

2020 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School
Missouri Honoree
Mary Institute and Country Day School



Hydroponics in the greenhouse

- **Reducing Environmental Impacts**--Extensive improvements to the buildings that have earned the school an Energy Star Portfolio Manager score of 89 and adoption of landcare practices that include using a 10,000-gallon rainwater collection tank and 1,100 gallons-per-day greywater tank to irrigate the landscaping which now boasts 98% native plants.
- **Improving Health & Wellness**--From providing small-batch, scratch-made meals are made daily and monitored by trained nutritionists, abundant opportunities before and after school for outdoor physical activity, providing natural light and CO2 sensors in buildings to create spaces that support student and staff wellness, MICDS supports students' physical and mental well-being throughout each school day.



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- **Environmental and Sustainability Education**--Students at every level of this JK-12 school are exposed to sustainability as a primary value--from honeysuckle abatement to protect the school's varied habitats to pursuing UN Sustainable Development Goals as part of foreign language instruction to plant-based research projects fusing computer science and biology.

Nomination packet:

http://missourigreenschools.org/mgs-schools/MICDS/MICDS2020GRS_FullPackage.pdf