



THE WIDEFIELD WAY

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Coming soon: The new face of North Preschool.
Rendering of building's front facade by CRP Architects



Coming soon: Remodeled classrooms inside North Preschool.
Rendering by CRP Architects

YOUR BOND DOLLARS AT WORK

BY SAM BRIGGS
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When you voted to approve our recent bond and mill levy measures, you made an investment in the future of our students, our staff, and our community. We promised to keep you informed every step of the way, and we are excited to share exactly what your support is accomplishing right now and over the upcoming summer months.

Here is a transparent look at where we are, what you will see, and what will be ready for the upcoming school year.

What's Happening Right Now (April – May)

A lot of the initial work on major construction is invisible to the naked eye. Right now, we are in the heavy planning, engineering, and "prep" phases to make sure summer construction goes smoothly:

- **North Renovation:** Phase 1 is officially underway! Crews are currently handling asbestos removal and demolition of the stage area, as well as prepping the underground tunnels for plumbing for HVAC upgrades.
- **HVAC Prep (Pinello, Talbott, and Venetucci):** These schools are currently getting plumbed and prepped for their HVAC and climate control overhauls.
- **The Drawing Board:** Architects are finalizing drawings for the Widefield High School (WHS) electrical upgrade, HVAC system, and math remodel. They are also drafting plans for the Sproul remodel and the Watson science remodel.
- **Expanding Space:** We are in the design phase for the Grand Mountain School (GMS) addition. Meanwhile,

the modular pods for Sproul and GMS are actively being built off-site.

- **HVAC at WHS:** The first phase of the HVAC upgrade in the WHS science wing is already taking place.
- **Ordering Materials:** We are securing materials for roof replacements at French and Sunrise, and exterior doors/windows at Pinello. Rooftop units for Mesa Ridge are ordered and waiting for school to be out for summer so they can be installed.

Summer: What To Expect and What Will Be Ready

Once school lets out, our campuses are going to get very busy! Here is a look at the active construction you will see this summer, and the exciting upgrades that will be fully completed by the time doors open in the fall:

- **HVAC & Climate Control:** You will see contractor vehicles and active work zones at any school receiving climate upgrades. By the start of school, complete system overhauls will be finished at Pinello, Talbott, and Venetucci. Mesa Ridge will also have the vast majority of its new rooftop units installed (all but about three).
- **Roofs and Glass:** Expect to see cranes and roofing crews active at Sunrise and French doing full roof replacements, both of which will be completed by fall. You will also see workers replacing glass at Sunrise and caulking windows at The Mill.
- **School Additions:** Watch for the delivery and installation of the new classroom pods. By August, a 4-classroom pod at GMS and an 8-classroom pod at Sproul will be fully installed and ready for use.

- **Pinello and North Curb Appeal:** You'll see new exterior doors and windows going in at Pinello (completed by fall). At North, you will see heavy machinery grading the playground for new, updated play equipment. By the time students return, North's playground will be complete, as well as Phase 1 (office and stage remodel) and Phase 2 of asbestos abatement and demo. Renovation construction at North will continue throughout the 2026–2027 school year.

Why This Matters

At the end of the day, we aren't just moving dirt and replacing pipes for the sake of it; every single project on this list directly supports our students and staff.

By overhauling the AC, boilers, and climate controls at several of our schools, we are creating comfortable, reliable environments where students can focus on learning rather than the temperature of the room. The new windows and doors at Pinello will not only give the school a beautiful curb appeal the neighborhood can be proud of, but will also boost energy efficiency to save on utilities.

Meanwhile, the new classroom pods at Sproul and GMS help accommodate additional students as our community continues to grow, and the new playground at North is specifically designed with better ADA access so that all of our students can play together safely.

We have also established a Bond Oversight Committee that meets monthly to provide oversight of projects funded through the bond. Meeting minutes and updates are posted on the Believe in Widefield webpage on wsd3.org.

Thank you again for partnering with us and investing in the future of our schools—we couldn't do this without you.

STEM IN ACTION:

WSD3 STUDENTS REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

It has been a banner year for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) in Widefield School District 3! From building battle-ready robots to sending experiments toward the stars, our students are gaining hands-on experience that prepares them for the future. Here is a look at what our young innovators have been up to this year:

Robotics: A State Powerhouse

WSD3 continues to be the largest secondary robotics program in all of Colorado. This year, we fielded 55 teams across VEX robotics and drone competitions.

- From October through January, Mesa Ridge High School hosted regional events that brought in roughly 400 students per session.

- Our teams competed at the prestigious Signature Events at the Broadmoor Hotel, facing off against 128 top-tier teams from across the U.S. and Canada.

