



WESTPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grade 6 Complementary Course Selections 2020 - 2021



Please ensure that you help your child choose the complementary courses online.

We have a variety of complementary courses available, and every student should have the opportunity to take something of interest to them in each of the three terms.

Note: All students are required by Alberta Education to take the following core subjects:

Mathematics
Science

Social Studies
Language Arts

Physical Education
Wellness

1. Please note that timetable constraints impose some restrictions in our offering of complementary classes. We will do our best to include your top choices.
2. **If there are not enough students interested in a course, it will not be offered. We will not know this until all complementary course forms have been submitted.**
3. **Full year courses –Band and French** classes are every other day, all three terms.
4. Please take the time to read the descriptions of the courses we are offering to be prepared to enter them online.
5. Optional fees for the year are: Yearbook - \$20; Instrument Rental Fee for Band students
6. Non-optional fees for the year are: Lock - \$2.00

Grade 6 Complementary Course Descriptions

Band 6 (full year course) – Instrument Rental Fee

Instrumental music is taught using the medium of the Concert Band. Each student, together with his/her parents and the band director decide which instrument would be best suited to that student. Activities include the winter and year-end concerts and band camp. Band members should be dedicated students as they are expected to practice a minimum of twenty minutes per day for six days a week. This home practice ensures that each student will have a positive musical experience in the grade 6 band. Students are expected to provide their own instrument and supplies. An opportunity to purchase, rent or rent-to-own an instrument will be made available to parents in June at reasonable rates. The larger, more expensive instruments are purchased and owned by the school. Band 6 requires a **full year commitment**, and must be completed to take Band 7 and 8. Band 6 is split into two groups based on the instrument. If you will be playing a woodwind/percussion instrument you will be in **Band 6W** and if you will be playing a brass instrument you will be in **Band 6B**. Please complete the online form [HERE](#) if you have not already done so previously.

French 6 (full year course)

The grade 6 program is a continuation of the two-year elementary program. It reviews many of the concepts that should be well established by the end of grade 5. While direct instruction is a necessary component of this program, there is an emphasis on interactive group activities, games and songs. Units of study include "Bienvenue chez nous" (neighbourhood), "Les animaux en danger" (endangered animals), "Fêtons l'hiver" (winter activities), "Les fêtes et les célébrations" (holidays and celebrations) and "Au camp de vacances" (summer camp creation). Students should take French 6 if they wish to take French 7 and 8. French 6 requires a **full year commitment**.

Art 6

This course will introduce grade 6 students to Art and Design fundamentals needed in grade 7 and 8. Students will learn the basic elements of art through a variety of projects and mediums. They will also improve their observation and fine

motor skills through a variety of two and three dimensional art projects, including painting, drawing and sculpture. They will learn these things through projects such as cartooning, watercolor painting and clay sculpture just to name a few.

Drama 6

This is an introductory course designed to acquaint students with basic dramatic form and style. Activities are chosen that will build a sense of team within the class, as well as to provide a safe, supportive atmosphere where students feel comfortable taking risks, and trying new skills. Learning strands will include improvisation, creative movement and a performance piece class.

Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) Complementary Courses

The CTF Program of Studies is based on 14 learning outcomes that identify what students are expected to learn and what will be assessed, and are the same for grades 5 to 9. The CTF curriculum honours student diversity, and promotes the meaningful and authentic exploration of various occupational areas. (Alberta Education)

CTF Computers 6

The computer has become an essential tool in the everyday life of students, teachers and parents. Learning the skills necessary to use this tool to its potential is the goal of this course. Students will work with a variety of programs to develop and showcase these skills:

- ethics and safety
- keyboarding
- spreadsheets
- multimedia presentations
- ergonomics
- word processing
- web page design

CTF Crafts 6

The Crafts 6 exploratory is dedicated to increasing students' ability to create usable and decorative objects. The focus of the course will be to expand students' range of potential leisure and recreational pursuits by exposing them to a broad range of activities. Part of their learning includes planning, creating and evaluating their own progress. Students will develop cutting, gluing, assembling, and visualization skills using a wide range of materials. Some of the projects that have been undertaken in past years include mobiles, papier mâché, paper crafts, knot tying, and jewelry making.

CTF Fashion Studies 6

Fashions 6 is an expository course to the world of sewing. Students will learn basic sewing room safety, vocabulary, and basic sewing procedures. Students will also learn basic sewing machine anatomy, maintenance, and troubleshooting techniques. Students will put their new knowledge to work by creating small fabric items, such as wheat bags, stuffed animals, and drawstring bags.

CTF Food Studies 6

Do you love food? Do you cook all the time? Have you never cooked before? ... Then this course is for you! Foods 6 students are introduced to basic skills and procedures in the kitchen - specifically in a group environment. You will learn to be safe and effective while using knives, blenders, stoves, ovens, and more! Most of our learning is done IN the kitchen where you'll have the opportunity to practice everything you learn about, including simple snacks, smoothies, baking, rolling and wrapping!

CTF Leadership 6 (Terms 2 and 3 only)

The goal of the Leadership elective is to provide students with a variety of learning experiences which will enable them to acquire the skills needed to serve their school and community. Students will participate in a variety of activities that will foster skill development in the following areas:

- Self Awareness
- Relationship and Team Building
- Planning and Organizing
- Communication
- Problem Solving and Decision Making
- School and Community Service

CTF Recreation Education 6

Students will participate in a wide range of recreational activities, many of which are off campus. Students should be prepared to be in the gym and outside on the field. Examples of some activities: kite making, rock climbing, billiards, etc.

CTF Technical Education 6 (Shop)

COME BUILD YOUR FUTURE!

Do you like to make things? Love to work with your hands? Have an interest in learning new and useful skills?

The shop is a great place to learn new skills and create a number of things that can be either useful or decorative. While you are using your hands and tools to make awesome projects, you will be learning to accurately interpret plans, select and safely use power tools, how the traditional shop operates, how to measure and lay out projects correctly, and finish projects properly. Safety procedures are taught and tested, so there is no need to fear the tools.

You will have the chance to work with acrylic, other plastics, and of course, good ol' wood.

Gr. 6 Literacy/Numeracy Interventions by Teacher recommendation only

In grade 5, your child's teacher used multiple assessments to determine if they were performing at grade level, primarily the Fountas and Pinnell (for literacy) and the Math Intervention Planning Instrument (for Numeracy). If their teacher noticed that your child was experiencing difficulty with some of their grade level material, either in Literacy or Numeracy, they passed this information on to us. To that end, we may contact you with regards to placing your child in one of our Interventions options. This would mean that they would be removed from an option, in which they are currently enrolled, and placed in a small group class where they would work on several key strategies to help them become more successful students. The student would remain in the Intervention option until the trimester has ended. A meeting with the administration, teaching staff and parents would determine whether or not the student continues in Interventions OR is placed in a different option class.