in children.

**For More Information**

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