

**Westmount Charter School Mid-School
Course Handbook Grade 6
2024-2025**

GRADE 6 Typical Schedule

Grade 6		
Term 1	Day 1	Day 2
MH1	Science 6	HUM 6
SOURCE	SOURCE/Recess	SOURCE/Recess
MH2	Math 6	HUM 6
MH3	PE 6/ Music or Band 6	PE 6/int art 6
MH4	Spanish 6	CORE FLEX 6
Term 2	Day 1	Day 2
MH1	Science 6	HUM 6
SOURCE	SOURCE/Recess	SOURCE/Recess
MH2	Math 6	HUM 6
MH3	PE 6/Music or Band 6	PE 6/int art 6
MH4	French 6	CORE FLEX 6

Mandatory

SOURCE: Every student at Westmount is enrolled in a SOURCE class. The SOURCE program provides meeting times for students to connect with their peers and SOURCE teacher. In grade 6, students will develop IPPs and complete the Health curriculum, as well as ensuring opportunities for character development, DEID, and wellness. SOURCE stands for Sense of Self, Organization, Understanding Relationships, Creative Expression/Career Exploration.

Mathematics

Humanities

Science

Wellness (Health & PE)

Languages: French AND Spanish (one term of each. Taught by language teachers)

Arts: Integrated Art - visual and performing arts (taught by SOURCE teacher)

Core Flex: extra time for MAS or HUM as determined by their teacher

Choice: Music (NEW) **OR** Instrumental Band (**choose one** - year long)

An email will be sent in April or May with a link to pick Music 6 or Band 6.

MUSIC 6 (NEW):

Students will explore music of the world. They will understand there are many kinds of rhythms and that melodies may be based on many different scales, such as major and minor scales. Studying longer forms of music, they will recognize concerto, opera, and symphony combined in a variety of structural forms. Singing, they will explore different voice characteristics, and will perform songs written in a variety of scales. For more information about Grade 6 Music, refer to the [program of studies](#).

Through the music program, students will develop:

- enjoyment of music
- awareness and appreciation of a variety of music, including music of the many cultures represented in Canada
- insights into music through meaningful musical activities
- self-expression and creativity
- musical skills and knowledge

Grade 6 Music has no additional fees associated with the program.

INSTRUMENTAL BAND 6:

Grade 6 Band is the second year in our instrumental music program. If you are new to school please note any student is welcome to join our Instrumental Music program at any point and they will be supported to integrate at any level. The instrumental music program will provide band performance practices along with music theory, history, composition and listening components as it is outlined in the Alberta Program of Studies. Band is a full year course. Students will be provided with two head start nights (September and February, as private lessons in small groups with professional symphony musicians. In grade 6, band students may explore any band instrument. Throughout grade 6, students will extend their register and begin to play more complicated rhythms. They will develop a good tone and command on their performance practice. They will start to explore fundamental articulations and phrasing practices. The grade 6 band provides a unique growth opportunity in music through phrasing and musicality practices. There will be two concerts (December and June) and a festival performance and/or clinic that will bring the students together as a big band. Our band program provides a community experience around performances and the joy of music making.

Please note there is an approximate fee of \$140 for this course for the entire year. This course fee will include two headstart nights, imprinted WCS band shirts, music score and method book purchases, instrument repairs, and festival registration, in the years it is offered, and the transportation to the festival. You will also need to rent an instrument, which will cost between \$10 and \$22 per month.

Extra Opportunity:

***NEW* Drama (Mainstage) Production (gr 6-9)**

Term 2 Only. After school (2-3 times a week) and some lunch time classes/rehearsals

Pre-requisite: Term 1 Audition

*This will replace the current grade 7-9 extracurricular club next year

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Have you always wanted to perform on stage? Would you like to re-experience the joy that being part of a creative ensemble and performing has brought you in the past? Well, now you can! The Mid/High Mainstage Drama Production offers students in grades 6-9 an opportunity to audition and be considered for a role in the springtime mainstage production. Through ensemble building and working towards the common goal of 'the show', students will experience and explore their sense of self, creative and critical thinking, creative risk taking skills, focus, mentorship and leadership and performance, while learning and having fun!

Performing experience is not necessary, confidence will develop, but successful students in this course will be committed to the process, the performance and have exceptional attendance.

This course occurs outside the regular school timetable, with classes occurring from 3:30-5:00 (dates TBD) T-TR and some scheduled lunch hours. Interested students will need to register during course selection and will audition during Term 1 (January). The director/instructor will determine show selection, casting, and the class size will be capped accordingly (Registration guarantees audition only, not a spot in the class.) Regardless of casting, every student is an integral part of the team. Audition information will be available to all students who register.

Parents with time, an inclination to help and have talents in building, sewing, painting, sourcing materials, photography, program building, or errand running, are encouraged to reach out. We'd love to welcome you to the team!