Homegrown programming happens when student and staff creativity and interest manifest into engaging experiences - activities, clubs, themes, etc.

Homegrown originates at the site
How to Get STARTED

- What are your interests?
- What are you passionate about?

Check out local, community offerings to see how you can create a club or tie them into your program.

Ask questions - research what kids like by talking to parents, families, and teachers.

Brainstorm together as a site - PWs, PSs, SCs, and students.

Consider having the students put on a parade or showcase to highlight their ideas and have a site-wide vote.

How to SUSTAIN It

Be Flexible!
- Allow for activities to come up organically on the day-to-day.
- Offer modifications for age groups, different needs, and unexpected weather.
- Project-based learning (PBL) is a great way to extend a single activity to a multi-day club.
- Stay relevant.

Get Creative with Materials/Resources
- Ask for donations - don’t forget to ensure proper protocol (ask SC/Traveling Staff).
- Reach out for support - it keeps others invested and program culture alive at your site.
- Sometimes you may not know what you need until you ask.
- Decorate where you can - decorate your material boxes.

Involve stakeholders
- Plan a culmination...

Make It Your Own!
- These are simply suggestions to help support you along the way.

Practice Self-Care
- Don’t get discouraged!

How to Plan a CULMINATION

Decide what kind of culmination your site wants...
- Art Gallery
- Performance(s)
- Yearbook
- Haunted House
- Video
- Fair/Carnival
- Other?

Plan with SC and talk to principal

Questions to Consider...
- Will you be collaborating with the regular school day?
- What kinds of artifacts can you display?
- Do you want to create any certificates for staff/students?
- Who will be invited? Traveling Staff, families, Operations, community members, day school?

Don’t forget to...
- Make frequent announcements leading up to the culmination.
- Take pictures and do a slideshow or bulletin board.