



# Admissions Handbook

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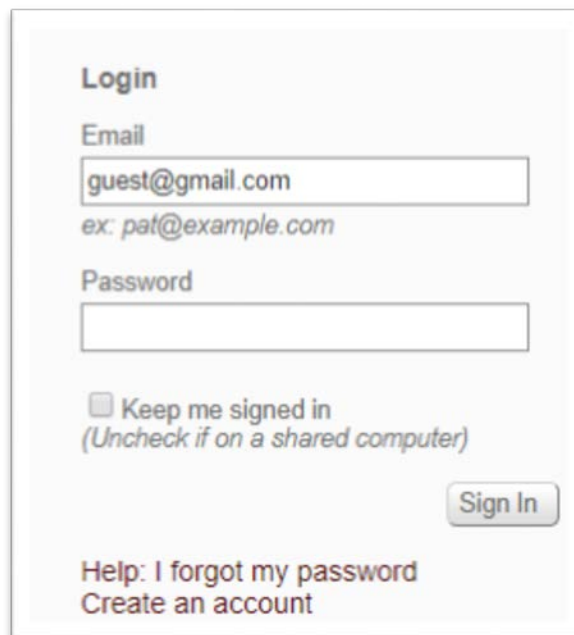
## Applying Online: Step-by-Step Walkthrough

Here is a step-by-step guide to the American Section’s online application service. *All candidates must complete and submit the online form with the required documents and the application fee to be considered for admission.*

### Step 1 – Create an account (starting December 1 for the following academic year)

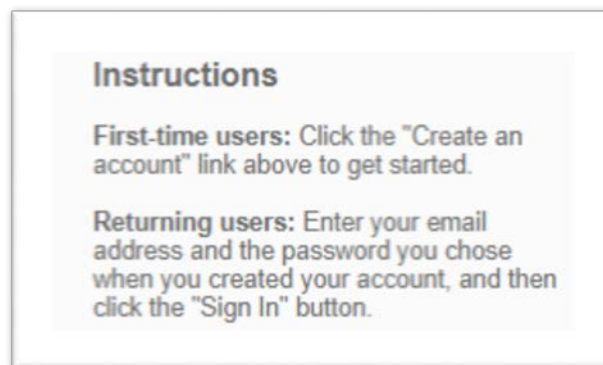
To start, click the “apply now” button on the Admissions page of our website. A login box will appear (see below). First-time users should follow the instructions for creating an account with your email address. A link from our server will be sent to your inbox inviting you to create a password and begin your application.

#### Getting started...



The screenshot shows a login form with the following elements:

- Login** header
- Email** label above a text input field containing "guest@gmail.com". Below the field is an example: "ex: pat@example.com".
- Password** label above an empty text input field.
- A checkbox labeled "Keep me signed in" with the subtext "(Uncheck if on a shared computer)".
- A "Sign In" button.
- Links for "Help: I forgot my password" and "Create an account".



The screenshot shows an "Instructions" box with the following text:

- Instructions** header
- First-time users:** Click the "Create an account" link above to get started.
- Returning users:** Enter your email address and the password you chose when you created your account, and then click the "Sign In" button.

Once you’re logged in, you may add as many applications as needed for your family by clicking on “**+add an applicant**” in the column on the left-hand side of the page. It’s possible to work on several applications simultaneously and to copy the parent information from one file to the next. You may also log in and out as often as needed, just be sure to hit “save” before exiting.

## Step 2 – Completing the application

The online application is divided into three types of **ACTION ITEMS**.

- I. **Application Form** – This part includes general information about your child and your family.
- II. **Required items** – Depending upon the “apply grade” that you have chosen, a list of required documents will appear on this page. Please be sure to *click on each item listed for important instructions* and to access any required forms. These documents will all need to be scanned and uploaded to page five of your application.
- III. **Recommendations** – Recommendations are required for all applicants entering grades 2-12 (*CE1-Terminale*). The required forms may be accessed on the Action Items page by clicking on “view instructions”. The forms are confidential and should be given to the appropriate teacher or administrator then sent back to us directly at [admissions@americansection.org](mailto:admissions@americansection.org).

