



ROBERT WARREN SCHOOL: GRADE 6 TRANSITION GUIDE FOR PARENTS (2026-2027)

Welcome to Robert Warren School! This guide is designed to support a smooth and confident transition for both students and families as your child enters Grade 6. It addresses common areas of concern and provides clear information based on feedback from parents, feeder schools, and our school staff.

1. What to Expect in Grade 6

- Full-day classes with A/B day scheduling. While the A/B day model alternates complementary subjects, Grade 6 students take the same core classes (ELA, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, SLA, and PE) each day.
- Early dismissal on Fridays at 12:44 PM
- Increased independence and responsibility for organization, deadlines, and materials
- Use of lockers and binders (backpacks remain in lockers during the day)
- Regular use of digital tools including Google Classroom and PowerSchool

2. Key Academic and Organizational Skills Students may need support developing:

- **Note-taking skills:** Teachers will model and scaffold this throughout the year
- **Study strategies:** Mini-lessons and class time will focus on test preparation techniques
- **Time management:** Students may choose to use a paper agenda or rely on Google Classroom to track due dates and assignments. If due dates are unclear, please email the classroom teacher directly for clarification.
- **Homework routines:** Students should expect ~30 minutes/day of homework or work completion

3. Communication Tools

- **Google Classroom:** Used by teachers to post assignments, learning materials, instructions, announcements, and due dates.
- **MyCBE and PowerSchool:** MyCBE is the Calgary Board of Education's parent portal and provides access to PowerSchool.
 - Families can use MyCBE to view:
 - Grades and assignments
 - Attendance information
 - Report cards
 - Student schedules
 - School fees and forms



- **Creating a MyCBE Account**

- Visit www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe.
- Select "**Create a MyCBE Account**" and follow the prompts.
- You will need your child's CBE ID number and birthdate to link your account.

- **Accessing Student Information**

- Sign in to MyCBE at www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe using your parent account credentials.
- Families may also download the PowerSchool Mobile App and enter the CBE district code DDXT to access student information on a mobile device.

Note: Parents are encouraged to check Google Classroom and PowerSchool weekly.

4. Student Supports

- **Mental Health & Well-Being Lab:** Staffed by a dedicated mental health teacher
- **Learning Support Team:** Supports students with IPPs, EAL needs, and academic interventions
- **Tutorials and Extra Help:** Available at lunch or during designated class support periods

5. Individual Program Plans (IPPs)

An Individual Program Plan (IPP) is a written plan developed for students who require specialized learning supports or accommodations to help them access and achieve success in their educational program. Not all students have an IPP.

- For students with an IPP, the plan is initiated and reviewed by the designated IPP teacher in collaboration with classroom teachers, families, and, when appropriate, the student.
- IPPs for the 2026–27 school year will be initiated in September, with the first review completed by October 9, 2026.
- Parents and guardians of students with IPPs will be involved early in the process to help identify strengths, goals, accommodations, and supports for the school year.

6. Daily Life at School

- **Lockers:** Grade 6 students will be assigned one or two hallway lockers (depending on need) and a separate PE locker.
 - Families may sign out a combination lock from the office on:
 - **Tuesday, June 23 | 2:45–4:00 p.m.**
 - **Wednesday, June 24 | 2:45–4:00 p.m.**
 - A \$15 deposit is required (exact cash in an envelope labeled with your child's name).
 - The deposit will be refunded when the lock is returned on the first day of school.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to practice opening a combination lock over the summer to help ease the transition to middle school.



- **Nutrition Break:** Students receive a short break mid-morning:
 - **Monday to Thursday:** 10:24–10:34 AM
 - **Friday:** 10:56–11:06 AM
- **Lunch:** Grade 6 students eat inside from 12:13–12:35 PM, followed by outdoor time from 12:36–12:57 PM. Students have ample time to eat and are supervised throughout lunch. Fun Lunch is offered through Healthy Hunger on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, there is no lunch break due to early dismissal at 12:44 PM.

Please note: Grade 6 students are subject to a lunch supervision fee, as outlined in the CBE fee schedule.

- **Closed Campus Policy Summary:**
 - Robert Warren follows a Closed Campus Policy to ensure student safety and supervision during the lunch hour
 - Students who live within the designated walk zone and have parent permission to go home for lunch each day may leave campus during the lunch break.
 - Students who live outside the walk zone, as well as students within the walk zone who are not approved to go home for lunch each day, must remain on campus and be accounted for daily.
 - Supervision is provided during the lunch hour. Students are expected to go outdoors unless participating in an approved indoor activity or during severe weather conditions.
- **Physical Education:** Students are expected to change for PE each day. Required attire includes:
 - Non-marking gym shoes
 - Shorts or gym pants
 - A red T-shirt or a Robert Warren PE shirt
- **Robert Warren Spirit Wear:** Robert Warren spirit wear, including PE shirts, T-shirts, hoodies, crewnecks, shorts, and sweatpants, will be available for purchase through our online store in September. Additional ordering information will be shared with families at the start of the school year.
- **Punctuality:** Students are expected to arrive on time to each class. Teachers will support transitions between classes to reduce tardiness caused by overlap or teacher delays.



