





### Field Experiences

-  Promotes environmentally responsible behaviors (Zint et al. 2002).
-  Narrows the achievement gap in young people from low-income and high-income families (National Research Council, 2015).



 **At least one experience annually**

### Green School Activities

-  Leads to positive effects on critical thinking and lifelong learning (Kilgo, Ezell Sheets, & Pascarella, 2015).
-  Greener schools are healthier schools, which can result in reduced absenteeism, especially for asthma related absences, the leading cause of absenteeism (Gordon, 2010).

 **At least once a week**

### Outdoor Classrooms

-  Outdoor classrooms refuel students for learning when they return to their regular classrooms (Kuo, Browning, & Penner, 2018).
-  Students who learn in outdoor settings become better thinkers (O'Brien & Adam, 2016).

 **Every day**

### Coordination & Support

Complement investments in outdoor classrooms, field experiences, and green schools practices by creating or expanding additional staffing resources to support effective implementation of outdoor and environmental education.