- In April, Widefield High School (WHS) students debuted in the National Robotics League "Battlebots" competition. Special shoutout to Eli Paul, who earned a Runner-Up Engineering Design award!

- This May, Mesa Ridge will host the National Championship, welcoming teams from across the country, including Ohio, Missouri, and California.

High-Altitude Discoveries

The STEM Club at Grand Mountain School (GMS), led by "STEMologist" Stephanie Smith, literally took science to the clouds. In partnership with

the Missile Defense Agency and the University of Alabama Huntsville, students launched a high-altitude balloon. The balloon reached a staggering 90,000 feet to collect atmospheric data. After its flight, the balloon safely landed near Oakley, Kansas.

Space Food: Crickets in Orbit?

Our ongoing partnership with UCCS Aerospace Engineering is looking into a unique food source for future astronauts: crickets! The Crickets in Space 2.0 program studies how the intense forces of a rocket launch affect fertilized cricket eggs. Results from last year's NASA launch were actually published in a professional science journal (Astrobiology Science Conference). This year's student team is preparing a new experiment to launch on a rocket built by the UCCS Rocketry Club, aiming for an altitude of 30,000 feet.

Investing in Our Youngest Learners

STEM isn't just for the older students. Thanks to a federal grant, every elementary student in WSD3 received a brand-new, hands-on science curriculum this school year. Additionally, the program funded 2-3 exciting STEM-related field trips for every elementary school in the district, ensuring our youngest learners get out of the classroom and into the world of discovery.

MUSIC HIGH NOTES

Music is strong and growing in Widefield School District 3. This year, students and staff showed great talent, hard work, and pride in their programs.

At the state level, two groups represented our district at the 2026 Colorado Music Educators Association Conference. The Janitell Jazz Cats gave a fun and high-energy performance. The Grand Mountain School Girls Choir also performed with confidence and skill. Both groups did an amazing job representing Widefield.

Across the district, middle and high school music groups took part in Large Group Festivals. Every group earned a rating of "Excellent" or higher. This shows the strong effort and high expectations in our music programs.

Spring musicals also brought our community together. Mesa Ridge High School performed The Sound of Music, sharing a warm and engaging show. Widefield High School performed Peter Pan, bringing energy and creativity to the stage. Both shows highlighted the talent of our students and staff.



Widefield High School's Chamber Orchestra earned national recognition. The group performed at a national conference in San Francisco and received an excellent rating. This is a big honor and shows their dedication and skill.

Many students were also selected for honor groups:

- 17 students from Mesa Ridge High School and Janitell Junior High made the Southwestern Honor Choir



- 43 middle school students were selected for the Colorado All-State Choir
- 9 high school students performed in the Colorado All-State Choir at the Buell Theatre

