

Falkener Elementary

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Mission

The "World of Discovery" Elementary School aims to cultivate a vibrant learning environment where students explore diverse global languages and careers. By integrating cultural awareness and linguistic skills into the curriculum, we prepare young learners to become global citizens equipped for the challenges of an interconnected world.

Vision

At Waldo C. Falkener Elementary School, we, the global leaders, empower stakeholders and enrich students to become confident and competent 21st century learners through equitable and innovative learning experiences.

Falkener Elementary is a choice school where scholars can explore careers, as well as Spanish language and culture. We are a community of learners who strive to be citizens of the world. We are a diverse student body that includes scholars and staff from a variety of countries, with many languages that are spoken by our scholars and their families.



What We Offer



World of Discovery—Career Exploration and Language

- All students receive at least 45 minutes of instruction weekly from a full-time Spanish teacher.
- Student-centered learning that supports the STEM exploration.
- Community partnerships that provide students with opportunities to grow and learn industrial jobs rooted in Science Technology Education and Math.
- Inquiry-based learning activities allow teachers to bridge learning for students through an integrated approach within all content areas.

Points of Pride



- Student Leadership opportunities such as Student Council, Safety Patrol and News Anchors.
- Partnered with NCA&T volunteers to provide exposure to STEM with hands-on opportunities.
- Students participate in clubs to develop early career awareness.
- A yearly career fair to provide students with exposure to STEM careers.
- Scholars participate in three schoolwide units—one focused on goal setting, one focused on careers, and one focused on college and other post-high school options.
- A foundation for a K-12 instructional continuum in Spanish.
- Students participate in quarterly studies that provide students with weekly learning experiences in social-emotional learning, technology, innovation, and STEM.

Students in the Program



- Learn a global language, which enhances cognitive flexibility, problem-solving skills, and creativity.
- Develop a global mindset, which is an important skill that is useful now as scholars work together in their classrooms, and it is a skill that will prepare them for future career success.
- Gain skills and knowledge such as critical thinking, cultural awareness, and an awareness of different careers and the paths to get to those careers.
- Set goals for themselves and track their progress toward reaching those goals.
- Show increased motivation and engagement, which builds a strong foundation for future academic and career success.
- Engage in student-centered, inquiry-based learning activities.
- Learn music theory and piano skills (grades 2-5).