*Example of an Upper School application page:*

ACTION ITEMS	IN PROGRESS
<p><b>Application</b> Please complete and submit the application form.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Application Form <span style="float: right;">Complete Form</span></p>	
<p><b>Required Items</b> Please click on each item for specific instructions and links to required forms for recommendations and the dossier d'inscription. These documents will need to be uploaded on page 5 of the Application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Application fee <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Cover Letter <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Dossier d'inscription (PDF-click here) <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Report Card - Current Year <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Report Card - 2018-2019 <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Report Cards - 2017-2018 <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Birth Certificate or Livret de Famille <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Photo <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Writing Samples (two) in English <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CNEI Results (French correspondence courses) <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * English Curriculum Description <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standardized Test Results <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p>	
<p><b>Recommendations</b> Please download the forms available from links in the View Instructions link. These forms should be returned to the admissions office by the teacher or the school via email.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * English Recommendation Form (PDF-click here) <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Math Recommendation Form (PDF-click here) <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> * Principal's Recommendation Form (PDF-click here) <span style="float: right;">View Instructions</span></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* = Required Item</p>	

## Step 3 – Submitting the application, deadlines

To submit an application, complete all fields marked with an asterisk (\*). Once your application has been submitted, you will no longer be able to modify the information. Any additional items that need to be added, such as second-trimester grade reports, should be scanned and emailed to: [admissions@americansection.org](mailto:admissions@americansection.org).

**The following application deadlines apply each year:**

- **January 15** for Upper School applications: grades 10-11-12 (*Seconde-Première-Terminale*)

- **January 31** for all other grades except first grade (CP) and Pre-Kindergarten (Moyenne Section)
- **Rolling admissions** for first grade (CP) and Pre-Kindergarten (Moyenne Section). Applications for these grades may continue to be made after January 31 as long as space remains available.

#### Step 4 – Application status

Please check your child’s application account periodically for updates. Items will be checked off “✓” as quickly as possible after they’re received. Processing times will be longer in late January and February due to the influx of applications at that time.

*Example from a CP application:*

ACTION ITEMS		IN PROGRESS
<b>Application</b>		
Please complete and submit the application form.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Application Form	Received on 2/2/2020	<a href="#">View/Print</a>
<b>Required Items</b>		
Please click on each item for specific instructions and links to required forms for recommendations and the dossier d'inscription. These documents will need to be uploaded on page 5 of the Application.		
<input type="checkbox"/> * Application fee		<a href="#">View Instructions</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Cover Letter	Received on 2/2/2020	<a href="#">View Instructions</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Dossier d'inscription (PDF-click here)	Received on 2/2/2020	<a href="#">View Instructions</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Birth Certificate or Livret de Famille	Received on 2/2/2020	<a href="#">View Instructions</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Photo	Received on 2/2/2020	<a href="#">View Instructions</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> CNED Results (French correspondance courses)		<a href="#">View Instructions</a>
* = Required Item		

#### Step 5 – Testing and Evaluation

The American Section only accepts students with age-appropriate, native-level English. Depending upon their age, candidates must demonstrate the same English language proficiency (spoken and written) as their counterparts in the United States. French assessments are only required on a case-by-case basis. Please review the following testing guidelines to know what to expect for your child.

##### I. Candidates living in the Paris area:

- All applicants living locally are tested on-site. Testing is done individually at most levels and lasts from 45-60 minutes. Parents will be informed by late February about their child’s scheduled testing date and time.
- Group testing may be organized on-site for Middle School or Upper School candidates depending upon the number of applications received. An individual interview will then be scheduled for selected candidates as part of a second round of assessments. Notification of any group testing will be sent to you by email just after the application deadline.

##### II. Candidates living outside the Paris area:

- **All applicants ages 4-7 must be tested on-site.\*** Please contact the Admissions Office before making travel arrangements.



- **All French-immersion applicants must be tested on-site.\*** Please contact the Admissions Office before making travel arrangements.
- **For all other applicants**, decisions will be based upon an applicant's submitted file. For grades 6-12 (*Sixième-Terminale*), a written test will be sent to the applicant's current school. For grades 3-5 (CE2-CM2), an on-site interview may still be necessary to make a final decision. We will contact you if this is the case.

**\* NOTE: There is no testing during school holidays, vacations, or on Mondays. Testing should be conducted before April 4 for a candidate to be considered in the first round of acceptances. For a current school Vacation Calendar, please [click here](#).**

### **Step 6 – Admission decisions and wait lists**

The American Section seeks to enroll students with age-appropriate English, high academic promise, and a motivation to learn in a dual language, Franco-American program.

