



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 few years as a result of the pandemic, but we aim to offer 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 Proficient 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 Final Grade 6 Report Card
2. Copy of 1st Term Grade 7 Report Card
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 2025/26 School Year

Nov. 3: In-Person Information Night

Dec. 3: Assessment in Templeton cafeteria 3:30 – 4:30pm

Nov. 10 - Dec. 18: Students must register at <https://govsb.ca/secondary-programs>

Dec. 18: School Application submission deadline

Jan. 26: Interviews

Feb. 11: 1st offers of acceptance at 9am (**via email**)

Feb. 18: 2nd offers of acceptance (**via email**)

NOTE: Offers for all district programs will be made on February 11, 2026.

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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): _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name (first and last)	Phone Number	Email
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Grade 8 Mini students attend a week-long field trip at Strathcona Park Lodge. The cost for this trip is approximately \$900 and can be paid in installments throughout the year. The Templeton Mini School Parent Association raises funds to help subsidize families who are not able to pay the full amount. The Vancouver School Board recognizes that the payment of fees is a hardship for some families. The VSB encourages families to make decisions about application to programs based on educational reasons, not financial ones. No student will be denied participation in any program due to the inability to pay the associated fees. If a subsidy is required, please reach out to Christina Koblbauer at ckoblbauer@vsb.bc.ca.

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 spring 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