

MCPS-Approved Plants for Schools

Pereennials:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Amsonia hubrichtii</i> , <i>A. tabernaemontana</i>	Blue Star Flower
<i>Asarum canadense</i>	Canadian Wildginger
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterflyweed
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed
<i>Aster</i> spp. & hybrids	Aster
<i>Aster divaricatus</i>	White Wood Aster
<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster
<i>Aster novi-belgii</i>	New York Aster
<i>Baptisia</i> spp. & hybrids	False or Wild Indigo
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	Green-and-Gold
<i>Coreopsis</i> spp. & hybrids	Tickseed
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Eastern Purple Coneflower
<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i> , <i>Eupatorium dubium</i>	Joe Pye Weed
<i>Heuchera</i> spp. & hybrids	Coralbells
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i>	Common Mallow
<i>Iris versicolor</i> , <i>Iris fulva</i> , <i>Iris hexagona</i> , <i>Iris virginiana</i> , <i>Iris X LA Hybrid</i> , <i>German Iris</i> and <i>Iris cristata</i>	Iris (various)
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Spike Gayfeather
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great Blue Lobelia
<i>Monarda</i> spp. & hybrids	Beebalm
<i>Penstemon</i> spp. & hybrids	Beardtongue
<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Wild Blue Phlox
<i>Phlox stolonifera</i>	Creeping Phlox
<i>Phlox subulata</i>	Moss Phlox
<i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	Obedient Plant
<i>Solidago</i> spp. & hybrids	Goldenrod
<i>Tiarella</i> spp. & hybrids	Foamflower
<i>Rudbeckia</i> spp. & hybrids	Black-eyed Susan or Orange Coneflower
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain
<i>Vernonia</i> spp. & hybrids	Ironweed

Ferns:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Northern Maidenhair Fern
<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>	Northern Lady Fern
<i>Dryopteris marginalis</i>	Marginal Woodfern
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern
<i>Osmunda regalis</i>	Royal Fern
<i>Osmunda cinnomonea</i>	Cinnamon Fern
<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>	Christmas Fern

Grasses & Grass Like Plants:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Big Bluestem
<i>Calamagrostis X acutiflora</i> 'Karl Foerster'	Feather Reed Grass
<i>Carex morrowii</i> 'Ice Dance'	Ice Dance Carex
<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Sedge
<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i>	Purple Lovegrass
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Common or Soft Rush
<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>	Pink Muhly Grass
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Switchgrass
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indiangrass
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	Northern Sea Oats

Shrubs:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Abelia X grandiflora</i> 'Little Richard'	Little Richard Abelia
<i>Alnus serrulata</i>	Smooth Alder
<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Carolina Allspice
<i>Camellia sasanqua</i>	Camellia
<i>Ceanothus herbaceus</i>	Jersey tea
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i> 'Hummingbird', 'Ruby Spice', 'Sixteen Candles'	Summersweet
<i>Comptonia peregrina</i>	Sweetfern
<i>Cornus amomum</i> , <i>Cornus sericea</i>	Shrub-type Dogwood
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American Filbert
<i>Fothergilla gardenii</i> 'Blue Mist', 'Jane Platt', 'Appalachia'	Dwarf Fothergilla
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> 'Annabelle', 'Invincibelle', 'Incrediball'	Smooth Hydrangea

<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Pee Wee', Vaughn's Lily', 'Alice', 'Ruby Slippers'	Oakleaf Hydrangea
<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Shamrock' or 'Densa'	Inkberry
<i>Ilex opaca</i> 'Maryland Dwarf'	Dwarf American Holly
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry
<i>Itea virginica</i> 'Henry's Garnet' or 'Little Henry' or 'Merlot'	Virginia Sweetspire
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	Creeping Juniper
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia
<i>Morella (Myrica) pennsylvanica</i>	Bayberry
<i>Photinia arbutifolia (Aronia arbutifolia)</i>	Red Chokecherry
<i>Photinia melanocarpa (Aronia melanocarpa)</i>	Black Chokecherry
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Cherry Laurel, English Laurel
<i>Rhododendron</i> spp.	Rhododendron species
<i>Rhus aromatica</i>	Fragrant Sumac
<i>Rubus</i> spp.	Native Brambles
<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	American Elderberry
<i>Vaccinium</i> spp.	Blueberry
<i>Viburnum</i> spp.	Viburnums
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i>	Mapleleaf Viburnum
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum
<i>Viburnum nudum</i>	Smooth Witherod
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum

Vines:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	Dutchman's Pipe
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Crossvine
<i>Campsis radicans</i>	Trumpet Creeper
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	American Bittersweet
<i>Hydrangea anomala petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i>	Trumpet Honeysuckle
<i>Passiflora</i> spp. & hybrids	Passionvine
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	American Wisteria

Trees:

Botanical Name	Common Name
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Silver Maple
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple
<i>Asimina triloba</i>	Common Pawpaw
<i>Amelanchier</i> spp. (arborea, canadensis, laevis)	Serviceberry

Betula nigra 'Dura-Heat', 'Heritage'
Carpinus caroliniana
Celtis occidentalis
Cercis canadensis
Chionanthus virginicus
Cornus florida
Fagus grandifolia
Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis
Gymnocladus dioicus
Halesia carolina
Hamamelis spp.
Ilex opaca
Juniperus virginiana
Liquidambar styraciflua
Magnolia grandiflora
Nyssa sylvatica
Ostrya virginiana
Pinus strobus
Platanus occidentalis
Ptelea trifoliata
Quercus spp. & hybrids Q. alba, Q. rubra,
Q falcata preferred
Salix nigra
Taxodium distichum
Thuja occidentalis
Thuja plicata
Tilia americana

River Birch
American Hornbeam
Common Hackberry
Eastern Redbud
White Fringetree
Flowering Dogwood
American Beech
Thornless Common Honeylocust
Kentucky Coffee Tree
Carolina Silverbell
Witchhazel
American Holly
Eastern Redcedar
American Sweetgum
Southern Magnolia
Black Tupelo
Eastern Hophornbeam
Eastern White Pine
American Sycamore
Hop tree
Oaks

Black Willow
Baldcypress
Eastern Arborvitae
Western Redcedar
American Basswood