

Family Zone - Community Spaces Permission (Mid/High)

You must fill out this form to register for the 2017-2018 school year. By filling out this form you are indicating your intent to register for the coming year. You must also pay the registration fee by the outlined date in order to be fully registered.

Our classes are in an ideal location--on both campuses--with many nearby facilities such as tennis courts, softball diamonds, green spaces, bike paths and outdoor rinks, for access to fantastic community spaces that enrich our school-based programs. Therefore, we consider these spaces an extension of our immediate campuses. We have defined the Community Spaces A to F (refer to Table 1 and map) to ensure we can implement similar instructional considerations relative to the needs of the program (e.g. communication with school, emergency preparedness, etc.). Teachers will carry first aid kits, cell phones, students' medical information and will let the office know which space they will be travelling to. Additionally, teachers will follow the "Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools" (2008), when working within the Community Spaces programs. These guidelines will be included in the Critical Incident Response Manual. Any circumstances that require immediate or urgent attention will also refer to this same manual.

We have identified the following two levels of Community Spaces appropriate for different class settings:

Levels	Description	User Groups
Level 1. Common Areas (A-E)	Utilized by classrooms to provide outdoor space for curricular connections as well as "Daily Physical Activity" (DPA) for our entire school. These spaces will be regarded as "on-site," requiring the same level of staff supervision as a typical classroom. Ratio is one class to one teacher.	- All Students
Level 2. Specialized Loop (F)	Utilized by Outdoor Ed, Grade 7 Mobile Classroom. Recommended ratio is one class to one teacher: bicycle orientation is required, as per teacher instruction, and the teacher will designate ONE capable student co-leader in case of separation on road crossings or pathway.	- Outdoor Education - Mobile Classroom (Gr. 7 only)

Students may walk, bike or Nordic ski to these venues and will follow the recommendations provided by the "Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools" (July 2008). There will not be a defined schedule for trips to these locations; however, parents will be able to access their children in the same manner as if they were on the immediate school grounds through communication with the office.

It is important that your child participate safely and comfortably in the above Community Spaces as they would during onsite activities. In your child's best interests, we recommend the following:

- a. An annual medical examination.
- b. Appropriate attire for safe participation (T-shirt, shorts or track pants and running shoes). Hanging jewelry must not be worn. Jewelry which cannot be removed and which presents a safety concern must be covered with tape.
- c. The wearing of an eyeglass band and/or shatterproof lenses if your child wears glasses that cannot be removed during activity.
- d. The wearing of sun protection for all outdoor activities.
- e. Safety inspection at home of any equipment brought to school for personal use in activity (bike, helmets, skates, etc.).
- f. Any other specific recommendations made clear for trips as outlined in the communication sent home.

By checking below, you indicate that you have read and understood this agreement and are aware that you are accepting the same conditions pertinent to on-campus activities (e.g. financial responsibility for any medical assistance) the staff of WESTMOUNT CHARTER SCHOOL may deem necessary for your child's health and safety and also for any damage to third persons or their property that your child may cause. Finally, please remember to update your child's medical status should it change throughout the year.

I consent to Sarah's to travel to the identified Community Spaces (A-F) locations. *

LEVEL 1: (A-E) All mid-high students

A: South Field Treed Area: (260 metres)

- Semi treed area connected to south end of our field.
- Hazards: Some uneven terrain, no road crossings are required.

B: Uxbridge Community Greenspace: (550 metres)/p>

- Small community park one block from school through residential
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, traffic (30-40 km/hr.)

C: West Campus Natural Park: (650 metres)

- Paved Bike path through natural park around duck pond. Could be used for biking, running, orienteering etc. Amphitheater for outdoor class overlooking pond.
- Accessible through residential only. 5 minute walk.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, water, traffic (30-40 km/hr.)

D: U of C Campus: (1.0 kilometre)

- Established five kilometer cross-country running loop, a mix of sidewalk and pathway, for DPA or PE classes
- In transit to the U of C, one teacher will accompany one class.
- Accessible through residential, through crosswalks, or one set of lights to cross 24th Ave. Ten-minute walk.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, traffic (30-50 km/hr.)

E: Foothills Athletic Park/ McMahon Stadium/ Father David Bauer/ Volleymdome: (700 metres)

- Tennis and Beach volleyball courts
- Accessible through residential and one set of lights to cross University Dr. 10 minute walk.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, traffic (30-50 km/hr.)

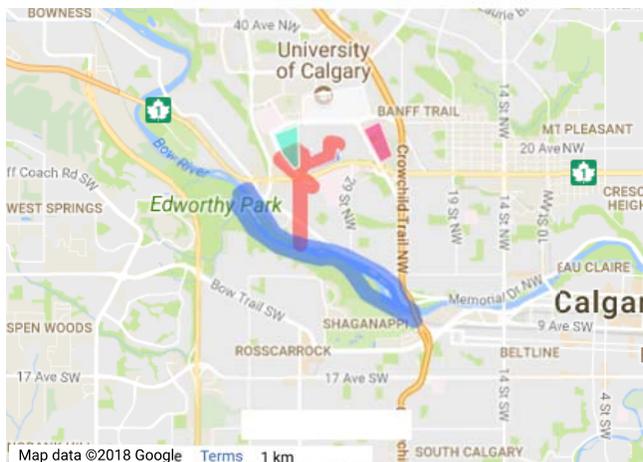
If there are any seasonal hazards to be noted, teachers will communicate with parents to highlight what potential difficulties may be encountered on a particular fieldtrip or outing.

LEVEL 2: (F) Outdoor Ed, Mobile Classroom, Physical Education: Grade 7-12

F: Community Bike Loop and Douglas Fir Trail: (white line on map) (2.2 kilometres)

- Paved bike path separate from all roads that leads from the West Campus Natural Park down to the bike lane that runs parallel with Parkdale Blvd. The section between Edworthy Bridge and Crowchild bridge is an excellent loop for cycling in PE, Outdoor Ed and any other class that would use the Mobile Classroom while still keeping students within a safe and manageable radius from the school.
- Accessible through residential and crossing one pedestrian crosswalk on West Campus Blvd and then one set of lights on Bowness Rd.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, other cyclists, traffic (30-50 km/hr.)
- Paved bike lane from the school, through the U of C West, crossing West Campus Boulevard (through a marked crosswalk) following a bike lane to 37St. NW continuing south along 37th, a quiet residential corridor, crossing over 3rd Ave. NW/ Bowness Rd, through a marked crosswalk and traffic light, to the Bow River Pathway.
- Accessible through residential streets, marked bicycle paths, and crossing two intersections: West Campus Boulevard and 3rd Ave./ Bowness Rd.
- Hazards: Uneven terrain, other cyclists, traffic (30-50 km/hr.)
- Teachers and students will manage themselves based upon the size of the class for a given outing. If the class size is larger than fifteen students, and road-savvy, a capable student will be assigned as a secondary leader that would help to ensure safe crossings of roadways, should a separation occur, as well as maintaining contact and communication with the teacher through signals, mobile phone, etc. The teacher and the secondary leader will wear a safety vest for identification and for visibility. The two leaders will also have frequent checkpoints throughout the course for the ride to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants -including mechanical breakdowns. All students will receive an orientation of bicycle safety, rules of the road, and expectations at the beginning of the year.

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