Every application will be carefully read by the Admissions team before the end of April. Once your child's application has been reviewed, the Admissions Committee will give you feedback in the form of a "favorable" or an "unfavorable" recommendation via email. **Candidates who receive a favorable recommendation will initially be placed on our waitlist** until the first round of acceptances occurs.

### **Notification of acceptances**

May (first week) - Pre-School and Lower School acceptances sent

May (third week) - Middle School acceptances sent

June (third week) – Upper School acceptances sent

Please note that we will continue to give out acceptances from May to September as additional departures are announced. Priority is given first to any French-immersion candidates (one to two places depending upon the grade level). Whenever possible, we seek to place all applicants in a family together in the program.

### **Fees and Payment Information**

To consult tuition fees and payment terms for the current school year, please [click here](#).



## Detailed Information, by Grade Level

## Pre-Kindergarten (*Moyenne Section*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/prekindergarten-moyenne-section](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/prekindergarten-moyenne-section)

**Bilingual (25% American and 75% French)**

**American Section Class Schedule:** Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons

**American Section Class Size:** 16

### Placement

There will be 16 places available in our Pre-K class next fall. Please note that all students enrolled in this class will be attending as *externés*. This means that they will come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes and the rest of the time they will attend their local French preschool. Some possibilities for full-time placement occur in the following grade levels.

**Location:** Lycée campus only

**Estimated number of places available for next year:** 16

### Eligibility

**Age: 4 years old (Candidates must be born in 2016 to enroll in this class.)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English and an age-appropriate vocabulary.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application) After January, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually (parents are not present). The children will look at pictures and identify them, play some games, and then listen to a story and talk about it with the teacher. It lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Testing will take place in March and April. All candidates must be tested on-site by one of our teachers. No distance testing is possible at this age.

### French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

There is no French-immersion class available at this level. All children are enrolled in their local preschool where they assimilate the French language along with their Francophone classmates.

### Timeline

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>March-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

## Kindergarten (*Grande Section*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/kindergarten-grande-section](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/kindergarten-grande-section)

**Bilingual (25% American and 75% French)**

**American Section Class Schedule:** Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings

**American Section Class Size:** 16

### Placement

Most students in this class will be enrolled as *externés*. This means that a student will come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes and the rest of the time they will attend their local French preschool. Opportunities for full-time placement typically number three to four places.

**Location:** Lycée campus only

**Estimated number of places available for next year:** 6

### Eligibility

**Age: 5 years old (Candidates must be born in 2015 to enroll in this class.)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English and an age-appropriate vocabulary.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application) After January, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually (parents are not present). The children will look at pictures and identify them, play some games, and then listen to a story and talk about it with the teacher. It lasts approximately 60 minutes.

Testing will take place in March and April. All candidates must be tested on-site by one of our teachers. No distance testing is possible at this age.

### French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

There is no French-immersion class available at this level. We try to prioritize non-Francophone candidates for one of the full-time places available on the main campus where they may assimilate the new language alongside their bilingual classmates.

### Timeline

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>March-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School



## First Grade (CP); First Grade Plus (CP Plus)

### American Section Program

Curriculum information: [www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/first-grade-cp-first-grade-plus-cp-plus](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/first-grade-cp-first-grade-plus-cp-plus)

**Bilingual (20% American and 80% French)**

**Program choices:** There are two tracks offered in first grade (CP).

- **First grade (CP)**

*Children who enroll in this track must be native English speakers and be ready to learn to read and write simultaneously in two languages in first grade.*

**Class Schedule:** Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

**Class Size:** 18 on the Lycée International campus, 12 on the Ecole Schnapper campus

- **First grade Plus (CP Plus)**

*Children who enroll in this track are not necessarily native English speakers, but they do possess a good level of English language fluency. These students will receive targeted instruction to build vocabulary, reinforce grammar mechanics, and develop their oral English. This class is part of a two-year program beginning in first grade (CP) and continuing through second grade (CE1). At the end of the two-year cycle, students should be ready to integrate into the mainstream program in third grade (CE2).*

**Class Schedule:** Wednesday mornings from 8:45 am to 12:00 pm and Friday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 4:15 pm.

**Class Size:** 18

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 32 overall

**Placement options (three):**

- 1) Full-time at the Ecole Schnapper. This is our satellite campus in St. Germain. Students attend American Section classes and French classes on the same site. This is the only option with daycare and study hall possibilities after school.
- 2) *Externé* on the Lycée campus. This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes. The rest of the time they attend their local French school. Please note that the majority of all primary students at the Lycée are *externés* (750 students currently). *Externé* students may request a full-time place in successive years depending upon space availability. We expect to have 14-18 *externé* spaces become available next year.
- 3) Full-time on Lycée campus. There are a limited number of spaces available; priority will go to qualified non-Francophone candidates.

