



LIFELONG LEARNING

What would make Red Wing a better place to live?

430

responses across all surveys mentioned educational improvements and opportunities that would enhance life in Red Wing. The top suggestions are shown to the right.



College and Career Development/ Job Training

Better preparation for college and careers was mentioned by 116 participants. People believe that expanding Minnesota State College Southeast, or even attracting a four-year university, would broaden opportunities for young people in Red Wing. Others mentioned that apprenticeship programs would be useful. 25% of those polled in the Community Survey believe there are too few job training programs in Red Wing.



General School District Improvements

Greater investment in Red Wing's schools, both in terms of time and money, was mentioned by 77 people surveyed. They believe the system needs better funding and more community participation in order to achieve results. Respondents would like to see general improvements to the quality of education and facilities. Others think that arts, music, and science programming deserves more support.



More Preschool Programs and Early Childcare

Approximately 20% of respondents to the Community Survey believe there are too few preschool programs and not enough affordable childcare in Red Wing. Participants in the summer engagement events also referenced the need for additional facilities for early childhood education and care.

What do folks like most about living in Red Wing?

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Schools and the Educational System



More Activities and Services for Youth

Between the summer engagement events and the MN Student Survey, 153 people mentioned wanting more programs and activities for youth. From mentoring and outreach, to spaces for teens, to summer and after-school programs, people want more for kids to do outside of school.

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Red Wing's Library



Resources for Hispanic/Latino Individuals

Thirty-four respondents to the 2015 and 2017 Hispanic population surveys desire better support and resources when it comes to education and lifelong learning.

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Organizations like the Environmental Learning Center and YMCA



An Expanded Library

Red Wing's library is a beloved and well-used institution. Throughout the engagement effort, 21 people mentioned wanting additional investment in it— from a building expansion, to longer hours, to more community activities and program offerings.

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Activities and Program Offerings

RED WING REPORT CARD SNAPSHOT

POST-SECONDARY GRADUATION RATES

Compared to the state, Red Wing has relatively high rates of graduation from high school (92% vs. 82%), and comparable rates of enrollment in post-secondary education (72% vs. 70%). However, the rate of post-secondary degree completion for Red Wing's high school graduates is much lower than expected at only 46% graduating within six years.

46%

Red Wing

High School grads who completed a two or four-year degree within six years

Source: *Every Hand Joined; National Student Clearing House. 2017.*