

Columbia Heights Institutions Missions and Initiatives

City of Columbia Heights

found here: <https://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/>

“Welcome to Columbia Heights, MN! Named an All-America City recipient in 2016, Columbia Heights prides itself in being a place where families can thrive. We have a small-town feel while still striving towards the goals of a big city.”

Mission Statement

found here: https://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/community/residential_resources/index.php

“Our mission is to provide the highest quality public services. Services will be provided in a fair, respectful and professional manner that effectively address changing citizen and community needs in a fiscally responsible manner.”

City Council Agenda Item Submission checklist

ITEM:	Library Board recommendation to eliminate overdue fines for library customers in 2022	
DEPARTMENT: Library	BY/DATE: Renee Dougherty, Library Director	
CITY STRATEGY: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding a bold “X” in front of the selected text below)</i>		
☐ Safe Community	☐ Diverse, Welcoming “Small-Town” Feel	
☐ Economic Strength	☐ Excellent Housing/Neighborhoods	
☒ Equity and Affordability	☒ Strong Infrastructure/Public Services	
☒ Opportunities for Play and Learning	☐ Engaged, Multi-Generational, Multi-Cultural Population	

All-America City Award criteria

“To be considered for this prestigious designation, cities across the nation are asked to prepare an application that outlines community solutions that tackle city-wide challenges. This year the National Civic League centered the criteria for ***community solutions around cities’ ability to ensure that all children are healthy and successful in school and in life.***”

Columbia Heights Public Library Mission

found here: <https://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov/departments/library/index.php>

“The mission of the Columbia Heights Public Library is to serve a diverse community’s needs for access to resources, information, and technology in a welcoming environment with professional staff and innovative programming.”

Independent School District 13 Initiatives

found here: <https://www.colheights.k12.mn.us/>

“Creating worlds of opportunity for each and every learner.”

“All Succeed, All Belong”

“We believe that when individual students receive the appropriate balance of challenge and support, they thrive as learners. We are committed to equip each of our students for success in the 21st Century through the customization of learning experiences to individual needs.”

Blueprint for Literacy | K-3 Reading Program

Research-Based Instruction

All K-3 students are guaranteed the following in our schools:

- 90 minutes of reading a day in research-based reading program
- Daily small group instruction from their teacher
- Independent reading time with appropriate level text
- Take home reading materials
- Ongoing assessment to measure progress
- Additional support in small groups when needed

Interventions and Support

Students who are below grade level will receive additional intensive instruction in small groups. In addition, the district offers the following:

- After school remedial classes
- Online resources available at home
- Summer School
- Summer Home Reading Program

Early College

“Columbia Heights High School partners with Anoka-Ramsey Community College to offer FREE college classes at CHHS. Eligible students can earn up to 60 college credits through Advanced Placement and Early College courses.”

College Possible

“ACT and college application preparation, scholarship and financial aid support for juniors and seniors after school.”

American Indian Education (Title VII services)

Academic advising (6-12)

Assistance in preparation for college or vocational training (6-12)

Check & Connect mentoring

College visits

Cultural activities

Field trips

Liaison for students with special needs

Monitoring student's school programs to provide assistance (K-12)

Ojibwe & Dakota language

Parent Advisory Committee

World's Best Workforce

[“Minnesota Statutes 2013 120B.11](#) charges school districts to create “the World’s Best Workforce” through a long-term strategic plan that promotes excellence in teaching and learning. This strategic plan must have as its goal high quality preparation for college and career readiness for all students.

Predictions are more than 70 percent of jobs in Minnesota will require a degree beyond a high school diploma. Moreover, in order to remain competitive in a jobs’ market that is increasingly international, Minnesota students will need to achieve at higher and higher levels of rigor. “Creating the world’s best workforce” is in response to these significant challenges that will exist for Columbia Heights Public Schools' students as they compete for decent-paying jobs in the future.”