### Eligibility

**Age: 6 years old (Candidates must be born in 2014 to enroll in this class. Please contact the Admissions Office if this is not the case for your child.)**

**Level of English:** Two tracks are available. Applicants must possess native-level English or near-native-level English to be considered for the program.



### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application) After January, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually. It lasts approximately 60 minutes. Candidates will look at pictures and identify them with the teacher (vocabulary). They will then listen to a story and answer questions about it (listening and comprehension). They must know all of the letters, upper and lower case as well as the sounds of the alphabet (reading readiness).

Testing will take place in March and April. All candidates must be tested on-site by one of our teachers. No distance testing is possible at this age.

### French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

There is no French-immersion class available at this level. We try to prioritize non-Francophone candidates for one of the full-time places available on the main campus where they may assimilate the new language alongside their bilingual classmates.

### Admissions Timeline

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>March-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

## Second Grade (CE1); Second Grade Plus (CE1 Plus)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/second-grade-ce1-second-grade-ce1](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/second-grade-ce1-second-grade-ce1)

**Bilingual (20% American and 80% French)**

**Program choices:** There are two tracks offered in second grade (CE1).

- **Second grade (CE1)**

*For children who are native English speakers and have completed a full phonics program in first grade.*

**Class Schedule:** Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

**Class Size:** 20 (Lycée) and 12 (Ecole Schnapper)

- **Second grade Plus (CE1 Plus)**

*For non-native speakers and native speakers who have a good level of English fluency but require targeted instruction to build vocabulary, reinforce grammar mechanics, and develop their oral English. This class is part of a two-year program beginning in first grade (CP) and continuing through second grade (CE1). At the end of the two-year cycle, students should be ready to integrate into the mainstream program in third grade (CE2).*

**Class Schedule:** Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

**Class Size:** 18 (Lycée)

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 13-15

**Placement options (three):**

- 1) Full-time at the Ecole Schnapper. This is our satellite campus in St. Germain. Students attend American Section classes and French classes on the same site. This is the only option with daycare and study hall possibilities after school. We hope to have 2-4 places become available here.
- 2) *Externé* on the Lycée campus. This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes. The rest of the time they attend their local French school. Please note that the majority of all primary students at the Lycée are *externés* (750 students currently). *Externé* students may request a full-time place in successive years depending upon space availability. We expect to have 10 spaces become available next year.
- 3) Full-time on Lycée campus, priority goes to students who qualify for the French-immersion program (full-time bilingual places that become available will go first to currently enrolled *externé* students).

### Eligibility

**Age: 7 years old (Candidates must be born in 2013 to enroll in this class. Please contact the Admissions Office if this is not the case for your child.)**

**Level of English:** Two tracks are available. Applicants must possess native-level English or near-native-level English to be considered for the program.



### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application) After January, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports for the current year, recommendation from current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually. It lasts approximately 60 minutes. Candidates will look at pictures and identify them with the teacher (vocabulary). They will then listen to a story and answer questions about it (listening and comprehension). The final portion is a short dictation and some comprehension questions about a story (writing).

Testing will take place in March and April. All candidates must be tested on-site by one of our teachers. No distance testing is possible at this age.

### French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

For students who do not yet speak French, or who have never attended a French-language program, they may qualify for our *Français Spécial (FS)* program. This is a full-time placement where students work from September to June to develop a sufficient level of French which will then allow them to integrate into the regular French classes the following year. If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

### Timeline

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>March-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

## Third Grade (CE2)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/third-grade-ce2](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/third-grade-ce2)

**Bilingual (20% American and 80% French)**

**Class Schedule:** Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

**Class Size:** two classes of 20 students each (Lycée) and one class of 12-16 (Ecole Schnapper).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 4-8 places

#### Placement options:

- 1) Full-time at the Ecole Schnapper. This is our satellite campus in St. Germain. Students attend American Section classes and French classes on the same site. This is the only option with daycare and study hall possibilities after school. We hope to have one or two spaces become available on this campus
- 2) *Externé* on the Lycée campus. This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes. The rest of the time, they attend their local French school. Please note that the majority of all primary students at the Lycée are *externés* (750 students currently). *Externé* students may request a full-time place in successive years depending upon space availability. We expect to have 2-4 spaces become available next year.
- 3) Full-time on Lycée campus, priority goes to students who qualify for the French-immersion program (full-time bilingual places that become available will go first to currently enrolled *externé* students). There will be two spaces available for French immersion next year.

