



Starling STEM PreK-8

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

DRESS CODE: Students are expected to follow Dress Code outlined in the District's Guide to Student Success.

WHAT MAKES THIS SCHOOL OUTSTANDING:

Starling is a place people want to be. At Starling, we have high expectations. We care. We strive to persevere, be kind, and take ownership of our words and actions in ways that embody restorative practices. We work towards deepening our understanding in all subjects through inquiry-based engagement, personal transformation, civic involvement, and social justice. We actively engage ourselves through innovative instruction that takes place in our building, throughout the neighborhood, and in the Columbus metro area beyond. We amplify instruction by using formal and informal instruction spaces such as our patio, technology lab, media center, reading nooks, and atrium. Eighth grade students can earn high school credits in band, choir, orchestra, phys ed, technology, and the visual arts. Additionally, our pre-kindergarten is available for 4 year old students and fosters a strong foundation for learning.

SPECIALTY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES/CURRICULUM:

Instruction is aligned with the Ohio Department of Education's New Learning Standards and the CCS curriculum guides. Starling's educational philosophy encompasses the structure of STEAM learning. This helps our students embody inquiry-based instruction across all subjects, including the arts. We learn to ask important questions, solve complex problems multiple ways, and drive advancements in science and technology. The project-based nature of the curriculum necessitates innovative classroom environments that emphasize the use of imagination, creative and critical thinking, collaboration, and multiple solutions. Starling has an extraordinary commitment to providing our students with state-of-the-art technology in every classroom.

Starling also implements a variety of instructional strategies and resources offered by CCS including reading enrichment programs and the Balanced Literacy Program. Students in need of additional assistance with reading skills are tutored through the LLI and Franklinton Tutor programs.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:

Dr. Joan Bucy, *Principal*

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/SPORTS:

In May, our PTO hosts our annual Starling Carnival. Our students participate in sports, field day, Service Above Self, visual arts, dance, techie club, mock trials, and more. Our students are involved in robotics and Invention Connection. We also take trips to COSI, the Columbus Zoo, Columbus Museum of art, the Ohio Historical Center, and more. We also have ROX club for our middle school girls.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES:

Starling strives for 100% parent/guardian participation through our Parent Involvement Program. Our main commitment is to support our teachers and students every day. Our Parent Teacher Organization program works hand-in-hand with Starling's parents and guardians. Contact Starling's Parent Center: 614-365-5945 ext. 127.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Community relationships are firmly in place to support our students' needs. Partners include: Ohio Dept. of Jobs and Family Services, Community for New Directions, Gladden Community Center, City Life, Girl's Club, Girl Scouts, Columbus Zoo, Wexner Center for the Arts, CATCO, Columbus Children's Choir, Ohio Arts Council, Ohio Alliance for Arts Education, West Central School, and the Department of Arts Administration, Education, and Policy.