



FREE Senior Activity Pass

Senior community members (age 65+) who live in the District are invited to participate in the Senior Activities Pass program and enjoy complimentary admission to school activities.

Find the application on the District's website, isd624.org, or call the Superintendent's Office at 651-407-7563 to request one via mail.

Senior Community Member Lifetime Activity Pass

This Senior Community Member Activity Pass grants free admission into home activities* for

YOUR NAME

Validated by Dr. Wayne A. Kazmierczak, Superintendent

Building Our Future Facilities Process

The facilities projects approved by the community in 2019 are highlighted on the district's website at isd624.org/BuildingOurFuture.

See details and updates on individual projects, as well as presentations about the overall process.



Superintendent's Message

The end of the school year is an exciting time for students, who look forward to a bit of rest and relaxation in the summer sunshine. With final exams completed and projects turned in, they're ready to head to the lake – or quite possibly to the long line at Cup and Cone – to celebrate another successful year.

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Translations:

Para Español, por favor llame al 651-407-7625

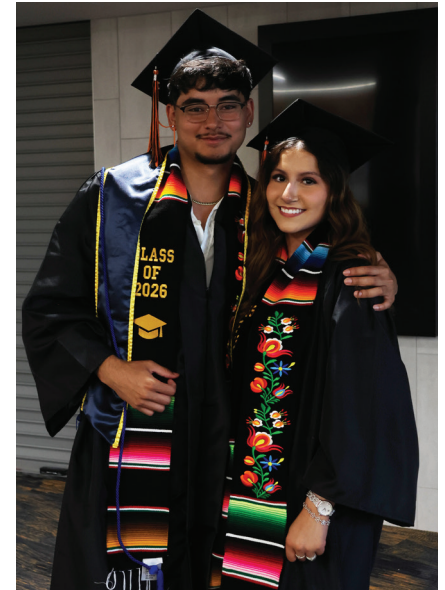
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Honoring Graduates

Members of the Class of 2026 were recently celebrated throughout the district by families, friends and staff members as they received their diplomas. Congratulations, graduates!



Applauding Retirees

Families and staff members recently gathered to honor district employees who retired during the 2025-26 school year with a Retirement Celebration. District leaders thanked retirees for a total of more than 765 years of service to the students, families and community!





White Bear Lake Area Schools

BEAR'S UPDATE

Summer 2026



Enrollment info at
isd624.org/enroll



**Elementary Spanish
Dual Immersion available!**

June 25 Spirit Night!

Stop by the district's Marketfest booth on Thursdays this summer in Downtown White Bear Lake!

AND - wear orange and join us for an "Orange Out" photo at 6:30 p.m. on June 25! We're sponsoring WBLAS Spirit Night, filling 4th Street with activities and student groups.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Superintendent's Message cont.

The excitement is similar for the adults in their lives, who are likely eager for the fast pace of May to slow to a steadier rhythm.

But this season is also bittersweet, especially for families watching students prepare for their next chapter. Whether it's graduating seniors preparing for college or careers, elementary students getting ready for the adventure of middle school, or kindergartners proudly anticipating becoming "big kids" as first graders, this time of year often brings reflection alongside the celebration.

Each spring, I find myself wondering where the time has gone. That feeling is especially poignant this year, as I watched my own son graduate from WBLAHS.

This year's senior class holds a unique distinction: They are the first White Bear graduates in decades to attend high school in the same building for all four years. They navigated their freshmen year while construction crews worked around them to build the three-story addition and field house connected to the old "round building."

During the middle of their sophomore year, they moved into the addition while renovations took place in the former North Campus space. In their junior year, they became part of the district's unified grades 9-12 high school, remaining on Division Ave. as the seniors returned from South Campus.

Throughout those years of transition, these students embraced the opportunities before them. They explored more than 50 college-credit options, participated in programs connected to nine career pathway areas, and engaged in hands-on learning experiences designed to prepare them for life beyond high school. They also found connection and belonging through athletics, activities, clubs, arts, and countless extracurricular opportunities that allowed them to expand their interests outside the classroom.

The confidence, resilience, and adaptability they gained along the way will serve them well as they move into the next phase of their lives.

While our graduates prepare to spread their wings, what they leave behind is equally important: a community that has supported them every step of the way. You are the community that cheered from the sidelines while students wore oversized Rec T-shirts

and learned the basics of t-ball. You are the neighbors and families who lined the streets in orange and black for the annual Homecoming Parade. You are the volunteers who gave their time in classrooms, on field trips, at events, and behind the scenes. You are the voters and supporters who invested in innovative learning spaces and programming opportunities that continue to benefit students and the broader community.

In White Bear Lake Area Schools, we know that showing up matters.

Students thrive when they know they are surrounded by people who care about them, encourage them, and believe in their potential. The success of this graduating class is impressive, but it is not theirs alone. It belongs to the families, educators, mentors, neighbors, and community members who supported them along the way.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026, and thank you to everyone who has shown up for these students through the years. They are ready for the future because of your support, and our community is stronger for having cheered them on.

Sincerely,
Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent