

Kravey Gardens Educational Services

Faith-Based Agricultural Education

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Welcome

Welcome to Kravey Gardens Educational Services!

We are honored that you are considering partnering with us to provide meaningful, hands-on educational experiences rooted in God's creation.

Since November 1, 2018, Kravey Gardens has been committed to cultivating more than fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers—we cultivate curiosity, confidence, stewardship, healthy living, and a deeper appreciation for the Creator through experiential learning.

Our educational services provide students with opportunities to discover how food is grown, understand the interconnectedness of creation, develop practical life skills, and explore the beauty of God's design through agriculture, nutrition, environmental science, and stewardship.

Every lesson is intentionally designed to encourage exploration, critical thinking, responsibility, teamwork, and creativity while fostering gratitude for God's abundant provision.

Whether students are planting their first seed, harvesting fresh produce, preparing healthy meals, or learning sustainable gardening practices, our goal is to inspire lifelong learners who understand the value of caring for God's creation and serving others through their gifts.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of being part of your educational journey.

We look forward to cultivating a lifelong love of learning with your family!

With gratitude,

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About Kravey Gardens

Kravey Gardens Educational Services is a faith-based agricultural education program dedicated to connecting students with God's creation through meaningful, hands-on learning experiences.

Founded on November 1, 2018, by Davey and Krystal Misola, Kravey Gardens began with a simple vision: to grow healthy food, strengthen families, and cultivate a greater appreciation for God's provision through sustainable agriculture and education.

What started as a small urban farming endeavor has grown into an educational ministry that teaches children and families practical gardening skills, nutrition, environmental stewardship, and life-long habits that promote health, responsibility, and service.

Our educational programs are designed to complement home education, private education, community learning environments, and enrichment programs by providing engaging experiences that integrate science, agriculture, nutrition, biblical principles, and practical life skills.

Students learn by doing.

Rather than simply reading about plants, ecosystems, or nutrition, students actively participate in planting, cultivating, harvesting, preparing, and enjoying the food they grow while discovering the incredible design woven throughout God's creation.

Every lesson seeks to inspire curiosity, encourage stewardship, develop confidence, and cultivate gratitude for the many blessings God has entrusted to us.

At Kravey Gardens, we believe education flourishes when students can see, touch, taste, build, create, and experience the lessons they are learning.

Our Story

Kravey Gardens was founded on November 1, 2018, from a shared passion for growing healthy food, strengthening families, and honoring God through faithful stewardship of His creation.

As lifelong learners with backgrounds in healthcare, leadership, and holistic wellness, we recognized a growing disconnect between families and the food they eat. Many children had never planted a seed, harvested fresh produce, or experienced the joy of growing food with their own hands. We felt called to help bridge that gap by creating opportunities for families to reconnect with God's creation through gardening, nutrition, and hands-on education.

What began as an urban farming venture quickly grew into something much greater. Families weren't just interested in purchasing fresh produce—they wanted to learn how to grow it themselves. They wanted their children to understand where food comes from, why healthy soil, how plants grow, and how caring for creation reflects biblical stewardship.

Today, Kravey Gardens Educational Services partners with homeschool families, private educational programs, churches, community organizations, and scholarship-supported students to provide engaging educational experiences rooted in God's creation.

As our educational programs grew, so did our vision. We recognized that the greatest lessons cultivated in the garden extend far beyond planting seeds. Every experience became an opportunity to help students grow spiritually, academically, physically, and personally.

This realization became the foundation of **The Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens**—the educational framework that guides every lesson, activity, and learning experience we provide.

Faith

Rooted in God's Word and His design for creation, students discover biblical truths through the wonders of nature while developing gratitude, stewardship, compassion, and a deeper relationship with their Creator.

Farming

Students develop practical agricultural knowledge through hands-on experiences in gardening, regenerative and sustainable growing practices, soil health, plant science, environmental stewardship, and caring for God's creation.

Food

From Soil-to-Table Learning, students discover how healthy soil produces nourishing food and how God's provision supports healthy bodies, families, and communities. Lessons incorporate

whole-food nutrition, healthy living, food preparation, and an appreciation for the connection between agriculture and wellness.

Formation

Every educational experience intentionally cultivates character alongside knowledge. Students develop responsibility, confidence, perseverance, leadership, teamwork, integrity, servant-heartedness, and practical life skills that prepare them to flourish both inside and outside the classroom.

Together, these four pillars provide the foundation for every educational service offered through Kravey Gardens. Our goal is not simply to teach students how to grow a garden—we seek to cultivate faithful stewards, lifelong learners, healthy families, and compassionate leaders who recognize God's purpose in every seed planted and every life they touch.

Mission

Our mission is to cultivate healthy families and lifelong learners by providing faith-based agricultural education through the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation**. Through meaningful, hands-on learning experiences, we inspire students to grow in their knowledge of God's creation, develop practical life skills, embrace healthy living, and cultivate Christ-like character as faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to them.

Vision

Our vision is to inspire a generation of faithful stewards who know God, care for His creation, nourish their bodies with wisdom, and positively impact their families and communities. Through the Four Pillars of Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation, we seek to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and character to flourish academically, physically, spiritually, and personally.

Core Values

At Kravey Gardens, every educational experience is guided by the following core values:

Faith

We recognize God as the Creator of all life and seek to honor Him through the responsible care of His creation.

Stewardship

Students learn to care for the earth, use resources wisely, and appreciate the responsibility that comes with cultivating and protecting God's creation.

