



# Watkins Elementary School

**ADDRESS:** 1520 Watkins Rd. Columbus, OH 43207

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**SCHOOL VISION:** I will achieve or exceed grade level expectation by the time I leave Watkins, prepared to be a successful lifelong learner.

**SCHOOL MISSION:** As a Watkins community, we exist to meet the needs of 100% of our students and empower life-long learners that flourish locally and globally.

**DRESS CODE:** Watkins Elementary dress code follows Columbus City Schools Dress Code outlined in the Student Guide to Success.

**COMMUNITY:** Region 3 - South

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## WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING:

We promote critical thinking through a student-centered environment which encourages lifelong learning. We have respect for one another and accept each other's physical, cultural, academic, and spiritual differences. We create and maintain a safe environment, conducive to learning that fosters confidence and self-advocacy. We also provide the following: student academic support, Nationwide Children's Behavioral Services, daily morning meetings (focused on Social Emotional Learning) and Belonging Through Books - Diversity and Inclusion.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS:

Watkins Elementary offers a variety of fun and engaging activities that support student growth and success. Students enjoy monthly birthday celebrations, Fall Fest, STEM Days, Third Soccer Programming, and PBIS events to recognize positive behavior. Programs like The Good Program, Student Council, Safety Patrol, and Poetry in Motion build leadership and character. Academic celebrations such as Career Day, Red Ribbon Week, Ohio Right to Read Week, and SEEDS connect learning to real-life experiences. With support from Metro Parks and opportunities to shine in choir and musical concerts, every Watkins student has a chance to lead, explore, and grow.

## FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESOURCES:

At Watkins Elementary, families and community members play an active role in student success. Parents support school-wide events like 3rd Grade Parent Night, Career Day, Family Literacy Night, Math Night, and quarterly honor roll breakfasts. A dedicated Family Ambassador helps keep families connected, informed, and engaged throughout the year.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Watkins Elementary is supported by a strong network of community partners dedicated to student success. Local organizations like F3Foundation, CLIFS, FACCES, Home Depot, Bakelite Chemicals, the Columbus Police Department, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Buddy Boxes, the Marion-Franklin Area Civic Association, and Wesley Church of Hope provide resources, mentorship, and hands-on learning opportunities. As part of Columbus City Schools, Watkins students also benefit from districtwide partnerships with the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, COSI, Franklin Park Conservatory, and the Columbus Crew—bringing real-world learning to life both inside and outside the classroom.



## SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:

Caroline Walker, Principal

