

Ideal Mini School is a complete Grade 8-12 program for motivated, committed academically able students who feel they would profit from a small school setting.

Ideal Mini School is a small, academic school within the Vancouver Board of Education system. We offer a complete grade 8 to 12 academic program in an enriched, small group-learning environment. There are six teachers, one secretary, one counselor and approximately 125 students. We emphasize social responsibility, leadership and community, while developing a personal sense of independence and self-confidence.

One of our major strengths lies in the cooperative atmosphere we create. The school is a community effort. There are often school activities, student-run clubs, and weekly school meetings. These, and other informal events, are the roots from which school involvement and spirit growth.

Our comprehensive curriculum stresses academic excellence and well-roundedness. We want Ideal students to develop the skills necessary to enter a post-secondary institution, to pursue chosen careers, and to deal effectively with the complexities of contemporary society.

It is our goal to recognize the individuality and creative potential of each person in the school. We encourage cooperative and sensitive interaction. Class format varies: lectures, group discussions, individual and group projects, presentations, flipped classroom, online discussion forums, guest speakers, field trips etc.

We offer a well-rounded program, which includes the following courses:

APPLIED SKILLS 8	PHOTOGRAPHY 11 & 12
ART	PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8-10
BIOLOGY 11 & 12	PHYSICS 11
CHEMISTRY 11	PLANNING 10
DRAMA/ACTING 9-12	PSYCHOLOGY 11
ENGLISH 8-12	SCIENCE 8-10
FRENCH 8-12	SOCIAL STUDIES 8-11
HISTORY 12	STUDIO ART 11 & 12
LEADERSHIP 11 & 12	YEARBOOK 11 & 12
MATH 8-12	

The visual and performing arts are a vital aspect of the Ideal Mini School, reflecting the enthusiasm and talents of the students and staff. At the senior level, students are eligible to take courses not offered at Ideal at our steward school, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary.

In addition to formal courses, we offer a variety of student-lead clubs and groups. If they wish, students have the opportunity to participate in music and extra-curricular programs (e.g. sports, clubs, teams) at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.

Why Choose Ideal?

Students choose Ideal Mini School for various reasons. Some want greater academic challenge and stimulation. Others benefit from the extra attention possible in smaller classes. In many instances, students desire a personal and supportive environment where informal counseling and friendships are possible. Our students and parents play a large role in helping create a positive learning community.

We expect students to make a personal commitment to the school. This includes involvement not only in academic work but also in social and personal activities. For all students, Ideal can mean participation in a positive educational experience. Here, it is possible for students to develop initiative and confidence while improving educational and social skills.

Selection Criteria

Students must have a B average, be interested in an academically rich program and be able to work independently. As well, they must maintain regular attendance, be punctual and demonstrate co-operative social skills.