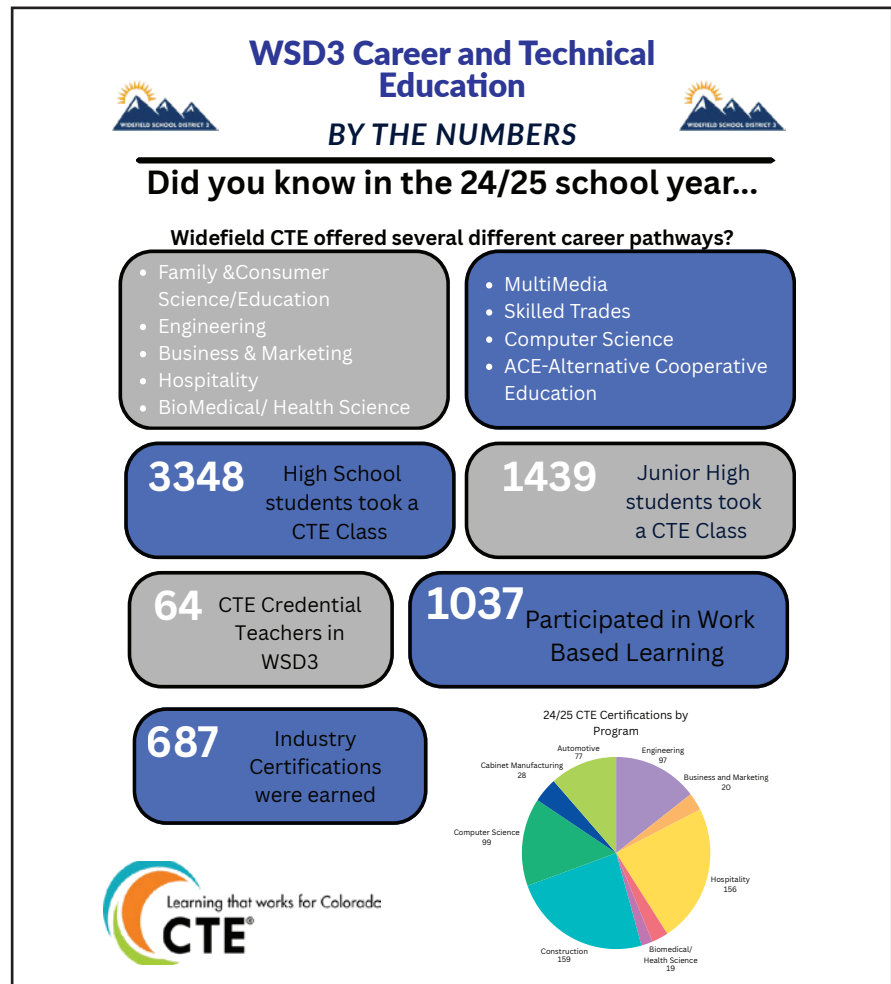
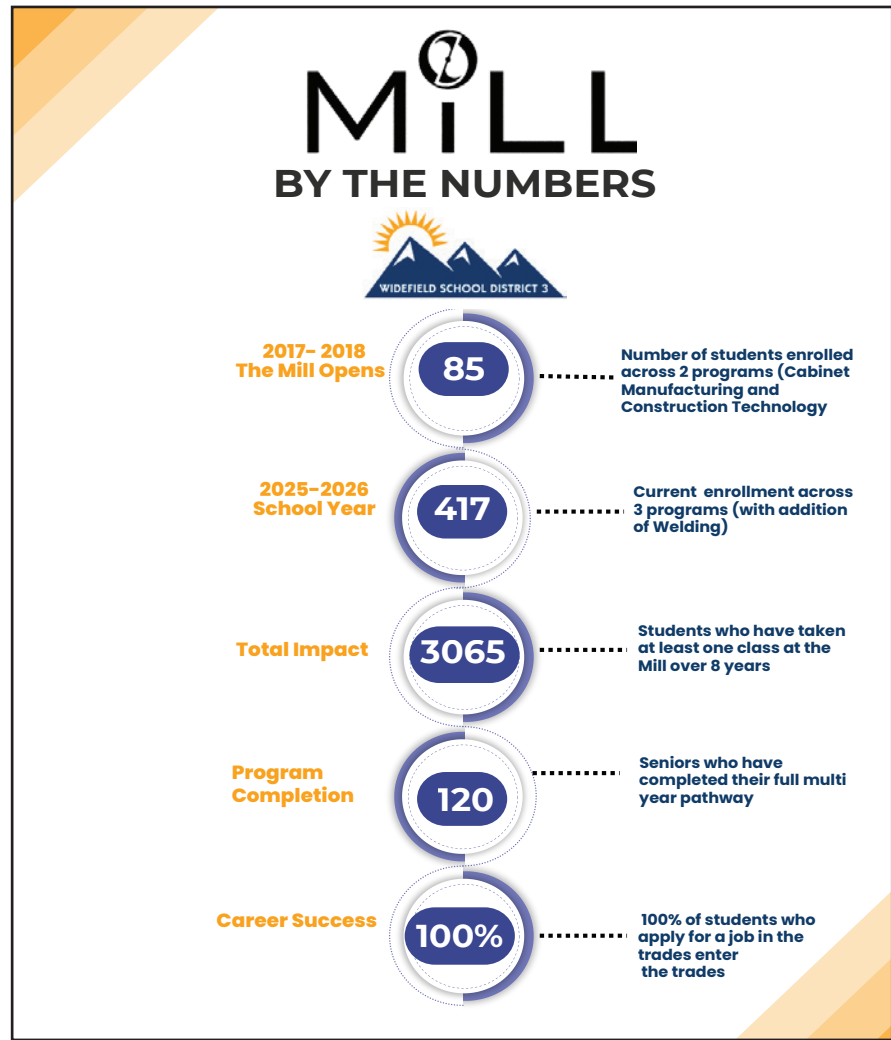
Our instrumental students also stood out:

- 5 junior high students made the Pikes Peak Honor Band
- 2 Mesa Ridge High School students were selected for the High School All-City Band

We are also building the future of music in WSD3:

- High school drumlines and color guards visited younger students to inspire them
- Over 600 students tried instruments as they prepare for junior high music programs

From local performances to national stages, WSD3 music programs continue to shine. These experiences help students grow and bring our community together. For more information on music programs, go to wsd3.org.



Building Futures:

WSD3 Celebrates a Landmark Year in CTE

CTE in WSD3 celebrated an outstanding 2025-2026 school year, highlighted by student success, program growth, and new opportunities. Students earned national competition qualifications, industry certifications, and top honors across multiple Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs).