### Eligibility

**Age: 8 years old (Candidates must be born in 2012 to enroll in this class.)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application) After January, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually. It lasts approximately 60 minutes. Candidates will look at pictures with the teacher and identify them to assess their vocabulary. Students will then read a story aloud and answer questions about it. A short dictation and a creative writing assignment complete the assessment.

All local candidates will be tested on-site. Testing will be scheduled in March and April. For families who are living overseas and are not able to travel, we will do our best to make a decision based solely upon the application. In some cases, an on-site test will still be required by the Principal. *No distance testing is available at this age.*



### **French Immersion/*Français Spécial***

For students who do not yet speak French, or who have never attended a French language program, they may qualify for our *Français Spécial (FS)* program. This is a full-time placement where students work from September to June to develop a sufficient level of French which will then allow them to integrate into the regular French classes the following year. If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

*Please note that the French-immersion class has run as a combined level of third and fourth grade for the past two years. This will very likely be the case next year as well.*

### **Timeline**

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>March-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

## Fourth Grade (CM1)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/fourth-grade-cm1](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/fourth-grade-cm1)

**Bilingual (20% American and 80% French)**

**Class Schedule:** Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings.

**Class Size:** two classes of 20 students each (Lycée) and one class of 12-16 (Ecole Schnapper).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 2-8 places

#### Placement options (three):

- 1) Full-time at the Ecole Schnapper. This is our satellite campus in St. Germain. Students attend American Section classes and French classes on the same site. This is the only option with daycare and study hall possibilities after school. We hope to have one or two spaces become available on this campus.
- 2) *Externé* on the Lycée campus. This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes. The rest of the time they attend their local French school. Please note that the majority of all primary students at the Lycée are *externés* (750 students currently). *Externé* students may request a full-time place in successive years depending upon space availability. We expect to have 2-4 spaces become available next year.
- 3) Full-time on Lycée campus, priority goes to students who qualify for the French-immersion program (full-time bilingual places that become available will go first to currently enrolled *externé* students). There will be two spaces available for French immersion next year.

### Eligibility

**Age: 9 years old (Candidates must be born in 2011 to enroll in this class.)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually. The assessment lasts approximately 60 minutes and includes the following components: vocabulary level, reading comprehension and fluidity, oral comprehension, spelling, and writing ability.

All local candidates will be tested on-site. Testing will be scheduled in March and April. For families who are living overseas and are not able to travel, we will do our best to make a decision based solely upon the application. In some cases, an on-site test will still be required by the Principal. *No distance testing is available at this age.*

### French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

For students who do not yet speak French, or who have never attended a French language program, they may qualify for our *Français Spécial (FS)* program. This is a full-time placement where students work from September to



June to develop a sufficient level of French which will then allow them to integrate into the regular French classes the following year. If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

*Please note that the French-immersion class has run as a combined level for the past two years: either third/fourth grade or fourth/fifth grade. This will very likely be the case next year as well.*

**Timeline**

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>March-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School



## Fifth Grade (CM2)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/fifth-grade-cm2](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/fifth-grade-cm2)

**Bilingual (20% American and 80% French)**

**Class Schedule:** Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings.

**Class Size:** two classes of 20 students each (Lycée) and one class of 14-18 (Ecole Schnapper).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 2-8 places

#### Placement options (three):

- 1) Full-time at the Ecole Schnapper. This is our satellite campus in St. Germain. Students attend American Section classes and French classes on the same site. This is the only option with daycare and study hall possibilities after school. We hope to have one or two spaces become available on this campus.
- 2) *Externé* on the Lycée campus. This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes. The rest of the time, they attend their local French school. Please note that the majority of all primary students at the Lycée are *externés* (750 students currently). *Externé* students may request a full-time place in successive years depending upon space availability. We expect to have 1-4 spaces become available next year.
- 3) Full-time on Lycée campus, priority goes to students who qualify for the French-immersion program (full-time bilingual places that become available will go first to currently enrolled *externé* students). There will be two spaces available for French immersion next year.

