



Middle School (7-9)

Elective Course Request Form

Below is the list of elective courses being offered at W.G.M. for the 2021-2022 school year. Please take your time and read the course descriptions. Gr. 7 to 9 students have a total of 13 electives to choose from this school year. Write the numbers 1-8 under the title of the courses you are interested in, with 1 being your top pick. ***please note, not all courses may be offered depending on student interest or timetable constraints.**

Student's Last Name:	Student's First Name:	Grade:
Parent Signature:	Student Signature:	

Elective	Course Description	Est. Cost
Art	This is your chance to experience some really cool artistic techniques and challenge your ideas about art! Drawing, painting, pastel, printmaking, and sculpture are just some of the art mediums that students will have the opportunity to explore in this option. You will learn techniques and skills related to art mediums and learn to talk and think critically about art.	\$20
Drama	Drama is designed for students who are interested in developing their acting skills, as well as for those who simply want to build confidence before an audience. Theatre games help students learn to work with each other and practice specific skills such as the use of their voices, focus, body movement, and characterization. Students will gain experience in monologues, improvisation, pantomime, readers' theatre, skits, short scenes, and one act plays.	\$20
Foods	In Foods, students will be learning basic kitchen safety and safe food handling practices through a practical, hands-on approach. Students will work as part of a kitchen team to prepare a variety of delicious recipes that will allow them to understand cooking terms and recipe organization, as well as develop familiarity with kitchen equipment.	\$40
Hockey	Students will participate in hockey skill development both on and off the ice. This program operates during Semester 1. Hockey equipment required. **2 years previous hockey experience is recommended.	\$250
Hockey/Golf	Students will participate in both hockey and golf where they can hone their skills through play and practice. Hockey equipment required; golf clubs are optional. This program operates during Semester 2. **2 years previous hockey experience is recommended.	\$250
Leadership	In Leadership class, students develop skills in thinking critically, communicating effectively, and working cooperatively in a group to successfully plan activities and events in our school. Students will learn personal and team responsibility, problem solving, how to organize and promote an event, how to work well with others, what leadership means, how to set goals and plans, the importance of trust, honesty and reliability and other characteristics necessary in a leader.	\$10
French as a Second Language	French as a Second Language is designed for all students to access the French language regardless of their prior knowledge of the language. The course will introduce you to all that French culture has to offer, such as music, food, movies and more. You will also learn basics of the French language so you can travel, open up job opportunities, and speak both of our official languages!	
Band	Band is a yearlong course. Students will explore a variety of musical genres including pop, rock and film music through this performance-based course. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with their instruments while also being part of full group ensemble.	\$15
Robotics	In this option you will learn the basics of Robotics. From the definition of a robot to how programming works to designing, building and programming.	\$20
Shop	Students explore their love of creating and constructing in a shop environment. Access to equipment differs depending on the age of the student.	\$20
Mechanics	Students will develop fundamental skills in metalworking and car maintenance and repair. Access to equipment differs depending on the age of the student.	\$30
Cosmetology	Students will explore topics related to Esthetics and Beauty, both for personal use and as a future career option. This course is intended to introduce students to and allow them space to discover for themselves basic nail care & art, haircare and basic updo's, beginner skincare, and age-appropriate makeup application.	\$20
Outdoor Education	The Outdoor Education option is a student-centered program designed to enhance the participant's learning ability, self-confidence, and self-discipline. Here, individuals can	\$20

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	challenge themselves mentally, physically, socially, emotionally and culturally. Students will learn to utilize the outdoors as a classroom and incorporate many skills to live an active and healthy lifestyle.	
Yoga	Exploring mindfulness, re-energizing, and the gift of time in this movement filled course. Students will have the opportunity to take a breath of fresh air from the busyness of their day to day and engage in yoga practice and the knowledge that is gained when you can take time for yourself.	
Photography	Photography is a great way to get an introduction to or extend your understanding of digital imaging and photography. Students will explore different avenues of visual communication, self-expression, and creative problem solving through the creation of commercial, contemporary, and fine art. The elements and principles of design, composition, lighting, and using camera setting to have control over your photographic images will be the basis of our learning. Learn how to take your photographs to the next level and impress everyone with this very versatile art form!	\$10
Game Strategy	In this class we will be exploring game theory. We will be looking at some different games and determine the strategy to win (if possible) or to not lose. It is not always possible to win every game. It is not always possible to not lose every game. Throughout the course, we will look at a variety of "games" to develop reasoning and strategic decision-making skills. The games we look at will be board games, card games, dice games, and other similar games.	
Film Studies	If you love different types of movies and would like to explore the elements used by film makers to capture our imaginations, then FILM STUDIES may be an option for you! Students will watch and analyze several films chosen by the teacher. They will have the opportunity to explore elements of film used by film makers to capture the audience.	
Forensic Science	Students will investigate a variety of evidence (fingerprint analysis, foot/tire/other prints, soil samples, handwriting analysis, paper chromatography, fabric/hair analysis and DNA) and link it to a possible source, observe human and animal footprints to infer the direction and speed of travel, and identify evidence of human and animal activity outdoors, and make inferences based on the unique characteristics of the evidence observed.	\$20
Dance	Through the knowledge about dance and the opportunity to develop physical, social and emotional skills, the dance option is intended to foster technical proficiency, historical appreciation and positive self-pride. This class will foster positive group interactions in a supportive, non-threatening and challenging environment. Students become creators, performers, historians, critics and patrons.	\$15
STEM	STEM is designed to integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students will apply concepts they are learning about in their math and science class to engineering based problems. Explore how forces can cause changes in motion and are responsible for the transfer of energy. Investigate a wide variety of systems, from simple, short-term forces on individual objects to the deep, long-term forces that shape our planet. Determine how organisms survive and reproduce only to the extent that their own mechanisms and adaptations allow. Get ready to do hands-on learning and project-based learning!	\$25
Agriculture Studies	Where Does Your Food Come From? In this class we will investigate where our food comes from and how it is produced, transported, shipped, and consumed not only in Alberta but around the world. We will look closely at different food production methods, hydroponics, aquaponics etc. and conduct various food-based experiments as well as, attempt to grow various plants. Additionally, we will look at the history of farming practices, how they have changed over time and how agriculture practices continue to adapt moving forward. A large portion of this course will focus on the Journey 2050 curriculum as well as preparing students to possibly take the green certificate program later on in high school.	\$25
Evolution of Music	Country? EDM? Rap? KPop? Gregorian Chant? Dr Dre? Alan Jackson? Lady Gaga? Tchaikovsky? Explore some of contemporary/current music's origins and see how they ebb, flow, and are a sign of the times. Students will listen to and learn about various teacher-selected genres of music and their historical impact and will also explore genres of their choosing. Music makes the world go round—let's find out why!	
Travel & Tourism	Develop your appreciation for travel! Through discussion and media, explore places that you would like to travel to in the future. Examine all the different budget options, create an itinerary, identify pre-departure requirements and explain what kind of budget you would need for your trip. Itineraries will be shared with peers.	
Yearbook	Interested in graphic design and photography? In this option, students will be organizing, designing, and creating the WGM yearbook. There are many jobs to do! The process will involve taking and choosing pictures and information to share as memories of the awesome school year. Students will also be editing their writing, deciding on colour schemes and creating artwork for the cover and page templates.	