



Every Schoolyard is a Classroom

We are incredibly grateful to the NM Outdoor Recreation Division's Outdoor Equity Fund for supporting this program!

Together, we are one step closer towards outdoor equity through daily outdoor learning!



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Program Overview

Growing Outdoor Leaders for Change is a multi-month program that supports elementary educators and students in bringing daily outdoor learning to their schoolyards through leadership, sustainability projects, and community connection.



15 educators. 300+ students. multiple schools



5,000+ outdoor learning experiences



**Daily outdoor learning—
not a field trip, but every day**



**Student-led projects
transforming schoolyards**

Building a statewide model for outdoor learning in New Mexico.

**More information about this program
and registration at: totalnm.org**

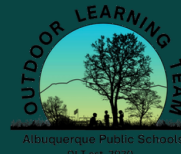


GROWING OUTDOOR LEADERS FOR CHANGE: TRANSFORMING SCHOOLYARDS FOR DAILY LEARNING



***Empowering students as leaders
through outdoor learning,
connection, and community.***

In collaboration with TOTAL NM, APS Outdoor Learning Team & UNM Evaluation Team.



What Participants Gain

Students:

- Build leadership and confidence through real-world projects
- Strengthen connection to land, community, and culture
- Engage in hands-on, place-based learning across subjects
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills

Educators:

- Access ongoing professional development and support
- Gain practical tools to integrate outdoor learning daily
- Receive coaching and collaboration throughout the program
- Leave with a sustainable framework for long-term impact

Timeframe:

October 2026 -April 2027

How it Works

Program Highlights:

- Implements the NM Outdoor Classrooms Framework
- Centers equity by partnering with Title I schools
- Provides monthly educator workshops + coaching
- Integrates outdoor learning across core academic subjects
- **Culminates in a Community Outdoor Learning Festival**
- **Contributes to a statewide model for daily outdoor learning**

\$900 Stipends

Upon completion of the program

Interested??

Are you a PreK-5th grade teacher at APS WHO:

- ✓ **New to outdoor learning** and are looking to grow leadership skills?
- ✓ Works at an APS TITLE 1 elementary school, teaches all different learners, bi-lingual educator
- ✓ Wants to have supports to take students outside to learn every day?
- ✓ Ready to create change and build a sustainable plan... then

Registration FORM

To register: Fill out the Registration form by clicking the above link or follow link below.

Questions? Email info@totalnm.org

Application info available at: totalnm.org

Applications OPEN August 4th -30th 2026

