

# Green Profile: Colfax (K-8)

Colfax (K-8) is home to an outdoor classroom, edible raised-bed garden, and numerous species of shrubs and perennials.

7 different species of shrubs grace the perimeter of Colfax. Some of these varieties include:

*'Glowing Ember' hydrangea*

*'Autumn Jazz' arrowwood viburnum*

*'Emerald Sentinal' juniper*

**Number of plants planted:**

84 Shrubs

30 Perennials



## About the Green Profile

Funded by the Grable Foundation, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's School Grounds Greening Project brings children closer to nature by enhancing the grounds of Pittsburgh Public Schools with greenery and outdoor green spaces.

The *Green Profile* is a fact sheet that highlights the projects WPC has completed at each of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.



## The Benefits of Greening



### Educational Benefits

Colfax's outdoor classroom provides students with the opportunity to learn in a beautiful, open-air setting. Comprised of natural stone benches encircled by 'Winter Gem' boxwood shrubs, the space is ideal for teachers to hold self-directed reading time or outdoor science labs, or to teach lessons of any kind.

Next to the 'classroom' lies a raised-bed food garden, created through Grow Pittsburgh's Edible Schoolyard initiative. The garden is an excellent educational tool, useful for teaching students about their food's source and for instilling healthy eating habits.



### Beautification

A variety of flowering and evergreen shrubs adorn the front of Colfax. Arborvitae and viburnum shrubs add a deep green contrast to the school's red brick wall. In the spring and summer, the 'Glowing Ember' hydrangea boast bold crimson flowers while the mountain laurel produce soft white and pinkish-white blossoms.