Hands-On Learning

We believe students learn best through active participation, exploration, observation, and real-world experiences.

Health & Wellness

We encourage healthy lifestyles by teaching students about nutrition, whole foods, physical activity, and caring for the bodies God has given us.

Curiosity

We foster a love of learning by encouraging students to ask questions, investigate God's creation, and discover how the natural world works.

Community

We believe learning is strengthened through collaboration, service, encouragement, and meaningful relationships with others.

Excellence

We strive to provide high-quality educational experiences that encourage students to develop confidence, responsibility, and integrity.

Statement of Faith

Kravey Gardens Educational Services is founded upon a biblical worldview that recognizes God as the Creator and Sustainer of all life.

We believe that creation reveals God's wisdom, creativity, order, and faithfulness. Through agriculture and stewardship, students have opportunities to witness firsthand the beauty and complexity of God's design while developing gratitude for His provision.

Our educational programs encourage biblical character, servant leadership, responsibility, kindness, honesty, perseverance, and respect for others. While students from all backgrounds are welcome to participate, our instruction reflects Christian values and incorporates biblical principles that support stewardship, compassion, integrity, and thankfulness.

We seek to create a welcoming environment where every student is treated with dignity, encouraged to grow in confidence, and inspired to appreciate both the Creator and His creation.

Educational Philosophy

At Kravey Gardens, we believe education is most effective when students actively engage with the world around them.

Rather than relying solely on textbooks or lectures, students participate in authentic learning experiences that encourage observation, discovery, experimentation, collaboration, and critical thinking. Gardening provides a unique classroom where science, mathematics, nutrition, environmental stewardship, entrepreneurship, and life skills naturally intersect.

Our instructional approach emphasizes inquiry-based learning, hands-on exploration, and age-appropriate experiences that encourage curiosity while helping students make meaningful connections between academic concepts and everyday life.

We recognize that every child learns differently. Therefore, our educational activities are intentionally designed to accommodate a variety of learning styles through visual demonstrations, hands-on participation, discussion, observation, reflection, and practical application.

Most importantly, we believe that learning should inspire wonder. Every lesson is an opportunity for students to discover God's incredible design, develop practical skills, strengthen their confidence, and cultivate a lifelong appreciation for healthy living, environmental stewardship, and service to others.

Educational Services Overview

Kravey Gardens Educational Services provides faith-based, hands-on educational experiences that inspire students to explore God's creation while developing practical knowledge, critical thinking skills, healthy habits, and lifelong stewardship.

Our educational services are designed to complement home education, private education, scholarship-supported educational programs, homeschool cooperatives, community organizations, churches, and enrichment programs. Each educational offering emphasizes experiential learning, allowing students to actively participate in meaningful activities that reinforce academic concepts through real-world application.

Rather than focusing solely on gardening techniques, our educational approach integrates multiple disciplines—including agriculture, horticulture, botany, environmental science, nutrition, culinary skills, STEM, entrepreneurship, and biblical stewardship—creating rich learning experiences that engage the whole child.

Educational services may be offered as semester-long courses, short-term workshops, enrichment classes, camps, demonstrations, field experiences, or customized educational programs based on the needs of participating families and organizations.

Types of Educational Services

Kravey Gardens Educational Services offers a variety of educational opportunities designed to meet the needs of diverse learners and educational settings. Service offerings may include:

- Faith-based gardening and horticulture education
- Agricultural science and plant biology
- Nutrition and healthy cooking instruction
- From Soil-to-Table learning experiences
- Environmental stewardship
- Composting and soil science
- Pollinator and ecosystem studies
- Seed starting and plant propagation
- Seasonal gardening projects
- Nature-based STEM activities
- Outdoor education
- Entrepreneurship through agriculture
- Food preservation and sustainable living
- Family workshops and community education
- Customized educational enrichment programs

Specific course offerings may vary throughout the year based on seasonal growing conditions, student age, educational goals, and program partnerships.

Educational Approach

Kravey Gardens believes meaningful education occurs when students actively participate in the learning process.

Each lesson encourages students to ask questions, investigate, observe, experiment, create, and reflect. Students are given opportunities to solve problems, collaborate with others, and make connections between classroom concepts and everyday life.

Instruction emphasizes:

- Hands-on learning
- Inquiry-based exploration
- Project-based experiences
- Observation and discovery
- Real-world application
- Age-appropriate instruction
- Character development
- Biblical stewardship

This approach encourages students to become confident learners who understand not only how things work, but why they matter.

Teaching Methodology

Instruction at Kravey Gardens follows an experiential learning model that combines teacher-guided instruction with active student participation.

Lessons may include:

- Interactive discussions
- Demonstrations
- Hands-on gardening activities
- Scientific observation
- Nature journaling
- Group collaboration
- Individual exploration
- Reflection and discussion
- Healthy food preparation
- Practical skill development

Students are encouraged to learn through doing while developing independence, responsibility, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

Instruction is intentionally flexible to accommodate varying ages, learning styles, developmental abilities, and educational backgrounds.

Learning Environment

Kravey Gardens provides a safe, engaging, and welcoming educational environment where curiosity is encouraged and students are empowered to learn through exploration.

Learning experiences may occur in a variety of settings including:

- Outdoor gardens
- Raised garden beds
- Greenhouse environments
- Demonstration gardens
- Community gardens
- Classroom settings
- Outdoor classrooms
- Educational farms
- Partner educational facilities
- Community organizations
- Homeschool cooperatives

Students are encouraged to respectfully engage with the natural environment while practicing responsibility, teamwork, stewardship, and gratitude.

