

Edmonton Inquiring Minds Site School Application 2020-21

Philosophy

Children learn best by doing. An Inquiring Minds partnership offers teachers the opportunity to move their classroom to a community Site for a week of hands-on, multi-sensory learning. **Student learning is enhanced** by meeting curriculum expectations through **meaningful connections to the real world**.

Site School Program Information (specific Site details on reverse)

- **Grades Accepted:** Each Site programs for different grade ranges, so please ensure you apply appropriately.
- **Available Weeks:** The number of weeks and dates available is Site-specific.
- **Cost:** All Sites are funded differently and have different costs. These costs are subject to change. Some Sites may have scholarships or grants available for classes demonstrating high needs. Speak to the Site Staff for details.
- **Applying:**
 - **Individual teachers must apply to be accepted. The teacher who will be attending the Site must complete the application; another individual or group may not complete it on the attending teacher's behalf.**
 - Multiple applications from a single school **must be unique** in nature. A separate application must be filled in for **each teacher and class applying**. We may contact you to rewrite your application if it does not meet this criterion.
 - If you have applied in a previous year, **you must submit a new application** (changing dates on an old application is frowned upon).
- **Successful Applications:**
 - Final acceptance will be based upon application quality and individual Site School policies. Acceptance to any of the programs is at the discretion of the Site Staff.
 - Successful applications demonstrate that the applying teacher is a committed, thoughtful professional who is curious and creative. **The teacher is the driving force of a Site School experience.**
- **After Acceptance:**
 - **The Site Staff must be notified of any changes to the application once accepted.** Continued acceptance is dependent upon the Site Staff's approval of changes. Each Site has specific cancellation policies; contact the Staff for details.
 - *For most Sites*, the teacher (not a class, grade or school) is accepted into the program. Contact Site Staff about individual grade and assignment change policies.
- **Your Week:**
 - The accepted teacher **must attend each full day** with the class unless prior arrangements have been made with the Site.
 - A 'class' is considered to be only the students registered in one teacher's homeroom. A class *typically* consists of 30 or fewer students. **Larger classes may require the approval of the Site.**
- **Final Notes:**
 - A teacher or class **will not be accepted into more than one Site** in a school year. Some Sites will not accept the same teacher for consecutive years; contact the Site Staff for more information about applying in back-to-back years.
 - The Site reserves the right to withdraw any acceptance at any time.

How to Apply

1. Complete part 1 of the application **ONLINE** at <https://forms.gle/kGNpYKTn1xFbn5g7>
2. Complete part 2 of the application as per the outlined guidelines.
3. Submit part 2 of the application to the Site Staff at your **FIRST CHOICE ONLY** (contact information on reverse). You will receive confirmation of the **receipt of your application within 3 business days**. **If you do NOT receive a confirmation notice** in that time, please contact the Site Staff.

Important Dates

- May 8, 2020, 11:59pm: Application deadline – **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
- May 26, 2020: Deadline for notification of acceptance



- **TEACHER TRAINING** – Sites host **mandatory** teacher training in June AND/OR August. Contact the Site to find out the exact date (information on reverse).

Contact Information, Fees & Grades Accepted (subject to change)

Active Living School

Contact: Mackenzie Bruynson
 Email: mackenzie.bruynson@edmonton.ca
 Number of Weeks: 30 | Grades: K-6
 Fee: \$840, class must arrange and pay for transportation

Citadel School

Contact: Doug Mertz
 Email: dmertz@citadeltheatre.com
 Number of Weeks: 4-6 | Grades: 5-12
 Fee: \$840, class must arrange and pay for transportation

City Hall School

Contact: Linda Hut
 Email: linda.hut@edmonton.ca
 Number of Weeks: 24 | Grades: 1-12
 Fee: \$1000, transportation included

Edmonton Oilers ICE School

Contact: Cheryl McLeod
 Email: cmcleod@edmontonoilers.com
 Number of Weeks: 24 | Grades: 2-9
 Fee: \$850, transportation included

Green School (University of Alberta Botanic Garden)

Contact: Deb Greiner
 Email: uabg.greenschool@ualberta.ca
 Number of Weeks: 26 | Grades: 4-8
 Fee: \$1500, transportation included

