

Free Supplemental Kindergarten Readiness Program for Families in the Columbus City Schools Community

Waterford Upstart is an at-home kindergarten readiness program that gives your child a fun start in reading, math, and science in just 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. For families unable to enroll in an in-person classroom, this free, proven program helps your child develop the foundational skills they need to be kindergarten ready!



It's Free

Waterford Upstart is a free online program to help your child get ready for kindergarten. Everything you need is included, even a computer!



It's Simple

Your child completes lessons independently in just 15 minutes a day. The program keeps their interest with fun books, songs, and activities that are right on their skill level.



It Works

On average, children who use Waterford Upstart enter kindergarten reading at nearly a first-grade level!



Reading Skills

- Letter Recognition
- Letter Sounds
- Initial Sounds
- Reading and Listening Comprehension
- Real Words
- Sight Words
- Vocabulary

It's not too early to start getting ready for kindergarten! ccsoh.us/prek Register Here **1-888-982-9898** or upstart.waterford.org



Waterford Upstart is proven effective, approved by 97% of parents, and has helped over 100,000 families!



Submit the Application

It takes less than 10 minutes to apply online. Scan the QR Code below to get started.



Create a Waterford Upstart Account

Go to upstart.waterford.org to create an account and enroll your child.



Complete Parent Training

Go to your Waterford Upstart account to view the parent orientation videos.



Get Started

We'll mail you a Welcome Packet and your free computer (and hotspot if needed) within 10 business days.



Use The Program

Your child uses the program just 15 minutes a day, five days a week. You'll also receive personal support from your program coach.



Graduate

Over the summer, after your child completes the program, you'll be invited to attend a graduation event to celebrate their (and your) hard work!





Rural communities



Dual language learners



Exceptional learners

Bader Growth Rate Comparison





For more information about the robust in-person Columbus City Schools Early Childhood Education program, please visit ccsoh.us/prek



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