Age Groups Served

Educational programming is designed for students in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Instruction is adapted to meet the developmental needs, learning abilities, and educational goals of each participating group.

Activities are appropriately modified to ensure students experience success while being challenged to grow in knowledge, confidence, and practical skills.

Family education opportunities and multi-age learning experiences may also be offered when appropriate.

Program Highlights

Kravey Gardens Educational Services provides engaging, faith-based educational experiences that encourage students to explore, discover, and grow through meaningful hands-on learning. Every program is thoughtfully designed to support academic enrichment, personal development, and biblical stewardship while creating memorable learning experiences in God's creation.

Faith-Based Learning

Biblical principles are thoughtfully integrated throughout instruction, encouraging students to recognize God's wisdom, creativity, and provision while developing a heart for stewardship, gratitude, and service.

Hands-On, Experiential Education

Students actively participate in planting, cultivating, harvesting, observing, experimenting, creating, and problem-solving. Learning extends beyond the classroom through meaningful real-world experiences.

Cross-Curricular Instruction

Educational activities naturally integrate concepts from multiple subject areas, including:

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Botany
- Environmental Science
- STEM
- Nutrition
- Culinary Skills
- Mathematics
- Entrepreneurship
- Character Education

Outdoor Learning Environment

Whenever possible, instruction takes place outdoors where students can engage directly with gardens, plants, pollinators, soil, weather, and seasonal changes, creating authentic learning experiences that foster curiosity and appreciation for the natural world.

Practical Life Skills

Students develop valuable life skills including:

- Responsibility
- Patience
- Communication
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Organization
- Healthy Decision-Making

Age-Appropriate Instruction

Lessons are intentionally adapted to meet students at their developmental level while encouraging growth, confidence, and academic success across elementary, middle, and high school grade levels.

Seasonal Learning Experiences

Instruction follows the rhythms of the growing seasons whenever appropriate, allowing students to observe and participate in the complete life cycle of plants while developing an understanding of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship.

Family Engagement

Families are encouraged to reinforce learning through continued exploration at home, helping students build lasting connections between classroom experiences and everyday life.

Small Group Learning

Whenever possible, instruction is provided in a supportive, interactive setting that encourages discussion, collaboration, individualized attention, and meaningful relationships among students.

Whole-Person Development

Our educational philosophy recognizes that meaningful learning extends beyond academic knowledge. We seek to cultivate intellectual curiosity, practical skills, healthy habits, strong character, servant leadership, and a lifelong appreciation for God's creation.

Our Educational Promise

At Kravey Gardens Educational Services, every lesson is intentionally designed to cultivate curiosity, inspire stewardship, strengthen character, and encourage lifelong learning through meaningful experiences in God's creation.

We believe that when students learn by growing, exploring, serving, and creating, they gain knowledge that extends far beyond the classroom and equips them to become healthy, responsible, and compassionate leaders.

Growing Gardens. Growing Healthy Families. Growing Faithful Stewards of God's Creation.

Educational Outcomes

Students participating in Kravey Gardens Educational Services are encouraged to develop knowledge, skills, and character in the following areas:

Agricultural Knowledge

- Plant life cycles
- Gardening techniques
- Soil health
- Composting
- Seasonal growing practices
- Sustainable agriculture

Scientific Understanding

- Observation skills
- Scientific inquiry
- Ecosystems
- Pollinators
- Weather
- Environmental science

Nutrition & Healthy Living

- Whole-food nutrition
- Soil-to-table Learning

- Healthy food choices
- Food preparation
- Healthy habits

Students experience the complete journey of growing food—from preparing healthy soil and planting seeds to nurturing plants, harvesting fresh produce, preparing nutritious meals, and enjoying the fruits of their labor. Through every stage of the growing process, students discover how God’s thoughtful design connects healthy soil, healthy plants, healthy bodies, and healthy communities. This comprehensive learning experience cultivates an appreciation for agriculture, nutrition, biblical stewardship, and the joy of sharing wholesome food with others.

Life Skills

- Responsibility
- Patience
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Critical thinking
- Organization

Stewardship

Students learn to appreciate God’s creation while developing habits that promote responsible care of the environment, wise use of resources, gratitude for God’s provision, and service to others.

Character Development

Instruction intentionally reinforces:

- Integrity
- Kindness
- Respect
- Perseverance
- Gratitude
- Self-discipline
- Compassion
- Servant leadership

These outcomes support both academic growth and personal development while preparing students to become lifelong learners and faithful stewards of God’s creation.

What Makes Kravey Gardens Unique?

Kravey Gardens Educational Services offers more than a traditional gardening class. Our programs provide a comprehensive educational experience where students explore God's creation through meaningful, hands-on learning that integrates faith, agriculture, nutrition, science, and character development.

Every lesson is intentionally designed to move beyond simply teaching students how to grow plants. We help students understand why God's design matters, how healthy soil produces nourishing food, and how the knowledge they gain can positively impact their families, communities, and future.

Our educational approach is distinguished by the following characteristics.

Whole-Person Education

We believe meaningful education nurtures the whole child—academically, spiritually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Every learning experience is intentionally designed to strengthen knowledge, build confidence, develop practical life skills, and cultivate Christ-like character.