### Eligibility

**Age: 10 years old (Candidates must be born in 2010 to enroll in this class.)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually. The assessment lasts approximately 60 minutes and includes the following components: vocabulary level, reading comprehension and fluidity, oral comprehension, spelling, and writing ability.

All local candidates will be tested on-site. Testing will be scheduled from February 24, 2020 to April 30, 2020. For families who are living overseas and are not able to travel, we will do our best to make a decision based solely upon the application. In some cases, an on-site test will still be required by the Principal. *No distance testing is available at this age.*



### **French Immersion/*Français Spécial***

For students who do not yet speak French, or who have never attended a French language program, they may qualify for our *Français Spécial (FS)* program. This is a full-time placement where students work from September to June to develop a sufficient level of French which will then allow them to integrate into the regular French classes the following year. If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

*Please note that the French-immersion class has run as a combined level class of fourth and fifth grade for the past two years. This will very likely be the case next year as well.*

### **Timeline**

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>March-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

## Sixth Grade (*Sixième*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/sixth-grade-sixime](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/sixth-grade-sixime)

**Bilingual (4 hours of Language and Literature and 2 hours of history)**

**Class Size:** two classes of 20 students each (Collège Marcel Roby) and one class of 18 (Lycée International).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 4-8 places

#### Placement options (two):

- 1) Full-time at the Collège Marcel Roby. The majority of our Middle School students attend classes on this campus conveniently located in the center of Saint-Germain-en-Laye. The American Section runs two classes per level here with 20 students each. Spanish and Russian section students also attend classes on this site as well as students from the catchment area. We expect to have 3-7 places become available on this site.
- 2) Full-time at the Lycée International. The American Section runs one class per level on this site. Priority for placement on this campus will go to candidates who qualify for the French-immersion program (*FS*). For *Sixième*, there will only be one space available for a French-immersion (*FS*) candidate next year.

### Eligibility

**Age: 11 years old (Candidates should be born in 2009)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

**Level of French:** Bilingual applicants must provide proof of age-appropriate French. This can be done by providing grade reports from a French school or CNED reports (cours à distance). If these are unavailable, please contact the Admissions Office before applying. Non-Francophones must qualify for the French-immersion program to enter the program.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

**Local candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. In most cases, testing will be scheduled in March and April. Testing will be conducted in English and administered individually. The assessment lasts approximately 60 minutes and includes the following components: vocabulary, reading comprehension and fluidity, oral comprehension, and writing exercises.

**French-immersion candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. It will consist of an English-language assessment with an American Section teacher and an interview with the French-immersion coordinator. Families should contact the Admissions Office before booking tickets to come to France. Please note that to be considered in the first round of acceptances, candidates must come to St. Germain by early April.

**Bilingual candidates living overseas:** A distance test with instructions will be sent to your current school in early February. It should be supervised by a staff member and administered in February.



### **French Immersion/*Français Spécial* (FS) program**

This is a specialized track for candidates who do not yet speak French or who have very little knowledge of the language (spoken and written). The class is composed of 15-20 new students coming from all over the world. During the first year, French-immersion students will have three objectives: to assimilate a new language, to complete their grade level coursework in that language, and to maintain native-level English. The following year, the French-immersion students must be ready to move into the regular bilingual classes. The FS program is challenging so candidates must possess a strong academic record, good study habits, and a motivation to learn a new language and integrate into a new culture.

If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

*Please note that the French-immersion class at this level is run as a combined class of sixth- and seventh-grade students.*

### **Timeline**

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>February-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

## Seventh Grade (*Cinquième*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/seventh-grade-cinquieme](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/seventh-grade-cinquieme)

**Bilingual (4 hours of Language and Literature and 2 hours of history)**

**Class Size:** two classes of 20 students each (Collège Marcel Roby) and one class of 18 (Lycée International).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 2-6 places

#### Placement options (two):

- 1) Full-time at the Collège Marcel Roby. The majority of our Middle School students attend classes on this campus conveniently located in the center of Saint-Germain-en-Laye. The American Section runs two classes per level here with 20 students each. Spanish and Russian section students also attend classes on this site as well as students from the catchment area. We expect to have 1-5 places become available on this site.
- 2) Full-time at the Lycée International. The American Section runs one class per level on this site. Priority for placement on this campus will go to candidates who qualify for the French-immersion program (*FS*). For *Cinquième*, there will only be one space available for a French-immersion (*FS*) candidate next year. There may be some possibilities for bilingual candidates depending upon departures.

