

Rich Wendorff graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1976 where he was a star basketball player and three sport athlete. During his senior basketball season, the 6-foot-4-inch Wendorff was named an All-State performer by WCCO Radio, The Minneapolis Star Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press. He Was the Big Nine Conference scoring champion, averaging 22.8 points per game and was unanimously named First-Team All-Conference. Wendorff also had the School's single-season scoring record (504) and career scoring record (777) in only two seasons on the varsity.

In addition to basketball, Wendorff was a two-year letter winner in cross country and track.

Wendorff also starred after high school at Rochester Junior College and Winona State University.