Hands-On Learning

Students actively participate in planting, observing, experimenting, harvesting, preparing, building, creating, and solving real-world problems. We believe students retain knowledge best when they learn through experience and discovery rather than passive instruction alone.

From Soil-to-Table Learning

Students experience the complete journey of growing food—from preparing healthy soil and planting seeds to nurturing plants, harvesting fresh produce, preparing nutritious meals, and understanding how God's provision nourishes our bodies and communities.

This comprehensive educational approach helps students appreciate the relationship between agriculture, nutrition, environmental stewardship, and healthy living while encouraging gratitude for God's abundant provision.

Cross-Curricular Learning

Rather than teaching gardening as a single subject, each lesson naturally integrates multiple academic disciplines including:

- Agriculture
- Botany
- Environmental Science
- STEM
- Nutrition
- Health & Wellness
- Culinary Skills
- Mathematics
- Entrepreneurship
- Biblical Stewardship

Students develop a deeper understanding of how these subjects work together in everyday life.

Character Formation Through Creation

Gardens naturally teach patience, perseverance, responsibility, humility, teamwork, and servant leadership.

Students experience firsthand that growth takes time, diligence, and faithful care. These experiences become powerful opportunities for developing character that extends well beyond the classroom.

Learning That Lasts Beyond the Classroom

Our goal is for students to leave each class with knowledge they can immediately apply at home.

Whether planting a family garden, preparing nutritious meals, serving their community, or caring for God's creation, students develop practical skills that encourage lifelong learning and healthy living.

Family Partnership

Education is strengthened when families continue learning together.

Kravey Gardens encourages parents and caregivers to participate in conversations, gardening projects, healthy meal preparation, and outdoor exploration that reinforce classroom learning and create meaningful family experiences.

Preparing Students for Life

At Kravey Gardens, success is measured by more than the vegetables harvested. We seek to cultivate students who are curious learners, faithful stewards, healthy decision-makers, compassionate servants, and confident leaders. By integrating faith, agriculture, nutrition, and practical life skills, we equip students with knowledge and character that will serve them throughout their lives.

Our Educational Promise

At Kravey Gardens, we don't simply teach students how to grow gardens—we cultivate faith, knowledge, health, and character through God's creation.

Growing Gardens. Growing Healthy Families. Growing Faithful Stewards of God's Creation.

Our Educational Programs

Kravey Gardens Educational Services provides engaging, faith-based enrichment opportunities designed to complement a student's educational journey through meaningful, hands-on learning experiences.

Each educational offering is intentionally developed around the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation**—while incorporating age-appropriate instruction, experiential learning, and practical application.

Programs may be offered as semester-long electives, workshops, camps, homeschool enrichment classes, community education programs, private group instruction, or customized educational experiences. Specific topics and activities may vary based on the season, student age, educational goals, and program location.

Our goal is to provide educational experiences that inspire curiosity, encourage stewardship, strengthen healthy living habits, and cultivate lifelong learners who appreciate God's creation.

Educational Program Features

Every Kravey Gardens educational offering is intentionally designed to include many of the following components:

- Faith-Based Learning
- Hands-On Agricultural Education
- From Soil-to-Table Learning
- Age-Appropriate Instruction
- Outdoor Learning Experiences
- STEM Integration
- Environmental Science
- Nutrition & Healthy Living
- Character Development
- Leadership Opportunities
- Critical Thinking

- Practical Life Skills
- Seasonal Learning Activities
- Family Engagement

Learning Objectives

Students participating in Kravey Gardens Educational Services are encouraged to:

- Develop an appreciation for God's creation through biblical stewardship.
- Build confidence through meaningful hands-on experiences.
- Understand healthy gardening practices and sustainable agriculture.
- Develop knowledge of plants, ecosystems, soil, weather, and pollinators.
- Understand the relationship between healthy soil, healthy food, and healthy living.
- Practice responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and perseverance.
- Strengthen observation, inquiry, and problem-solving skills.
- Develop practical gardening and food preparation skills.
- Apply classroom knowledge to everyday life.
- Grow in gratitude for God's provision while serving others with their gifts and abilities.

Teaching Methods

Instruction may include:

- Guided instruction
- Demonstrations
- Hands-on projects
- Outdoor exploration
- Nature observation
- Gardening activities

- Scientific investigations
- Healthy food preparation
- Cooperative learning
- Journaling and reflection
- Creative projects
- Seasonal activities
- and group participation

Educational Resources

Instructional resources are thoughtfully selected to reinforce learning and encourage continued exploration beyond the classroom.

Educational handouts, seasonal planting guides, reference materials, recipes, activity sheets, and other instructional resources may be provided throughout the program when applicable to support classroom instruction and hands-on learning experiences.

Students are encouraged to maintain a personal gardening notebook or nature journal to document observations, sketch plant growth, record seasonal changes, collect notes, reflect on lessons learned, and develop a personalized reference they can continue using long after the course has ended.

Our goal is not simply to teach students during class time, but to equip them with practical knowledge, confidence, and resources they can take home to recreate many of the gardening, healthy living, and stewardship practices they have learned with their own families.

Seasonal Scope & Sequence

Gardening is one of God's greatest classrooms. Because plants grow according to seasons, weather patterns, and natural life cycles, Kravey Gardens Educational Services follows a seasonal instructional approach that allows students to experience authentic learning throughout the year.

Rather than following a rigid curriculum calendar, educational activities are intentionally planned around Northeast Florida's growing seasons (USDA Hardiness Zone 9b). This allows students to observe, participate in, and better understand real-world agricultural practices as they naturally occur.

