



STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

• PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE •



ADAPTABILITY

Our students will be agile in thoughts and actions, responding productively to positive and negative feedback while balancing diverse views to reach workable solutions.



COMMUNICATION

Our students will effectively express thoughts and ideas using oral, written, and nonverbal skills while being active listeners able to decipher meaning and intention.



CREATIVITY

Our students will be imaginative and explore original ideas and innovative solutions by transcending traditional thoughts, patterns, and relationships.



CRITICAL THINKING

Our students will analyze and apply evidence-based reasoning to understand “big picture” challenges and how solutions affect other parts of a system.



GLOBAL EMPATHY

Our students will value and engage diverse cultures and unique perspectives through mutual respect and open dialogue while taking action to make the world more equitable and inclusive.



TECHNOLOGY

Our students will leverage traditional and emerging technology to consume, create, communicate, and connect while practicing responsible citizenship in an increasingly digital world.

THE POWER OF ONE

STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

* Greatness doesn't just happen. It is created one step at a time. A skyscraper starts with one plan. A masterpiece starts with one simple brushstroke. And a student fully prepared to lead and serve begins with one community pulling together for the benefit of all. One teacher can inspire. One caring adult can support. One idea can change everything. And when we come together as one with students leading the way, we can accomplish the incredible.

MISSION

Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

VISION

A world-class model of public education that prepares all students to be Portrait-ready graduates and reach their full potential.

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Our North Star -- the hopes, dreams, and aspirations we have for all students.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Through a year-long community engagement process, Columbus City Schools identified four strategic priorities that will guide the organization over the next five years. These priorities are aligned with specific goals adopted by the Board of Education and support the district's mission, vision, and Portrait of a Graduate.

As part of the Strategic Plan work, Columbus City Schools will also identify strategic objectives within its business and operations teams to provide a foundation of support that enables the organization to produce its targeted student outcomes.

Priority 1

WHOLE-CHILD FOCUSED

Columbus City Schools will design and implement curriculum with a holistic approach, so that students find their education more relevant, rewarding, and rigorous.

Priority 2

EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Columbus City Schools will ensure equitable outcomes for all students and employees, in order to create communities that promote excellence, personal and professional growth, and a culture of belonging.

Priority 3

STRONG LEARNING COMMUNITIES IN EVERY REGION

Columbus City Schools will strengthen a high-quality, interdependent set of learning communities so that within and among these centers of growth are reliable sources of support, identity, and hope.

Priority 4

AUTHENTIC ENGAGEMENT

Columbus City Schools will actively engage all stakeholders to ensure that every experience with the district engenders mutual trust, develops quality relationships, and strengthens collective support for the benefit of our students.

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