

WATSON WILLIAMS UNIQUE OFFERINGS:

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:

Each grade level performs monthly presentations for Character Education at our Student of the Month Assemblies which emphasizes literature and technology through the performing arts.



COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE:

The school partners with many outside performance entities to further broaden student exposure and artistic development. Such collaborations include, Broadway Theater League Touring Performances, and Arts in Education.



OTHER PROGRAMS :

Studio Art, Chorus, Band, Orchestra, Intervention Lab, Positive Behavior Incentives, Shared Decision Making Team, Yearbook, After School tutoring, and **STEM**.



PRINCIPAL BIO:

Dr. Cheryl Beckett Minor has been an educator for over 30 years. She has served the Utica City School District as a Teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Dr. Minor has been recognized for her dedication in education and community service. She also received the Education Humanitarian Award & honored as "Women of the Year"

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MISSION STATEMENT (Student's Version)

Watson Williams provides a safe, caring, and respectful learning environment that helps students to be college and career ready and lifelong learners.

POSITIVE BEHAVIORS INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT (PBIS):

Is our proactive behavior support system. School have been successful when they help children grow academically, socially, and emotionally. For this to happen it is imperative that we have a safe environment that is supportive and conducive to growth. By setting clear social and behavioral expectations and directly teaching students about those expectations, it is our goal to create an atmosphere that exemplifies the 3 short rules we expect everyone at Watson Williams to abide by. They are:

BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE
BE PRODUCTIVE

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OUR MISSION:

To provide a quality education for a diverse student population in a peaceful and positive learning environment. Students will continue to use their reasoning skills to become life-long learners and productive members of society.

WHO WE ARE:



Watson Williams Magnet Elementary School is a culturally diverse school located in Utica. Watson Williams sits on 7-1/2 acres of Watson Williams Park. The school was dedicated in 1992 and fully updated technology and two amphitheatres.

Watson Williams salutes the park's donor with the following quote:

"This park, once owned by James Watson Williams, is given to the city of Utica as a fitting memorial of one who found tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything."

Instruction at Watson Williams begins with the Common Core Standards, follows the defined curriculum and reaches students through high quality, multi-sensory and imaginative lessons.

The students discover that the Arts and Literature go hand-in-hand by integrating the Visual Arts, Music, and Technology.

Watson Williams creates meaningful lessons that address the many learning styles of the students. Just a walk through the halls lets visitors know that academics and aesthetic education exist in many exciting activities.

WATSON WILLIAMS VISION STATEMENT



Watson Williams' vision is for Students to attain the knowledge, skills and character necessary to become lifelong learners and college and career ready one leap at a time.

AWARDS

Our school has been able to strengthen its academics by winning many state and federal honors for highest achievement:

- National Title I Distinguished School Award for New York State
- Magnet Schools of America: Magnet School for the Performing Arts and Magnet School of Excellence
- No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School 2006
- NYSATA – New York State Art Teachers Association recognizes Watson Williams for outstanding achievement in Visual Art
- New York State Education Department Recognition - Award for Academic Achievement
- Magnet Schools of America - Award of Merit and Distinction
- Martin Luther King Award NAACP

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MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Magnet Theme:

**"Literature through
Performing Arts & Technology"**

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