Instruction may be adjusted throughout the year to accommodate seasonal growing conditions, weather, and educational opportunities while maintaining the learning objectives of each program.

Every lesson is intentionally designed around the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation**—creating meaningful connections between God's creation, healthy living, practical skills, and character development.

Sample Year-at-a-Glance

Month	Faith	Farming	Food	Formation
August	God the Creator & New Beginnings	Preparing the Garden, Soil Health	Healthy Soil, Healthy Food	Responsibility & Stewardship
September	Faithfulness	Seed Starting & Plant Life Cycles	Fall Vegetables	Patience & Observation
October	God's Provision	Pollinators & Beneficial Insects	Herbs & Garden Flavors	Curiosity & Discovery

November	Gratitude	Harvest Season	Seasonal Vegetables & Healthy Meals	Thankfulness & Generosity
December	Seasons of Rest	Winter Gardening	Food Preservation & Simple Recipes	Reflection & Service
January	New Beginnings	Garden Planning	Healthy Habits for the New Year	Goal Setting & Perseverance
February	Loving Our Neighbor	Companion Planting	Leafy Greens & Nutrition	Kindness & Cooperation
March	New Life	Spring Planting	Fresh Herbs & Garden Harvest	Responsibility & Growth
April	Resurrection & Hope	Flowers & Pollinators	Fruits, Vegetables & God's Provision	Joy & Wonder
May	Bearing Good Fruit	Summer Garden Care	Healthy Snacks from the Garden	Leadership & Stewardship
June	God's Abundance	Water Conservation	Seasonal Harvest	Gratitude & Service
July	Sharing God's Blessings	Garden Maintenance	Preparing & Sharing Food	Community & Generosity

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Meaningful learning extends beyond each class session.

At Kravey Gardens Educational Services, every lesson is intentionally designed to inspire continued exploration, observation, and application beyond the learning environment. Students are encouraged to reinforce classroom experiences through hands-on activities, thoughtful conversations, and practical experiences with their families.

Our goal is to equip students with the knowledge, confidence, and practical skills to recreate many of the gardening, healthy living, and stewardship practices they have learned, helping to cultivate lifelong learners and strengthen healthy families.

When appropriate, families are encouraged to continue learning by:

- Planting seeds or growing vegetables at home.
- Observing and recording plant growth and seasonal changes.
- Maintaining a gardening notebook or nature journal.
- Preparing healthy recipes using fresh ingredients.
- Practicing composting or sustainable gardening techniques.
- Identifying pollinators, beneficial insects, and native plants.
- Reading and reflecting on related Scripture passages.
- Sharing newly learned skills and knowledge with family members or friends.
- Participating in acts of stewardship within their home or community.

Educational handouts, seasonal planting guides, recipes, reference materials, and activity sheets may be provided throughout the program, when applicable, to reinforce classroom instruction and support continued learning at home.

Students are also encouraged to maintain a personal gardening notebook or nature journal to document observations, sketch plant growth, record seasonal changes, collect notes, and reflect on lessons learned. This personal record becomes a valuable resource they can continue using long after the course has ended.

By encouraging learning beyond the classroom, Kravey Gardens seeks to cultivate curiosity, strengthen family relationships, reinforce healthy living, and inspire faithful stewardship through meaningful educational experiences rooted in God's creation.

Flexibility in Instruction

Because gardening is influenced by weather, seasonal growing conditions, and the rhythms of God's creation, instructional activities may occasionally be adjusted to provide students with the most meaningful and authentic educational experiences possible.

While specific projects and planting schedules may vary throughout the year, every educational offering remains aligned with the learning objectives and the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation.**

This flexible approach allows students to experience agriculture as it naturally occurs while developing practical knowledge that can be applied throughout their lives.

Curriculum Framework

Our curriculum is intentionally designed to provide students with meaningful educational experiences that integrate faith, agriculture, science, nutrition, and character development through hands-on, experiential learning.

Rather than teaching isolated subjects, Kravey Gardens Educational Services connects multiple disciplines through engaging activities that encourage students to observe, investigate, create, problem-solve, and apply their learning in practical ways.

Each educational offering is built upon the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation**—providing a consistent framework that supports academic enrichment while cultivating lifelong skills and biblical stewardship.

Curriculum Design

Educational experiences are thoughtfully planned to:

- Encourage curiosity and exploration.
- Foster critical thinking and problem-solving.
- Strengthen observation and scientific inquiry.
- Develop practical gardening and healthy living skills.
- Cultivate responsibility, leadership, and perseverance.
- Connect biblical principles with everyday life.
- Inspire stewardship of God’s creation.
- Promote healthy habits that students can apply beyond the classroom.

Instruction is intentionally flexible, allowing lessons to adapt to seasonal growing conditions while maintaining consistent educational objectives.

Cross-Curricular Learning

Kravey Gardens Educational Services naturally integrates learning across multiple academic disciplines.

Depending on the lesson and age group, students may explore concepts related to:

- Agricultural Science
- Horticulture
- Botany
- Environmental Science
- Ecology

- STEM
- Nutrition
- Culinary Skills
- Health & Wellness
- Mathematics
- Entrepreneurship
- Communication
- Character Education
- Biblical Stewardship

This integrated approach helps students recognize that learning is interconnected and equips them to apply knowledge in meaningful, real-world contexts.

