

## *Planting Trees on a School Campus*

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We are always excited to help people plant trees on their local school campuses using the Urban Forest Grant (UFG). Here are some important tips to consider as you think about your application:

- Tree plantings should be planned for late fall and winter. Plan your project around that time frame.
- Irrigation! Trees need water in order to survive after being planted. An important part of your proposal should include irrigation. If deemed appropriate for the project, the UFG can pay to have irrigation lines installed.
- Get the kids and community involved. We love to see the kids out there helping to put the trees in the ground and take care of them afterwards. Plan a tree-planting event where everyone at the school can help. Volunteer help is considered in-kind contribution to the project.
- If possible, apply on behalf of (or in conjunction with) the school PTA or the local neighborhood association. We prefer to see applications from groups of folks that support the project.
- Before you start on your application, first contact the AISD forester to discuss your idea. This will help to guide your project in the right direction for appropriate species selection, placement, utilities and other considerations.
- Be sure your project has approval of the Austin Independent School District [Schoolyard Improvement committee](#)



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