

Purpose & Description

- gateway marks a clear transition from the schoolyard recess or play space - **slowing the pace upon entering the outdoor classroom**
- a gateway designed so the user needs to change behavior, perhaps squeeze through to enter, provides a unique kinesthetic cue that one is

- entering into a special place. (see seed pod shape gateways below)
- **surrounding fence defines the outdoor classroom** as special place for teaching and learning, and a unique living habitat in need of care and protection
- all outdoor classrooms are fully enclosed by fencing:
 - 1) to safely contain student

- activities - class management 2) to protect site & plant materials from vandalism & outside activity, and prevent use by dogs
- provide gate with **provision to be locked as needed** - to signal value and control unwanted uses
- a **signature gateway** created by an artist provides unique identity for the outdoor classroom

Design Checklist

- special main entrance gateway
- lockable gate option (during out of school time, or recess if needed)
- fully fenced area (consider appropriate height)
- safety considerations - protection students from vehicular areas (bollards)
- consider integration of gateway with existing perimeter fence
- reflect educational themes - utilize a range of natural and people made materials
- opportunity for gateway artwork project - aesthetically pleasing, whimsical, unique
- material choice: functional, durable and sustainable (use heavy gage fence posts, connectors, locust wood, etc.)
- does gateway slow pace?

Illustrations



seed gate: 5'-1" high x 27" wide, swings open for full access if needed



seedpod gate: child scale 5'-2" high opening, gate swings open for full access (w/secondary lockable gate)



entrance gate - natural log pole with machine milled wood (within a locked schoolyard) flags denote OC / SY boundary (w/ log boundary fence)



outdoor classroom - fully enclosed by black coated chain link fence (48" h) with custom entrance gateway (lockable)



boundary fence: visually minimal welded steel wire, 36" high



Secondary access gate into OC (lockable)