Age-Appropriate Instruction

Educational activities are designed to meet students at their individual developmental level while encouraging growth and confidence.

Instruction may be adapted through:

- Simplified activities for younger learners.
- Increased scientific investigation for older students.
- Leadership opportunities for advanced students.
- Collaborative learning across multiple age groups.
- Differentiated instruction based on student ability and experience.

Our goal is for every student to experience success while being appropriately challenged to grow academically, personally, and spiritually.

Educational Objectives

Through participation in Kravey Gardens Educational Services, students are encouraged to:

- Develop an appreciation for God's creation and biblical stewardship.
- Understand foundational principles of gardening and sustainable agriculture.
- Explore plant life cycles, ecosystems, pollinators, and soil health.
- Recognize the relationship between healthy soil, healthy food, and healthy living.
- Build confidence through experiential learning and practical application.
- Strengthen observation, communication, and critical-thinking skills.
- Practice leadership, responsibility, teamwork, and perseverance.
- Develop practical life skills that can be applied at home and within their communities.

Educational Service Offerings

Kravey Gardens Educational Services offers flexible educational experiences designed to meet the unique needs of homeschool families, private educational programs, homeschool cooperatives, churches, community organizations, and other educational partners.

While individual course offerings may vary throughout the year, all educational programs are developed using the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation**—and emphasize meaningful, hands-on learning experiences rooted in God’s creation.

Programs may be offered in a variety of formats to best serve participating students and organizations.

On-Site Educational Experiences

Kravey Gardens offers immersive educational experiences at our educational garden in Jacksonville, Florida.

Students participate in hands-on learning within an authentic growing environment where they can observe, plant, cultivate, harvest, and explore God’s creation through meaningful real-world experiences.

Learning in the garden allows students to engage directly with plants, soil, insects, pollinators, weather, and seasonal changes while developing practical agricultural skills and a deeper appreciation for biblical stewardship.

Typical class lengths include:

- Kindergarten—2nd Grade: Approximately 60 minutes
- Grades 3rd—12th: Approximately 90 minutes

Class length may be adjusted based on the educational objectives, student age, group size, weather conditions, or program format.

Mobile Educational Programs

Kravey Gardens also provides mobile educational experiences at partner locations, including homeschool cooperatives, private educational programs, churches, community organizations, and other approved educational sites.

Our mobile programs bring many of the same engaging, hands-on learning experiences directly to participating students through portable demonstrations, educational materials, gardening activities, nutrition instruction, and interactive lessons.

Program content is customized to meet the educational goals, available space, and age of participating students while maintaining the same commitment to experiential learning and biblical stewardship.

Scheduling Options

Educational programs are designed with flexibility to meet the needs of families and educational partners.

Depending on the educational offering, programs may be available as:

- Individual workshops
- Multi-week educational series
- Monthly programs
- Semester-long enrichment courses
- Full academic year programs
- Summer educational experiences

Specific scheduling options, tuition, and program availability may vary based on the educational partnership, class size, location, and seasonal growing conditions.

Custom Educational Partnerships

Kravey Gardens welcomes opportunities to collaborate with educational organizations seeking customized agricultural enrichment experiences.

Programs may be tailored to support homeschool cooperatives, microschools, private educational programs, churches, community organizations, family groups, and other educational settings while maintaining the educational philosophy and instructional quality outlined throughout this handbook.

Instructor Qualifications

Kravey Gardens Educational Services is led by husband-and-wife team Davey and Krystal Misola, who combine their professional backgrounds in agriculture, healthcare, leadership, nutrition, and education to provide meaningful, faith-based learning experiences for students.

Together, they founded Kravey Gardens on November 1, 2018, with a shared vision of reconnecting families to God's creation through gardening, healthy living, and hands-on education. Since then, they have cultivated an educational environment where students not only learn practical gardening skills but also develop an appreciation for biblical stewardship, healthy living, and character formation.

Their complementary backgrounds provide students with a unique educational experience that integrates agriculture, nutrition, science, leadership, and faith into every lesson.

Davey Misola

Co-Founder | Lead Urban Farmer & Agricultural Instructor

Davey Misola serves as the lead agricultural instructor for Kravey Gardens Educational Services. Since co-founding Kravey Gardens in November 2018, he has devoted himself to developing and maintaining productive gardens while teaching students practical agricultural skills through meaningful, hands-on experiences.

His instructional focus includes regenerative and sustainable gardening practices, soil health, composting, seed starting, plant life cycles, seasonal gardening, pollinator education, harvesting, and environmental stewardship. Davey is passionate about helping students develop confidence as they learn to care for God's creation and discover the value of growing healthy food.

Prior to founding Kravey Gardens, Davey spent 14 years in healthcare leadership, serving as an Outpatient Imaging Manager at Florida Hospital (now AdventHealth). In this role, he led multidisciplinary teams, mentored employees, coordinated daily operations, and developed strong organizational and leadership skills that continue to support his work as an educator and instructor.

Davey believes some of life's greatest lessons are learned in the garden, where students naturally develop patience, perseverance, responsibility, teamwork, and faithful stewardship through hands-on learning.

Krystal Misola

Co-Founder | Health & Nutrition Instructor

Krystal Misola serves as the Health, Nutrition, and Wellness Instructor for Kravey Gardens Educational Services.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and an Associate of Science in Health Sciences and has more than 15 years of professional healthcare experience, serving patients, physicians, and healthcare organizations in leadership, education, and patient-centered roles.