7. Transition Activities and Staggered Entry

- We recognize that the transition to middle school is an exciting milestone for students and families. Throughout the year, incoming Grade 6 students have had several opportunities to become familiar with Robert Warren School through:
 - Open House tours
 - Fall and Spring Pep Rallies
 - Reading Buddy activities
 - The Grade 6 Electricity Science Fair
- To support a smooth transition into middle school, we will have a staggered entry on the first day of school, with regular classes for all students beginning on **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**.

Staggered Entry – Monday, August 31, 2026

- **Grade 6 students:** 8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- **Grade 7, 8, and 9 students:** 12:56 p.m. – 3:26 p.m.

During the Grade 6 staggered entry, students will:

- Meet their teachers and classmates
- Receive locker assignments and schedules
- Learn school routines and expectations
- Become familiar with key areas of the school

- **Optional Individualized Transition Visits**

Students with IPPs and their families who feel an additional transition visit would be beneficial are invited to visit the school prior to the start of classes on:

- **Friday, August 28, 2026 - 12:00–2:00 p.m.**

These optional visits provide an opportunity for students to become familiar with the school environment, practice routines, and help ensure a positive and confident start to the school year.

9. Celebrations, Culture & Community Spirit At Robert Warren, we believe in creating a welcoming and vibrant school community. Some of the exciting opportunities and events Grade 6 students can look forward to include:

- **Two Spanish Cultural Weeks (November/April):** Featuring Spanish-language celebrations, cultural history, dance residencies, music, and more
- **Heritage Week (March):** A school-wide celebration where all students are invited to share aspects of their cultural heritage



- **Pep rallies and assemblies:** Featuring spirit days, community celebrations, and student vs. teacher competitions!
- **Terry Fox Day:** A fun and meaningful day for all grades
- **Sports Days** and field events
- **Athletics:** Grade 6 students are eligible to try out for a variety of Junior teams and may participate in the Grade 6 division of Track & Field.
 - *Please note: Team space is limited and participation is based on a holistic selection process by the coaching staff, in alignment with the CMLSAA constitution.*
- **Amazing teachers and staff:** Our team is dedicated, kind, and committed to student success—expect a warm welcome and lots of support!

10. Key Policies and Parent Resources

- Please take time to review the **Robert Warren School Handbook**, available on our [school website](#). It includes important information about attendance, safety procedures, behavior expectations, reporting, and daily routines.
- Review our **Digital Citizenship & Technology Use Agreement**, which outlines student responsibilities, acceptable use, and consequences related to technology. This agreement is available on our website and must be reviewed and signed by all students and parents.
- Our school follows the **Closed Campus Policy**, which outlines expectations for student supervision and lunch routines. A copy of this policy and the lunch declaration form is available on the school website or through the main office.

School Supplies – Grade 6

To support student learning and classroom activities, a \$40 school supply fee will be applied for all Grade 6 students. This fee helps cover CTS materials (Construction, Art, and Music) and shared classroom supplies such as whiteboard markers, chart paper, craft materials, and other learning resources, in accordance with CBE guidelines.

In addition, students should bring the following items in September:

Required Supplies

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil crayons (box of 12)
- Highlighters



- Notebooks:
 - ELA (lined)
 - SLA (lined)
 - Math (graph paper; remains in the classroom)
- Binder with extra lined and graph paper
- Geometry set (protractor, compass, ruler)
- Sketchbook for Art
- Reusable water bottle

Recommended Supplies

- Markers
- Glue stick
- Binder dividers (if using one binder for multiple subjects)

Please Note

- Label water bottles, pencil cases, and other personal items to help us return lost belongings.
- Additional supplies may occasionally be requested for specific projects or learning activities. Teachers will provide advance notice when needed.

Next Steps for Families

To help ensure a smooth transition to Grade 6, we encourage families to:

- Mark your calendar for the **Grade 6 staggered entry on Monday, August 31, 2026 (8:45–11:15 a.m.)**.
- Sign out a school combination lock on **June 23 or 24** and encourage your child to practice using it over the summer.
- Set up or confirm access to **PowerSchool** and **Google Classroom** when information is provided in August.
- Discuss daily routines, organization, lunch expectations, and homework habits with your child.
- Review the **Student Handbook, Away for the Day Device Policy, Digital Citizenship Agreement**, and other school expectations available on the Robert Warren School website.
- Purchase required school supplies and PE clothing prior to the start of the school year.
- Consider an optional transition visit on **August 28** if your child has an IPP and would benefit from additional time becoming familiar with the school.
- Reach out to the school if you have questions about programming, supports, IPPs, or the transition to middle school.



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We look forward to welcoming your family to the Robert Warren School community. We are excited to partner with you in supporting a successful start to Grade 6.

For more information, please contact:

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Together, we can make your child's transition to Grade 6 a successful one!

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