ALFI has highlighted hardy low maintenance species perfect for the edible schoolyard. The following varieties ripen during the school year, many are self-fertile, and collectively will provide fruit from May-November. Eat well and create a vibrant edible learning garden at your school. (P) = needs a partner for cross-pollination.

Use fresh fruit in taste tests or when making class smoothies. Supply fruits and berries to visiting chefs during programs. Collect berries for bake sale fundraisers. Use the orchard in your curriculum anytime, just go outside! Farm to School resources and best practices are included below.

**Edible Schoolyard Favorites:**

Plum tree (P)  
Muscadine vine  
Goji Berry bush  
Raspberry vine  
Blueberry bush (P)  

Apple tree (P)  
Fig tree  
Persimmon tree  
Pomegranate tree

**The Mini Orchard**

These 3 trees are essential for school orchards. All are self-fertile and will offer fruit each season. Expect spring flowers, summer/fall fruits, and attractive fall colors too.

Serviceberry tree  
Fig tree  
Persimmon tree
Back to School Orchard

Want fruit on the first day of school? These varieties feature late summer/fall fruits ready from the first day of school until first frost. These species will provide fresh fruit for school taste tests, visiting chefs, and school snack.

- Plum tree (P)
- Muscadine vine
- Raspberry vine
- Apple tree (P)
- Fig tree
- Persimmon tree
- Pomegranate tree

The Fence Orchard

Fences and trellis are needed for these varieties. Why not put that fence to work at your school to grow delicious healthy food?

- Raspberry vine
- Muscadine vine
- Kiwi vine (requires one male plant per 8 female plants for pollination)

Summer School Orchard

From May until September a bounty of fruit is available for summer school students and the community at large.

- Nectarines tree
- Pear tree (P)
- Plum tree (P)
- Fig tree