Jube School (Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium)

Contact: Karen Youngberg
 Email: kyoungberg@albertajubileesociety.ca
 Number of Weeks: 15 | Grades: 1-12
 Fee: \$750, transportation included

Museum School (Royal Alberta Museum)

Contact: Lisa Kaiser
 Email: lisa.kaiser@gov.ab.ca
 Number of Weeks: 8 | Grades: 2-12
 Fee: \$500, class must arrange and pay for transportation

School at the Legislature

Contact: School at the Legislature
 Email: satl@assembly.ab.ca
 Number of Weeks: 30 | Grades: 6 & 9
 Fee: \$0, class must arrange and pay for transportation

Science School (TELUS World of Science-Edmonton)

Contact: Andrea Brickwood
 Email: abrickwood@twose.ca
 Number of Weeks: 5 | Grades: 1-9
 Fee: \$1000, transportation included

Sound School (Winspear Centre)

Contact: Amanda Banister
 Email: abanister@winspearcentre.com
 Number of Weeks: 10 | Grades: 2-6
 Fee: \$800, class must arrange and pay for transportation

U School (University of Alberta)

Contact: Michaela Mann
 Email: uschool@ualberta.ca
 Number of Weeks: 30-35 | Grades: 4-9
 Fee: \$0, class must arrange and pay for transportation
 *only accepts socially vulnerable, Aboriginal, Northern and rural schools
 **must verify with site coordinator upon submitting application that your school qualifies

Zoo School (Edmonton Valley Zoo)

Contact: Courtney van Roijen
 Email: courtney.vanroijen@edmonton.ca
 Number of Weeks: 19-22 | Grades: 1-12
 Fee: \$750, class must arrange and pay for transportation



PART 1: ONLINE APPLICATION

PLEASE APPLY ONLINE AT

<https://forms.gle/kGNpYKTn1xFbmn5g7>

PART 2: SITE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE PROPOSAL

Proposal Guidelines:

Your proposal should convey your intentions for your Site School experience. Be creative! How you choose to demonstrate your answers is up to you. We accept a variety of different formats including written essays, collages, word webs, cartoons, multimedia (audio/visual) etc. When submitting, please ensure you address the topics below and keep in mind our **two (2) page limit** for written submissions. **Please include your name, grade and school on this portion of the application so your chosen site can match your application to Part 1 submitted online.**

Your application should address the following topics:

- Why have you chosen the Site to which you are applying? Why is that Site important to your school community?
- How would participating in a week-long Site School benefit **your students**? Illustrate how you will prepare your students to attend, what you hope your class will get out of the week and how you will continue relating to the experience throughout your school year. Be specific!
- Your 'big idea' for the week helps to create a successful learning experience. Expand on your theme stated in Part 1 – how will you work on it in your classroom throughout the year? How will you tie this to your Site School experience?
- A good application weaves curriculum connections (***not copied learning objectives**) throughout. Thinking about the Site School to which you are applying, describe what connections to curriculum you envision for your experience. Provide specific knowledge and skill examples where appropriate.
- Various modes of journaling (for example, reflective, observational, descriptive) are an essential part of any Site School experience. Students need to arrive with the knowledge of how to use their journals effectively. How will you prepare your class to engage with their journals? What strategies will you use to build these skills throughout the school year?

Submission Guidelines:

- Faxed submissions **WILL NOT** be accepted. Email or mail (if necessary) part 2 of your application to the appropriate Site School contact. **If you are mailing your application, please complete Part 1 of the application online at <https://goo.gl/forms/BfGn120qgByts7Bx1>, make a photocopy of Part 2 (in case it does not arrive) and notify the Site that Part 2 is coming by mail.**
- Submit only Part 2 of the application, after having completed Part 1 online.
- Written submissions are limited to two (2) pages. Please use an easy to read size and font.
- You will receive confirmation of the **receipt of Part 2 of your application within 3 business days. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION NOTICE** in that time, please contact the Site Staff.

**If you have questions about your application or attending a Site School, please contact the Site Staff!
We'd love to hear from you!**

