

# Schools



## Mount Pleasant

City of Vancouver  
**Community**  
planning program

### City Role

Public schools in Vancouver are funded by the provincial government through the Ministry of Education and administered by the Vancouver School Board. Vancouver City Council has very little influence on the policies or administration of schools in the city. The City's role is limited to the collection of school tax on behalf of the Province.

### Vancouver School Board

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) is governed by 9 trustees elected every 3 years during municipal elections. Trustees establish policies while day-to-day operations are carried out by the Superintendent of Schools.

### Mount Pleasant Overview

The table included in this fact sheet provides information, including enrolment and special programs, in public schools serving Mount Pleasant, as well as independent schools situated within the local area boundaries.

### Special School Programs and Initiatives in Mount Pleasant

Programs in Vancouver schools are constantly evolving to meet the needs of a changing population.

Vancouver schools provide a number of alternative program options to the mainstream education program, including French Immersion, Mandarin Immersion, English as a Second Language, Gifted Education, Career Preparation and more.

### Alternative Resource Programs

The Vancouver School Board offers 28 Alternative Resource Programs and 6 Adult Education Centres, which are also available to youth, aged 16 and over. Alternative Resource programs are for those students whose needs cannot be met at their local secondary school. These programs are also designed for students who demonstrate behavioral difficulties and "at risk" behaviors which may have long-term affects on their learning, their interpersonal relationships and/or their personal adjustment. These students meet the Ministry of Education criteria for "moderate behavior" and/or "severe behavior" designation.

### Mini-schools

Across the city, there are several small, enriched-learning programs for students grades 8-12. Mini-schools encourage self-directed learning, initiative, participation, leadership, responsibility, respect, co-operation, and service to the community.

There are three secondary schools with mini-school programs that serve Mount Pleasant. They are Vancouver Technical, Sir Charles Tupper, and Galdstone.

### French Immersion Schools

The Vancouver School Board offers immersion services for residents of Mount Pleasant. L'Ecole Bilingue and Secord Elementary School offer immersion from Kindergarten to Grade 7; Gordon and Secord Elementary also offer late immersion for Grades 6 and 7; and Kitsilano and Vancouver Technical offer French immersion in secondary school.

### Gifted Challenge Centres and Multi-age Gifted Cluster Classes

These programs provide intellectual and creative challenges in a supportive environment, for highly gifted students. The Early Literacy Project allows teachers to use innovative reading assessment strategies to track grade one students' reading behaviours and to teach based on this information.

### Other School Resources

Parent Advisory Committees (PACs) are largely made up of parents of students attending a school. PACs meet on a voluntary basis to deal with school issues and co-ordinate fundraising activities.

Community Health Nurses from the Coastal Health Authority work with other health professionals and school staff at public schools to provide health education and counselling for youth. The focus of this program is to identify and care for youth health issues.

School Liaison Officers from the Vancouver Police are assigned to each secondary school in the city. The intent of the program is to reach out to youth in need and divert them from harmful influences.

### Source

Vancouver School Board

<b>Public Elementary</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Enrolment 2007-2008</b>	<b>Programs</b>
Mount Pleasant Elementary 604-713-4617	2300 Guelph Street	226	K-7
Florence Nightingale Elementary 604-713-5290	2740 Guelph Street	253	K-7
Simon Fraser Elementary 604-713-4946	100 West 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave	213	K-7
<b>Public Secondary (serving Mount Pleasant)</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Enrolment 2007-2008</b>	<b>Programs</b>
Gladstone 604-713-8288	4105 Gladstone Street	1400	8-12 Gladstone Mini School
Sir Charles Tupper 604-713-8233	419 East 24 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	970	8-12 Tupper Mini
Vancouver Technical 604-713-8215	2600 East Broadway	1650	8-12 French Immersion Program Vancouver Technical Flex Humanities Program Vancouver Technical Summit Program
<b>College</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Enrolment 2007-2008</b>	<b>Programs</b>
Native Education College 604-873-3772	285 East 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	112	Developmental, vocational, and applied academic programs
Vancouver Community College 604-871-7000	1155 East Broadway Street	13000	Diploma
<b>Independent</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Enrolment 2007-2008</b>	<b>Programs</b>
St. Francis Xavier School Elementary 604-254-2714	428 Great Northern Way	327	K-7
St. Patrick's Elementary School 604-879-4411	2850 Quebec Street	249	K-7
St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School 604-874-6422	115 East 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	501	8-12