Krystal is also a Functional Medicine Certified Health Coach, where she specializes in helping individuals understand the connection between nutrition, lifestyle, and whole-person wellness through evidence-informed and faith-centered approaches.

At Kravey Gardens, she teaches students how healthy soil supports healthy plants, healthy food nourishes healthy bodies, and wise stewardship of God's creation contributes to overall wellness. Her instruction emphasizes whole-food nutrition, healthy eating habits, food preparation, and practical life skills that students can confidently apply within their own homes and communities.

As a homeschooling mother and educator, Krystal is passionate about creating engaging educational experiences that inspire curiosity, strengthen families, and help students develop lifelong habits of learning, stewardship, and healthy living.

Our Combined Experience

Together, Davey and Krystal bring a unique combination of agricultural experience, healthcare expertise, leadership, nutrition education, and faith-based instruction to every educational program offered through Kravey Gardens.

Since founding Kravey Gardens in November 2018, they have worked together to cultivate productive gardens, educate families, promote healthy living, and provide meaningful learning experiences rooted in God's creation.

Their educational philosophy reflects the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation**—providing students with opportunities to grow academically, physically, spiritually, and personally through hands-on, experiential learning.

Together, they are committed to cultivating more than gardens. Their mission is to help students develop practical skills, biblical stewardship, healthy habits, and Christ-like character that will serve them throughout their lives.

Parent & Student Expectations

Our Partnership with Families

At Kravey Gardens Educational Services, we believe the most meaningful educational experiences occur when instructors, students, and families work together. Parents and caregivers play an important role in reinforcing learning, encouraging curiosity, and supporting their student's educational journey beyond the classroom.

We are committed to providing a welcoming, respectful, and engaging learning environment where every student has the opportunity to grow academically, personally, and spiritually through meaningful experiences in God's creation.

Student Expectations

Students are encouraged to:

- Arrive prepared and ready to participate.
- Demonstrate respect for instructors, classmates, volunteers, and learning environments.
- Participate in hands-on activities to the best of their ability.
- Follow all safety instructions during educational activities.
- Care for gardening tools, supplies, plants, and educational materials.
- Demonstrate kindness, honesty, responsibility, and teamwork.
- Practice biblical stewardship by caring for God's creation with respect and gratitude.
- Ask questions, remain curious, and actively engage in the learning process.

Our goal is to create an environment where every student feels encouraged, supported, and excited to learn.

Parent Expectations

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to:

- Arrive on time for drop-off and pick-up, when applicable.
- Ensure students wear weather-appropriate clothing suitable for outdoor learning.
- Provide closed-toe shoes for all gardening activities.
- Notify instructors of any allergies, medical concerns, or accommodations prior to participation.
- Encourage students to continue learning beyond the classroom through conversation, observation, and practical application.
- Communicate any questions or concerns in a respectful and timely manner.

Parents are valued partners in their child's education, and we appreciate the opportunity to work together in cultivating meaningful learning experiences.

Dress for Success

Because many educational experiences occur outdoors, students should arrive dressed appropriately for gardening and seasonal weather conditions.

Recommended attire includes:

- Closed-toe shoes
- Comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activities
- Clothing that may become dirty during hands-on learning
- Hat or sun protection, when desired
- Refillable water bottle
- Weather-appropriate outerwear, when necessary

Students may occasionally work with soil, water, plants, compost, and other natural materials as part of the educational experience.

Communication

Open communication is important to maintaining a positive educational experience.

Families are encouraged to contact Kravey Gardens Educational Services with questions regarding scheduling, educational programming, accommodations, or other concerns. We are committed to responding in a timely and respectful manner while working collaboratively to support each student's success.

Our Commitment

Kravey Gardens Educational Services is committed to providing a safe, encouraging, and Christ-centered educational environment where students are inspired to explore God's creation, develop practical life skills, and grow in faith, knowledge, health, and character.

Together, we look forward to cultivating meaningful educational experiences that strengthen students, families, and our community.

Safety Procedures

Our Commitment to Safety

The health, safety, and well-being of every student are a priority at Kravey Gardens Educational Services.

We are committed to providing a safe, engaging, and supportive learning environment where students can confidently explore God's creation through meaningful, hands-on educational experiences.

Age-appropriate instruction, close supervision, and clear safety expectations are incorporated into every educational activity to help students safely develop practical gardening skills while building confidence and responsibility.

Outdoor Learning Safety

Many educational experiences take place outdoors where students interact with gardens, soil, plants, insects, weather, and natural environments.

Students are encouraged to:

- Follow instructor directions at all times.
- Remain with the group during educational activities.
- Walk carefully throughout the learning environment.
- Respect plants, wildlife, and natural habitats.
- Avoid touching unfamiliar plants or insects unless directed by an instructor.
- Report any injuries, concerns, or hazards immediately.

Outdoor learning provides valuable educational opportunities while helping students develop awareness, observation skills, and respect for God's creation.

Gardening Tool Safety

Students may use age-appropriate gardening tools during instructional activities under instructor supervision.

Before using any tools, students receive instruction regarding their safe and proper use.

Students are expected to:

- Use tools only for their intended purpose.

- Carry tools safely.
- Maintain an appropriate distance from others while working.
- Return tools to designated areas after use.
- Follow all instructor guidance when handling gardening equipment.

Instruction is adapted to each student's age and developmental level. Gardening tools are selected based on the age and developmental readiness of participating students. Younger students are introduced to child-appropriate gardening tools, while older students may progressively develop additional skills under direct instructor supervision.

