



# Templeton MINI SCHOOL

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## PROGRAM FEATURES

Templeton Mini School provides selected students with the best education possible so that they can reach their intellectual, personal, social, and career potential. The Mini School is an academic program offering an exciting and challenging learning environment, which has been developed to meet the diversified cognitive, emotional, and social needs of our students. It is designed to develop concepts and attitudes that help students become independent, life-long learners. With a strong focus demanding concentration, effort, and dedication, the Mini School emphasizes social responsibility to both school and community.

Each year in the fall, Grade 8 Mini School students participate in an outdoor education trip to Strathcona Park Lodge. Field trips have varied in the past two years as a result of the pandemic, but we aim to offer at least one trip for each grade.

Teachers in the Templeton Mini School work as a team to provide challenging, individual learning opportunities for all students. The intended outcome is to provide the learner with depth and breadth in their studies in preparation for graduation, scholarships, and success in post-secondary institutions.

- Co-curricular Enrichment Activities
- Community Service Program (CAP)
- Student Council
- High Academic Standards
- Outdoor Education Trips

The Community Service Program gives students the opportunity to become actively involved in local elementary schools and community organizations. The Parent Association, in conjunction with Mini Student Council, is actively involved in fostering a sense of community through social events such as the Winter & Year End Celebrations and the Talent Show.

Students are expected to attain a standard of Applying/Extending in grades 8 and 9 in their academic courses, maintain a B average for all academic courses in grades 10 – 12, and demonstrate commitment to the program. Continued enrollment in the Templeton Mini will depend on students' ongoing performances.

### TEMPLETON MINI SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grade 8 - English, Social Studies, Science, Math

Grade 9 - English, Social Studies, Science, Math

Grade 10 - English, Social Studies, Science

Grade 11 - English, Social Studies

Grade 12 - English

\* Other fine arts, applied skills, senior level courses and electives are taken in Templeton Secondary Main School.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

As a designated District Program, the Mini School is open to all residents of Vancouver. Selection of students will consider the following:

- Positive attitude and respect for all
- Creative and analytical thinking skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Responsibility and motivation towards learning
- Leadership and involvement in school and community
- Interview

A previous **proficiency standing of Applying or better** in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies is generally required to ensure a student's academic success in this program. *Students selected for the initial interview will be notified **via email** in January.*

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Include with Student Application Form:

1. Copy of Mid-Year and Final Grade 6 Report Card
2. Copy of 1<sup>st</sup> Term Grade 7 Report Card (when available)
3. Optional – Personal essay  
Tell us a bit about yourself and why you want to join Temp Mini. How are you a good fit?

### Timeline for 2023/24 School Year

**Oct. 26:** In-Person Information Night

**Nov/Dec:** Assessment (date TBD and will be updated on website)

**Nov. 14 - Dec. 21:** Students **must register** at <https://govsb.ca/secondary-programs>

**Dec. 21 at noon:** Application deadline

**Feb. 1:** Interviews

**Feb. 28:** 1<sup>st</sup> offers of acceptance at 9am (**via email**)

**Mar. 6:** 2<sup>nd</sup> offers of acceptance (**via email**)

*NOTE: Offers for all district programs will be made on February 28, 2024.*



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## Vancouver School Board - District Specified Alternative Program Student Application Form - TEMPLETON MINI SCHOOL

Legal Surname	Legal Given Names	Preferred First Name	
Address		Postal Code	Telephone

Gender: M  F  N-B  Other  Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Year Month Day PEN Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Stated on report card)

Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Catchment School you would normally attend \_\_\_\_\_

Did you apply to STEM? Yes  No  Did you apply to any other District Specified Alternate Programs? Please specify in order of choice (from first to last – including Templeton Mini and STEM, if applicable):

Do you have a sibling who attends Templeton Mini? If yes, please give their name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Custody: \_\_\_\_\_ Student lives with: \_\_\_\_\_ Court Order: Yes  No

Mother/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions and/or Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Threatening:  Yes  No

### **COURSE INFORMATION** (For Fine Arts every effort is made to accommodate the student's first choice)

**4 Mini School Courses:** English, Math, Science, Social Studies **3 Required Courses:** Physical Education, Applied Skills, French\*

**1 Required Fine Arts Course:** (Choose One)  Fine Arts 8 Rotation  Beginner Band 8 \_\_\_\_\_

\*If applicable, choose one of the following:

- My child has been in French Immersion and would like to be scheduled in French 10 (space permitting)
- My child has been in Late French Immersion or Intensive French Program and would like to be placed in French 9 (space permitting)

**PARTICIPATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** Templeton Mini School provides the best education possible so students may reach their intellectual, personal, social and career potential. *This includes but is not limited to outdoor education retreats in the fall and winter involving extended periods away from the school and home environments.* I hereby authorize my child to attend Templeton Mini School and grant my child permission to participate fully in the Mini School program. *Signing this form signifies that I am fully aware of the recommended participation in the activities of the Mini School Program including extended overnight trips.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Signature of Parent/Guardian Signature of Student