

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Ornamental **perennial** grasses **may** be used **with the approval** of the Division of Plant Operations prior to planting.

## TURF GRASSES

**Turf-type** Fescues shall be used on all schools grounds with the exception of athletic fields. **Perennial** Rye grasses may only be used on fields with irrigation systems.

## HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES

All chemicals used on schools grounds must be applied by a certified and licensed applicator. No restricted chemicals may be applied to school grounds without written notice and approval by the Fayette County Public Schools Division of Plant Operations.



## **NOTICE!**

Schools and their various support groups that want to propagate plants on school property must provide a **landscape plan** to the Division of Plant Operations for approval prior to planting. This plan must include a list of all approved plant materials, their location on the grounds and a maintenance plan for the life of the plant material.



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## **ACCEPTED LANDSCAPE & PLANT MATERIALS LIST**



# FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LANDSCAPE PLANT MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Trees, shrubs, groundcovers or any other landscaping shall be kept safe for children and be low-maintenance.

Only dwarf or ornamental trees shall be planted within 50' of any school building or any other permanent structure; trees that will reach heights above 20' shall be at least 50' from any building, this is due to potential gutter and structural damage.

Trees and shrubs with thorns shall not be planted. Examples include Hawthorn—*Crataegus species*, Black Locust—*Robinia species*, and Barberry—*Berberis species*.

Tree and shrubs with poisonous leaves, stems, fruits or berries shall not be used including Yew—*Taxus species*.

Trees bearing large or high quantities of fruit shall not be planted. This includes Plum, Peach, Pear, Cherry, all *Malus* species.

Only trees and shrubs that are suitable for the central Kentucky climate shall be installed. Central Kentucky hardiness Zones are 6a and 6b, as determined by USDA. Additional zones 5 and 4 may be deemed acceptable.

Trees and shrubs over 3' tall at maturity shall not be planted any closer than 10' from the buildings or sidewalks.

Courtyards or areas that are surrounded by any structure shall be kept to a bare minimum of trees and shrubs and when used shall only be small or dwarfed varieties.

All shade trees shall have a single stem, unless stated otherwise—ornamental trees may vary.

Hedges must consist of dwarf shrubs with a maximum mature height and width of 3'-5'.

Perennials that can reproduce by seed and are considered invasive or noxious shall not be planted.

## SHADE TREES

Maple species—*Acer* spp. [Excludes:  
Box Elder—*A. negundo*,  
Silver Maple—*A. saccharinum*]

American Yellowwood—*Cladrastis kentuckea*

Basswood/Linden—*Tilia* spp.

American Linden—*T. Americana*,  
Littleleaf Linden—*T. cordata*

Beech species—*Fagus* spp. (Includes:  
American—*F. grandifolia*  
European—*F. sylvatica*)

Kentucky Coffeetree—*Gymnocladus dioica*

American Sweetgum—*Liquidambar styraciflua*

Oak species—*Quercus* spp. (Includes:

Sawtooth Oak—*Q. acutissima*,  
White Oak—*Q. alba*,  
Swamp White Oak—*Q. bicolor*,  
Bur Oak—*Q. macrocarpa*)

[Excludes Pin Oak—*Q. palustris*]

Baldcypress—*Taxodium distichum*

(Preferable in wet/moist, areas at  
least 60' from any structure)

Chinese Elm—*Ulmus parvifolia*

Blackgum—*Nyssa sylvatica*

Hornbeam—*Carpinus* Spp.

American Hornbeam—*C. caroliniana*,  
European Hornbeam—*C. betulus*

Goldenraintree—*Koelreuteria paniculata*

Ginkgo—*Ginkgo biloba* [Male trees only]



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Redbud species—*Cercis* spp. (Includes:

Eastern—*C. canadensis* (various cultivars),  
Chinese—*C. chinensis*)

White Fringetree—*Chionanthus virginicus*

Dogwood—*Cornus* spp. (Includes:

Korean/Kousa—*C. kousa*,  
Corneliancherry—*C. mas*)

Holly—*Ilex* spp. (Includes:

Foster Holly—*I. attenuata* 'Foster's #2',  
American Holly—*I. opaca*)

Witchhazel—*Hamamelis* spp. (May be multi-stemmed)

Magnolia—*Magnolia* spp. [Those zoned for Kentucky;  
USDA Zones 6a & 6b]

Sourwood—*Oxydendrum arboreum*

Japanese Maple—*Acer palmatum*

Japanese Tree Lilac—*Syringa reticulata*

## EVERGREEN TREES

Pine—*Pinus* spp. (Includes:

Limber—*P. flexilis*,  
Eastern White—*P. Strobus*,  
Lacebark—*P. bungeana*)

[Excludes: Scotch—*P. sylvestris*]

Spruce—*Picea* spp. (Includes:

Norway—*P. abies*,  
Serbian—*P. omorika*,  
Oriental—*P. orientalis*,  
Colorado Blue—*P. pungens*)

Arborvitae—*Thuja* spp. (Includes:

Green Giant—*T. plicata* 'Green Giant',  
Emerald—*T. occidentalis* 'Smaragd')

Leyland Cypress—*x Cupressocyparis leylandii*

## SHRUBS

Boxwood—*Buxus* spp.

Bottle Brush Buckeye—*Aesculus parviflora*

Butterfly Bush—*Buddleia davidii*

Falsecypress—*Chamaecyparis* spp.

[Shrub types only]

Burning Bush—*Euonymus alatus* (dwarf forms only)

Forsythia—*Forsythia* spp. [Dwarf var. only]

*F. x intermedia* 'Mini gold'

*F. x 'Arnold Dwarf'*

Hydrangea—*Hydrangea* spp.

Holly—*Ilex* spp. (Includes:

Winterberry—*I. verticillata* (dioecious),  
Inkberry Holly—*I. glabra*,  
Possumhaw—*I. decidua* (7'-15' tall))

Heavenly Bamboo—*Nandina domestica* cvs.

Fragrant Sumac—*Rhus aromatica* cvs.

Viburnum—*Viburnum* spp. [Excludes:

Leatherleaf—*V. rhytidophyllum*,  
Judd—*V. x juddii*]

Buttonbush—*Cephalanthus occidentalis*

Northern Bayberry—*Myrica pensylvanica*

