



## TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School #4095

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Attention Wolf Creek Seniors and Parents/Guardians:

“Graduation 2026” is fast approaching and all the staff at Wolf Creek are busy preparing. We are asking each of you to review and complete the following topics and tasks in the next few weeks.

### 1. Complete the Senior Survey

Each graduate is required to complete an online survey at: [2026 Senior Survey](#). This survey is also available in our Advisory class. Deadline is May 21st.

### 2. Complete the Wolf Creek Scholarship

Any student pursuing higher education should complete an application for the [2026 Wolf Creek Online High School Scholarship Application](#) included in this mailing. This is open to graduates who plan to pursue a post-secondary education, and have earned a 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA. This universal application will be used for other applicable scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded at graduation. The scholarship form is also available in our Advisory class. Deadline is May 21st.

### 3. Submit “Now and Then” Pictures

Email a current/senior picture and a baby/toddler picture to Chris at [cwallin@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:cwallin@wolfcreekhs.org) to be used in the slideshow for commencement. Each graduate will receive a link to the slideshow. Deadline is May 21st.

### 4. Showcase your Talent!

Attention seniors... if you have words of wisdom, inspiration, reflection or humor to share, then you are a potential graduation speaker candidate. If you have the desire to share your voice, then you are a potential candidate for graduation singer. Any senior interested in any of these things should contact their Learning Manager or Renee Anick, School Counselor.

### 5. Return Checked out Materials

Do you have materials checked out from Wolf Creek? All books, Chromebooks, heart rate monitors, etc., must be returned or payment received before diplomas are granted.

### 6. Celebrate Publicly

Parents/Guardians: We are excited to offer an opportunity for you to publicly congratulate your graduate! For just \$30.00 you can purchase an ad in the Chisago County Press and Search. Full details are outlined on the [2026 Family Graduation Ad](#), which is included in this mailing. Your ad will be published along with the page celebrating Wolf Creek’s graduating class. Please fill out the form and return it to Wolf Creek with payment. Deadline is May 21st.

### 7. Wolf Creek Cap and Gown

Graduates that ordered graduation regalia and paid the participation fee will receive their cap and gown at graduation practice. Graduates must wear their Wolf Creek cap and gown during the ceremony. They are considered “one-time-use” so graduates can keep them. Graduates are welcome to decorate the tops of their

hats in school appropriate ways. We reserve the right to disapprove of any inappropriate dress or decorations. Only students participating in the ceremony will receive a cap and gown. Wolf Creek school colors are royal blue, white, and silver.

### **8. Mark your Calendar for Graduation Practice**

Each graduate participating in the ceremony is required to attend ~~graduation practice at 11:00 am on Friday, June 5th~~ at the Chisago Lakes Performing Arts Center (PAC), located at 29400 Olinda Trail in Lindstrom, MN. After practice graduates will receive their caps and gowns, and will be treated to lunch at the PAC. There will be no Wolf Creek activities until the PAC doors open again at 5:15.

### **9. Bring your Smile for Graduation Pictures**

All graduates participating in the commencement ceremony will be required in the ~~Wolf Creek Class of 2026 group picture. It will be taken at 6:00 PM on June 5th.~~ If you would like to have individual or family pictures taken, you must be at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) by 5:30 p.m. Each graduate will have an opportunity to have individual graduation photos taken with a Wolf Creek backdrop. Wolf Creek photographers will take graduation portraits and will provide graduates with access to a photo account.

### **10. Celebrate! Here are the Commencement Details**

~~Graduation 2026 will be held on Friday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Chisago Lakes Performing Arts Center (PAC), located at 29400 Olinda Trail in Lindstrom, MN.~~ Doors will open at 5:15. Graduates should arrive at 5:30 dressed in their caps and gowns (with tassel on the right side). Students must earn at least 25.0 of 26.0 required credits by noon on May 21nd to participate in commencement. The PAC seats 600 people, please keep your guest list around 10 guests per graduate.

### **11. Earn your Diploma**

Per School Board Policy #613 to receive a TRIO Wolf Creek Charter School accredited diploma, the student must meet all graduation requirements and/or obligations. The requirements to receive a diploma are: *Complete 26.00 course credit requirements and standards in specific areas, as established by the school board* and to return all materials and pay all fines/charges. Graduates meeting these requirements will be given their diplomas at commencement. Final transcripts will be mailed.

**Please Note:** Commencement is a voluntary event in which students may choose to participate. In order to participate students must have the above tasks completed. Wolf Creek has a zero-tolerance policy for those who may be smoking, using drugs and/or alcohol. Any student suspected of being impaired will forfeit their participation in graduation day activities. All facilities, including parking lots, are zoned smoke free, drug free, alcohol free and weapon free.

Graduates that choose not to participate in graduation ceremony should schedule a time to pick up their diploma. Campus is open on most Tuesdays this summer. Students short on credits may register for summer school or the upcoming school year.

Please complete your work and behave responsibly. Have a great last few weeks; it has been a pleasure working with you! If you have questions about graduation, please contact me.

Congratulations!

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