

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS PATHWAY

The Pathway is designed to provide information on how Columbia Heights Public Schools students progress through the grade levels. Each stop along the pathway is a chance to check in on student growth toward college and career readiness. For more information, contact your child's school.

Columbia Heights High School

- ✓ Earn a GPA of 3.0 or higher each semester.
- ✓ Successfully complete four years of math.
- ✓ Meet college readiness benchmarks on the PSAT test (grades 9-10).
- ✓ Earn a total score of 1220 or higher on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Columbia Academy

- ✓ Earn a GPA of 3.0 or higher each semester.
- ✓ Achieve a Meets or Exceeds on MCA Reading Standards by sixth grade.
- ✓ Achieve a Meets or Exceeds on MCA Math Standards by eighth grade.
- ✓ Meet college readiness benchmarks on the PSAT test (grade 8).

Highland, North Park and Valley View Elementary Schools

- ✓ Achieve a Meets or Exceeds on Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) Reading Standards in third grade.
- ✓ Achieve a Meets or Exceeds on MCA Math Standards by fifth grade.
- ✓ Meet quarterly Kindergarten expectations.

Early Childhood

- ✓ Listen and understand stories, conversations and directions.
- ✓ Know colors, letters and numbers.

OUR MISSION

Columbia Heights Public Schools
Creating worlds of opportunity for each and every learner
"All Belong, All Succeed"

The **College and Career Pathway** starts in Columbia Heights Public Schools with Early Childhood and continues through graduation.

This handout provides the paths for how each learner can best be prepared for college and careers. The opposite side outlines the pathways for success each of our learners should follow as they progress through each grade level.

For more information, contact the District at 763.528.4500 or visit colheights.k12.mn.us/Pathway.



Creating College and Career-Ready
GRADUATES

✓ PERSISTENCE

Stick to it. Be determined when things are challenging. Embrace challenge and see things through to the end.

✓ INNOVATION

Shape ideas into realities. Act on creative ideas to make a tangible, useful contribution.

✓ COLLABORATION

Work together. Work well with others to achieve shared goals.

✓ CREATIVITY

Imagine. Demonstrate originality and inventiveness.

✓ CRITICAL THINKING

Pose good questions. Analyze and evaluate evidence, identify problems, arguments, claims and beliefs.

✓ PROBLEM SOLVING

Discover the opportunity. Use what is known to identify the problem and design a better solution.

✓ COMMUNICATION

Seek understanding. Listen effectively to decipher meaning and clearly share thoughts and ideas in appropriate and meaningful ways for a range of purposes.

✓ SELF-DIRECTION

Take control of your own learning. Use time wisely and be able work independently to achieve goals.

✓ FLEXIBILITY

Be adaptable. Understand, negotiate and balance diverse views and beliefs to reach workable solutions, particularly in multicultural environments.

✓ INITIATIVE

Do it. Be a leader and get things started.

✓ WELLNESS

Be balanced. Attend to mind, body and spirit.