



WESTMINSTER

SCHOOLS OF AUGUSTA

2026-27 Westminster XD, XDjr & Aftercare Parent Guide

XD (Extended Day) & AC (After Care):

This program is open to children who are enrolled at Westminster Lower School, grades PK3-5th. The goal of the Extended Day (XD) and After Care Program (AC) is to provide a safe, innovative and fun environment that will enhance the development and creativity of each individual child while supporting the philosophy of Westminster Lower School. XD and AC are accredited by SAIS/SACS.

XD age-appropriate activities, called Xplorations, include but are not limited to art, cheer, band, STEM, sports, and much more!

HOURS

Westminster XDjr (2:35-4:15 p.m.): Grades PK3-Kindergarten

Westminster XD (3:00-4:15 p.m.): Grades 1-5

After Care Program (4:15-6:00 p.m.): Grades PK3-5th

Half-Day Stay & Play on Early Dismissal Days:

- Grades PK3-K (11:35a.m.-4:15 p.m.)
- 1st-5th (12:00-4:15 p.m.)

XDjr is for students in PK3-Kindergarten from **2:35-4:15 pm.**

Xplorations will be held on Monday-Thursday. Friday will be Free Play Days.

Xplorations will be four, eight-week (or 9 week) sessions for the 2026-27 school year, one per quarter. Xplorations Class Schedules for each session (quarter) will be posted in Blackbaud and on our website for parents to register and sign up through Brightwheel.

XDjr (PreK3-K) Afternoon Schedule

- **2:20 p.m.** – XD staff take attendance in the hallways.
- **2:25–3:15 p.m.** – Students enjoy a provided snack (included in XD tuition) and supervised play on the playground.
- **2:50 p.m.** – Students who are not registered for XDjr and have not been picked up will be enrolled in Xplorations for the day and charged the \$20 drop-in rate.
- **3:15 p.m.** – Xplorations classes begin.
- **4:15 p.m.** - carline
- **4:30-6:00 p.m.** - Aftercare. Students not registered for AFTERCARE who have not been picked up by 4:30 will be enrolled in aftercare and charged the \$20 drop-in rate.

XD is for students in 1st-5th grades from 3:00-4:15 pm.

Xplorations will be held on Monday-Thursday. Friday will be Free Play Days.

Xplorations will be four, eight-week (or 9 week) sessions for the 2026-27 school year, one per quarter. Xploration selections will be sent out before each Xploration session for parents to register and sign up through Brightwheel.

XD (1st-5th) Afternoon Schedule

- **3:00 p.m.** – XD staff take attendance in the gym.
- **3:00–3:15 p.m.** – Students enjoy a provided snack (included in XD tuition) and supervised play on the playground.
- **3:15 p.m.** – Students who are not registered for XD and have not been picked up in car line will be enrolled in Xplorations for the day and charged the \$20 drop-in rate.
- **3:15 p.m.** – Xplorations classes begin.
- **4:15 p.m.** - carline
- **4:30-6:00 p.m.** - Aftercare. Students not registered for AFTERCARE who have not been picked up by 4:30 will be enrolled in aftercare and charged the \$20 drop-in rate.

Fees & Refund Policy

All Xplorations fees listed below are charged per child, per 8-week (or 9-week) session, and parents are sent an invoice within 5 business days of registration. Payment must be made in full prior to the first day of XD classes for the child to attend. The total cost remains the same regardless of whether a child attends every lesson. Please note that we do not issue refunds or offer prorated rates for missed XD classes.

XD and XDjr, Xploration Class Pricing

Session 1, XD & XDjr	Total Cost / Session (8 weeks)
Quarterly Registration Fee	\$5 per child
Regular XD classes	\$125
Band	\$68
Golf (Coach Matt)	\$255
Soccer Shots	\$200
Karate	\$240
Amazing Athletes/Little Vet School	\$255
4th-5th Walking Code Club (New!) - i Code	\$240
1st-3rd Lego Robotics Club (New!) - i Code	\$200

Aftercare and Drop-in Pricing

<i>Afterschool</i>	<i>Cost / Day</i>	<i>Total Cost/Session (8 weeks)</i>
Drop-ins for XD (starts at 3:15); Drops-ins for XDjr (starts at 2:50)	\$20	Billed weekly
4:15-6:00	\$20	Billed weekly
½ Day Stay & Play (early sign up)	\$30	Sign-ups will be sent out 2 weeks before the early dismissal days.
½ Day Stay & Play (drop-ins)	\$50	Billed weekly for drop-ins

***Late Charge after 6:00p \$10 + \$1 per minute late charge**

Communication

It is our joy and privilege to partner with you in caring for your children during this important time of growth and development in their lives! **Please download the Brightwheel app so you can receive and send messages to your child's Xploration teachers and see pictures of all their activities and wonderful creations!**

Open and clear communication between parents and the XD staff will help ensure each child is receiving the quality care we all want for them.

What you can expect from the Director of After School Programs:

- Quarterly emails with sign-ups for the different Xplorations.
- Email or a phone call if a child has any incident during XD, injuries or behavioral issues.
- Available to get to know you, receive emails and phone calls during work hours, and committed to addressing any questions in a timely manner.

What is expected from the parents:

- Please address concerns with the XD director through face-to-face contact or email.
- **Please notify the XD Director and child's teacher as early as possible about changes in the child's attendance or drop-in need of XD.**
- If the XD Director is not notified prior to 12 p.m. of any changes, the parent arriving in carline for pick up may be directed to park and wait until the child can be called from XD class to be picked up.

Expectations and Discipline

The XD personnel will seek to encourage and recognize positive behavior in children as well as correct those who are struggling to follow these **expectations**:

- Be Respectful (raise hand to talk, listen and follow directions the first time)
- Be Safe (respect others personal space, no running in the halls, no “play fighting”, keep hands and feet to yourself)
- Be Responsible (clean up after yourself, share toys with other students, put items back in an orderly way, be kind)

The XD personnel will use the following **consequences**:

1. Give a **verbal warning** and redirect the child’s behavior.
2. Have the student sit out and think about poor choices and how to change. Teachers will follow-up to make sure the child understands why he/she is sitting out and how they need to make better choices and/or change.
3. Visit the Director if the misbehavior is repeated or is more extreme, such as hurting another child or blatant disrespect or defiance. The Director will inform the parents of any incidents or behavioral concerns at carline, by email or by phone.

In XD, all children need to know that they are safe physically and emotionally. Any behavior preventing this will not be tolerated. The staff will take steps to protect each child, ranging from discipline and conferences with parents to temporary or permanent expulsion from the XD program.

Other Information

- XD discourages children from bringing personal items from home (toys, etc.) as they can be damaged.
- Electronic devices such as cellphones, smart watches and electronic games are not allowed.
- PLEASE label jackets, backpacks, tennis shoes and all other clothing items.
- The XD program will conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations, as required by the licensing authority.
- The XD program does not discriminate based on sex, race or culture.
- There will be no XD when WSA Lower School is closed for holidays, teacher workdays, or due to inclement weather.

THANK YOU and we look forward to working with you and your child this year!

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