Mesa Ridge students launched a student-run school store through a vending machine that sells school supplies, student must-haves, and school gear; gaining real-world experience in business operations thanks to a Perkins Grant. FCCLA students earned multiple medals at the State Leadership Conference, while SkillsUSA competitors from Widefield High School brought home gold and advanced to national competition. Additionally, students achieved valuable certifications in IT, networking, and cybersecurity.

CTE programs also continue to expand, with growing enrollment in courses like Teacher Cadet and Cabinet Manufacturing, and new offerings such as AP Business launching in the 2026-2027 school year.

These achievements reflect the dedication of WSD3 students and staff in preparing for college, careers, and beyond.

The following graphic gives a snapshot of the 2024-2025 school year successes in CTE. WSD3 is tracking similar success this school year and will be sharing those numbers once the school year is completed.

FOR SALE

STUDENT-BUILT HOME BY CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION COLORADO

\$110,000

This home was built in partnership with local high school students, the Housing and Building Association of Colorado Springs, and Careers in Construction Colorado (CICC): an industry supported program bringing hands-on training to the next generation of construction professionals.

Students gained real-world experience working alongside industry mentors, from framing to finishes, turning classroom lessons into career-ready skills.

Home Features

- 1,200 square feet modular home
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Energy-efficient construction and insulation
- Modern finishes and durable materials
- Built with guidance from licensed professionals
- Inspected through Pikes Peak Regional Building Department

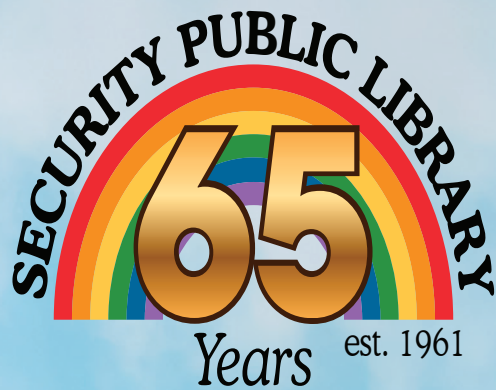
Buyer Information

- Land: Buyer must provide land within El Paso County
- Foundation and Utilities: Buyer is responsible for preparing the foundation and utility hookups
- Delivery: Buyer is financially responsible for moving the home to their site. If needed, CICC can help connect buyers with trusted movers.

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Proceeds fund the next Home Build project for a school in the Pikes Peak Region, helping to educate and empower the future construction workforce.

CICColorado.org



Books are just the beginning!

Bookmobile

Bringing the library to the Security-Widefield area this summer!

- Lorson Ranch
- Colorado Centre & more!

Check our website for our bookmobile's route and schedule.

Summer Reading Program

- Programs and prizes for all age groups!
- Starts May 26th (Summer programming starts June 2nd)

Free Meeting Spaces

Book for meetings, clubs, parties, etc.

- Testing Center (10 person capacity)
- Meeting Room (20 person capacity)
- Program Room (50 person capacity)

Makerspace

- Free Classes & Training
- 3D Printing
- Laser Cutting and Engraving
- Cricut & more!

DVDs, Audiobooks, & a

Library of Things

- WiFi hotspots
- Laptops
- Portable DVD players
- Ghost hunting kit & more!

Free eBook platforms!

- Libby
- Hoopla
- Cloud Library
- Comics Plus & more!

Online Research and Learning Databases

- EBSCO
- Learning Express
- Mango Languages & more!

Join us for a special celebration
for our 65th Anniversary!

Saturday, June 27th | 4 - 7 PM

Food, games, prizes, and more!



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PARKS & RECREATION

SUMMER 2026

DAY CAMP

SPORTS

AQUATICS

FITNESS

MOVIES IN THE PARK

JUNE 12 HARRY POTTER

JULY 10 LILO & STITCH

AUGUST 14 SUPER MARIO GALAXY



SCAN TO VIEW
THE CATALOG OF
PROGRAMS



Graduation Dates

Discovery High School

May 15, 2026, 4pm
Widefield High School Auditorium

The Haven School

May 15, 2026, 6pm
Widefield High School Auditorium

Widefield High School

May 16, 2026, 10am • C.A. Foster Stadium

Mesa Ridge High School

May 18, 2026, 7pm • World Arena

class of
2026
Congratulations
GRADUATES!

Important Dates

WSD3 Retirement Recognition

May 13, 2026, 3:30pm • Widefield High School - Bowers Gym

WSD3 Back to School Bash

July 25, 2026, 9-12pm • Grand Mountain School

Summer Break

May 21 - August 10, 2026

First Day of School

August 10, 2026

**Please check your child's school calendar, the District calendar, and the District Music Calendar for additional upcoming activities and events.

