

GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

**GRADUATION 2026 CEREMONY
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026 10:00 AM**



To the Graduates of 2026,

Congratulations on your accomplishment! As a staff, we are very proud to be part of your academic success and achieving this milestone in your personal journey. Our mission at WAEC is to provide adults the opportunity to achieve their Provincial Grade 12 Diploma. A high school diploma is a personal accomplishment that provides additional employment possibilities and opens doors to post-secondary and training opportunities. You should be incredibly proud of your successes knowing you have received the education needed for the next steps in your journey!

We would like to invite you and your friends and family to share and celebrate your perseverance and hard work by attending the WAEC graduation ceremony at the University of Winnipeg on June 29th, 2026.

Please take the time to read this special Graduation Newsletter as it contains important dates and other information to help prepare you for graduation day.

-Dino Di Fabrizio, Principal

**Not sure if you're eligible to graduate?
Come and see a guidance counselor at
310 Vaughan St!**

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GRADUATION PHOTOS

**Wednesday, May 20th and Thursday,
May 21st from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**



To book your appointment, visit schoolinterviews.ca/code and enter the booking code **xmtuz** or scan the QR code and follow the prompts

A fee of \$10 cash or e-transfer is payable at the time of the photo sitting.

For \$10, you will receive:

- 1 - 8 x10
- 1 - 5x7
- 4 wallet sized
- Digital on request



WHAT ABOUT THE CAP & GOWN?



Grads attending the ceremony will be given a cap and gown to wear. The cap and tassel are yours to keep.

Gowns must be returned before you leave!

You will be given time to take pictures wearing the grad attire.

If you have any questions or special requests, please contact Ricki or Kristen in the Guidance Office.

GRAD Rehearsal—June 23, 2026

There will be a rehearsal walk-through on June 23 at 10 A.M. at the University of Winnipeg, Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence Street.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU ATTEND

GRAD CEREMONY - JUNE 29, 2026

University of Winnipeg - Duckworth Centre
400 Spence Street

Graduates and award winners are expected to arrive by 9:00 A.M.

Please report to the reception desk located on the main floor.

The WAEC student parking lot will NOT be available on June 29th.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO GRADUATE??

If you are planning on graduating this year, or if you think you may be eligible but aren't sure, please come to the Guidance office to meet with Kristen or Ricki to review your information.

DIPLOMA AND TRANSCRIPT PICK-UP

If you do not plan on attending the ceremony, your diploma and transcript will be available for pick-up at 310 Vaughan on June 30th or after August 25. If you would like a copy of your transcript emailed to you or a post-secondary institution, please email the school at waec@wsd1.org—include your name, date of birth, and email address we are sending the transcript to.



IMPORTANT DATES



Date	Time	Event	Where or Who
Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21	9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.	Graduation Photos— appointment required	Room 104, Main Campus
Wednesday, June 3rd	10:00 AM	WSD Graduation Pow Wow	Canada Life Centre
Friday, June 5th	DEADLINE	Submit your name for valedictorian speech	Jocelyn Shedden / Andrew Kinnear
Wednesday, June 10	2:00 P.M.	Valedictorian speeches presented to the Selection Committee	Room 001
Tuesday, June 23	10:00 A.M.	Rehearsal for graduation ceremony	U of W - Duckworth Centre
Monday, June 29	10:00 A.M.	Graduation Ceremony	U of W - Duckworth Centre
June 30, or after Aug 25	Please visit our website for summer office	Diploma pick-up	310 Vaughan Street

CALL FOR VALEDICTORIAN



2026 WAEC Valedictorian

Interested in delivering the valedictorian speech? You will be responsible for writing and delivering a four minute speech (approximately 500-750 words) to the attendees of the 2026 WAEC Graduation Ceremony.

Criteria for the speech:

- You must be a February 2026 or June 2026 graduate of the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre (all sites).

Those interested in the position should consider the three distinct parts of a valedictory speech:

- acknowledgement of help, support or encouragement from families or friends;
- recognition of the teachers (the staff, not individuals) who have helped the graduates reach this point (a “thank you” from the graduating class);
- a message to your fellow graduates that promotes a positive view of the future.

Important points when delivering your speech:

- The valedictorian is speaking for the entire graduating class and is NOT speaking personally. Therefore, “I” should not appear and there should be no personal stories.
- Keep your points positive. Do not attack or criticize.
- The speech should be approximately four minutes long.

If you are interested in delivering the speech, submit your name to Andrew—akinnear@wsd1.org or Jocelyn—jshedden@wsd1.org, with Valedictorian as the subject **before the end of the school day on Friday, May 29, 2026.**

Candidates must deliver their speeches to the Valedictorian Selection Committee.

Friday, June 5 2025 at 2:00pm —Room 001.

Note: the speech presented in June should be the actual speech delivered on graduation day, although some modifications may be made, if selected.

