



STARLING PRE-K-8

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Columbus, Ohio 43222
(West Community)

DRESS CODE: No specific dress code required (refer to Dress Code in the Guide To Student Success).

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CURRICULUM: Instruction is aligned with the Ohio Department of Education's New Learning Standards and the Columbus City Schools Curriculum Guides. Starling's educational philosophy is grounded in S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering arts and math). This program helps our students to embody inquiry-based instruction in, through and across all subjects, including the arts. We learn to ask important questions, solve complex problems in multiple ways, and drive advancements in science and technology. The problem/project-based nature of the curricula necessitates innovative classroom environments that emphasize use of the imagination, critical and creative thinking, collaboration and multiple solutions. Starling has an extraordinary commitment to provide our students with the state-of-the-art technology including SMART boards, LCD projectors, document cameras, chromebooks, DVD, and Blue Ray players and wireless Internet in every classroom.

READING PROGRAM: Starling implements a variety of instructional strategies and resources offered by the Columbus City Schools, including the Balanced Literacy Program, which is aligned with the Literacy Collaborative model. Many classes use the reading enrichment programs – Achieve 3000 for middle school, iReady, HMH, A-Z's Raz Kids, Core Clicks, and DRA for elementary which promotes independent reading and assesses comprehension using computer technology. Students who are in need of additional assistance with reading skills are tutored through the LLI and Franklinton Tutor programs.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Starling strives for 100% parent/guardian participation through our Parent Involvement Program. Our main commitment is to support our teachers and students everyday! Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) 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 Department 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.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: Starling is a place where people want to be. At Starling, we have high expectations. We care. We strive to become thoughtful, resilient, respectful, and well-educated individuals that embody community through 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 Franklinton and Hilltop neighborhood, Columbus metropolitan community and beyond. We amplify instruction by using formal and informal instruction spaces such as our patio, technology lab, media center, reading nooks and an atrium. Eighth graders have the opportunity to earn high school credits in band, choir, orchestra, physical education, technology and the visual arts. Additionally, our pre-kindergarten is available to 4 year olds and fosters a strong foundation for learning.

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN: In May, our PTO hosts our annual Starling Carnival. Our students participate in sports, field day, Service Above Self, visual arts, dance, techie club and mock trials and more. Starling contributes in other ways, too. Our students are involved in Robotics, Invention Convention, STEM activities, Writing with the Stars, trips to COSI, Columbus Zoo, Columbus Museum of Art, the Ohio Historical Center/Ohio Village, Ohio Theatre, Wexner Center for the Arts, and the OSU Planetarium.

ABOUT OUR STAFF: Our staff is 100% highly qualified in their areas of instruction. Our staff is committed to doing their part in helping the students meet their social, emotional and academic needs at all times.

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