Hygiene & Healthy Gardening Practices

Students are encouraged to practice healthy gardening habits throughout each educational experience.

These practices include:

- Washing hands after gardening activities and before eating.
- Using clean gardening tools and materials.
- Handling harvested produce appropriately.
- Practicing good personal hygiene during outdoor activities.

These habits reinforce the importance of personal health, food safety, and responsible stewardship.

Weather Considerations

Because many educational experiences occur outdoors, activities may be modified, relocated, or rescheduled due to weather conditions when necessary.

Factors that may affect outdoor instruction include:

- Lightning
- Severe weather
- Excessive heat
- Heavy rainfall
- Unsafe environmental conditions

Whenever possible, alternative educational activities may be provided to support continued learning.

Allergies & Medical Considerations

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to notify Kravey Gardens Educational Services of any known allergies, medical conditions, or accommodations that may affect their student's participation.

Reasonable efforts will be made to provide a safe and supportive learning environment while encouraging full participation whenever appropriate.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, student safety will remain the highest priority.

Appropriate emergency procedures will be followed based on the nature of the situation, including contacting parents or guardians and emergency personnel when necessary.

Respect for God's Creation

An important part of every educational experience is learning to care for God's creation with wisdom and respect.

Students are encouraged to responsibly care for plants, insects, wildlife, gardening equipment, and the learning environment while demonstrating gratitude for the resources God has provided.

Safety and stewardship work together to create an environment where students can confidently explore, discover, and grow.

Materials & Supplies

Materials Provided

Kravey Gardens Educational Services strives to provide a welcoming and engaging learning experience by supplying many of the instructional materials needed for educational activities.

Depending on the program or course offering, instructional materials may include:

- Seeds and plants
- Soil and growing media
- Gardening tools for instructional use
- Educational handouts and reference materials
- Seasonal planting guides
- Activity sheets and worksheets
- Science and observation materials
- Recipe cards and nutrition resources, when applicable
- Craft or project materials, when applicable

Materials provided may vary depending on the educational objectives, student age, season, and specific program.

Student Supplies

To help students fully participate in hands-on gardening activities, each student is encouraged to bring the following personal supplies:

- Garden Bucket (5-gallon bucket with lid)
- Child-sized gardening tool set that fits comfortably in the student's hands (including a small hand trowel)
- Gardening gloves
- Closed-toe shoes that can get dirty
- Comfortable clothing appropriate for outdoor learning and gardening
- Refillable water bottle
- Personal gardening notebook or nature journal
- Pencil or pen for recording observations
- Hat for sun protection (*optional*)
- Sunscreen (*optional but encouraged*)
- Insect repellent (*optional but encouraged*)

Students are encouraged to bring their Garden Bucket to each class. Throughout the program, it serves as a convenient way to carry gardening tools and supplies, collect educational materials, transport harvested produce when appropriate, and even provide a portable seat during outdoor instruction.

Bringing personal gardening tools and supplies encourages responsibility, organization, and confidence as students learn to properly use and care for their equipment throughout the program.

Kravey Gardens Educational Services maintains a limited supply of extra gardening tools and materials for instructional purposes and to assist students who may occasionally forget an item. Whenever possible, students are encouraged to use and care for their own gardening supplies as part of the educational experience.

Gardening Notebooks & Nature Journals

Students are encouraged to maintain a personal gardening notebook or nature journal throughout their participation in Kravey Gardens Educational Services.

These notebooks provide opportunities to:

- Record observations
- Sketch plants and insects
- Document seasonal garden changes
- Track plant growth
- Record gardening successes and challenges
- Reflect on classroom learning
- Collect notes, handouts, and educational resources

Over time, each notebook becomes a personalized educational resource that students can continue using to support future gardening projects and lifelong learning.

Educational Handouts

Educational handouts, seasonal planting calendars, reference guides, recipes, and other instructional materials may be distributed throughout the program when applicable.

These resources are intended to reinforce classroom learning and encourage students and families to continue exploring gardening, healthy living, and biblical stewardship beyond the classroom.

Materials May Vary

Because educational offerings vary by season, age group, location, and learning objectives, instructional materials and supplies may differ between courses and educational experiences.

Families will be informed in advance of any additional materials that may be helpful or required for a specific class or program.

Contact Information

We'd Love to Grow With You

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Kravey Gardens Educational Services.

We consider it a privilege to partner with families, homeschool communities, educational organizations, and scholarship-supported students in providing meaningful, hands-on educational experiences rooted in God's creation.

Whether students are planting their very first seed or expanding their gardening knowledge through advanced agricultural concepts, our desire is to cultivate curiosity, confidence, healthy living, faithful stewardship, and lifelong learning through the **Four Pillars of Kravey Gardens—Faith, Farming, Food, and Formation.**

We look forward to growing with you.

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Our Educational Promise

At Kravey Gardens, we don't simply teach students how to grow gardens—we cultivate faith, knowledge, health, and character through God's creation.

Growing Gardens. Growing Healthy Families. Growing Faithful Stewards of God's Creation.

Appendix A

Sample Educational Topics

- Seed Starting
- Soil Health
- Composting
- Pollinators
- Plant Life Cycles
- Florida Gardening
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Herbs
- Nutrition
- From Soil-to-Table Learning
- Healthy Cooking
- Food Preservation
- Stewardship
- Entrepreneurship
- Garden Planning