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MISSION: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

DRESS CODE: We are a uniform school. This uniform dress code consists of navy blue, light blue, or white shirts. Shirts are to be solid in color (no stripes, photos, decals, graphics, etc...). Polo-style shirts, dress shirts, or blouses are permitted. These can be short-sleeved or long-sleeved. Navy blue or tan/khaki pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, and dress pants are permitted. Pants, shorts, and skirts are to fit securely at the waist. Length of pants is not to extend lower than the back of the heel. (Pants should not touch or drag on the ground.) Shorts and skirts are to be no shorter than midthigh. Shoes are to cover the entire foot and be appropriate to safely participate in physical education and recess activities. Athletic-type shoes are recommended. Hats, bandanas, and athletic wear are not permitted. No sagging. If it's not listed on the allowable list of uniform clothing, then it should not be worn to school.

CURRICULUM: The teachers at Fairmoor Elementary are guided by the designated curriculum of Columbus City Schools in all academic areas as well as the unified arts classes. All teachers are implementing Ohio's Learning Standards and 21st Century Learning Skills. The standards are a national initiative adopted to ensure our students are college and career ready when they graduate from high school. Our district curriculum has been enhanced to align with the new standards, which offer students more time to focus on depth of understanding of the topics being covered. The clear standards help students realize what is expected of them and allows them to engage in higher level thinking skills.

READING PROGRAM: Our students receive their reading instruction through the Balanced Literacy model. The model has been designed with explicit and systematic student centered instruction in the areas of authentic reading workshop (including guided reading), and writing workshop with focused work on word study, phonics, and oral language development. Teachers have instructional choices that involve rigorous activities, differentiation, and text complexity. Differentiation allows for whole group, small group, and individual instruction. Students are engaged with literature through utilizing reading strategies to read various levels of text.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Fairmoor is a Title-I Funded School. We provide opportunities for parents to be supportive of their child's educational experience.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Seventh Avenue Community Missionary Baptist Church, Serenity Baptist Church, Young Leaders of Today and Tomorrow, and MECCA. We also have volunteers from The Ohio State University and DeVry.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: Academic Achievement is our number one goal. We value the arts and incorporate them into our daily lessons. We are learning about the Second Step Initiative to assist students with social and emotional learning with units on skills for learning problem solving, empathy, friendship, and emotion management. We have implemented a school-wide discipline plan to ensure all students are aware of the expectations at school.

ACTIVITIES: Chorus, ice cream social, concerts, student leadership opportunities, instrumental music, student welcome wagon, field trips, end of year activities, math/science/literacy nights, and skating parties. COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

ABOUT OUR STAFF: More than 50 percent of all our teachers have their master's degree and we are lifelong learners as we participate in on-going professional development.

