



# Atlanta Local Food Initiative (ALFI) School Orchard Project

## *Recommended School Orchard Trees and Orchard Packages*

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)**

Apple tree **(P)**

Muscadine vine

Fig tree

Goji Berry bush

Persimmon tree

Raspberry vine

Pomegranate tree

Blueberry bush **(P)**

### **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



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### **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)**

Fig tree

Muscadine vine

Persimmon tree

Raspberry vine

Pomegranate tree

Apple tree **(P)**

### **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