### Eligibility

**Age: 12 years old (Candidates should be born in 2008)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

**Level of French:** Bilingual applicants must provide proof of age-appropriate French. This can be done by providing grade reports from a French school or CNED reports (*cours à distance*). If these are unavailable, please contact the Admissions Office before applying. Non-Francophones must qualify for the French-immersion program to enter the program.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

**Local candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. In most cases, testing will be scheduled in March and April. Testing will be conducted in English and administered individually. The assessment lasts approximately 60 minutes and includes the following components: vocabulary, reading comprehension and fluidity, oral comprehension, and writing exercises.

**French-immersion candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. It will consist of an English-language assessment with an American Section teacher and an interview with the French-immersion coordinator. Families should contact the Admissions Office before booking tickets to France. Please note that to be considered in the first round of acceptances, candidates must come to St. Germain by early April.

**Bilingual candidates living overseas:** A distance test with instructions will be sent to your current school in early February. It should be supervised by a staff member and administered in February.



### **French Immersion/*Français Spécial* (FS) program**

This is a specialized track for candidates who do not yet speak French or who have very little knowledge of the language (spoken and written). The class is composed of 15-20 new students coming from all over the world. During the first year, French-immersion students will have three objectives: to assimilate a new language, to complete their grade level coursework in that language, and to maintain native-level English. The following year, the French-immersion students must be ready to move into the regular bilingual classes. The *FS* program is challenging so candidates must possess a strong academic record, good study habits, and a motivation to learn a new language and integrate into a new culture.

If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

*Please note that the French-immersion class at this level is run as a combined class of sixth- and seventh-grade students.*

### **Timeline**

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>February-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

## Eighth Grade (*Quatrième*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/eighth-grade-quatrieme](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/eighth-grade-quatrieme)

**Bilingual (4 hours of Language and Literature and 2 hours of history)**

**Class Size:** two classes of 20 students each (Collège Marcel Roby) and one class of 18 (Lycée International).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 2-5 places

#### Placement options (two):

- 1) Full-time at the Collège Marcel Roby. The majority of our Middle School students attend classes on this campus conveniently located in the center of Saint-Germain-en-Laye. The American Section runs two classes per level here with 20 students each. Spanish and Russian section students also attend classes on this site as well as students from the catchment area. We expect to have 1-3 places become available on this site.
- 2) Full-time at the Lycée International. The American Section runs one class per level on this site. Priority for placement on this campus will go to candidates who qualify for the French-immersion program (*FS*). For *Quatrième*, there will be one space available for a French-immersion (*FS*) candidate next year on this site. There may be some possibilities for bilingual candidates depending upon departures.

### Eligibility

**Age: 13 years old (Candidates should be born in 2007)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

**Level of French:** Bilingual applicants must provide proof of age-appropriate French. This can be done by providing grade reports from a French school or CNED reports (*cours à distance*). If these are unavailable, please contact the Admissions Office before applying. Non-Francophones must qualify for the French-immersion program to enter the program.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

**Local candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. In most cases, testing will be scheduled in March and April. Testing will be conducted in English and administered individually. The assessment lasts approximately 60 minutes and includes the following components: vocabulary, reading comprehension and fluidity, oral comprehension, and writing exercises.

**French-immersion candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. It will consist of an English-language assessment with an American Section teacher and an interview with the French-immersion coordinator. Families should contact the Admissions Office before booking tickets to France. Please note that to be considered in the first round of acceptances, candidates must come to St. Germain by early April.

**Bilingual candidates living overseas:** A distance test with instructions will be sent to your current school in early February. It should be supervised by a staff member and administered in February.



### ***Français Spécial (FS)/French-immersion program***

This is a specialized track for candidates who do not yet speak French or who have very little knowledge of the language (spoken and written). The class is composed of 15-20 new students coming from all over the world. During the first year, French-immersion students will have three objectives: to assimilate a new language, to complete their grade level coursework in that language, and to maintain native-level English. The following year, the French-immersion students must be ready to move into the regular bilingual classes. The *FS* program is challenging so candidates must possess a strong academic record, good study habits, and a motivation to learn a new language and integrate into a new culture.

If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

*Please note that the French-immersion class at this level is run as a combined class of eighth- and ninth-grade students.*

### **Timeline**

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>February-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School



## Ninth Grade (*Troisième*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/ninth-grade-troisime](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/ninth-grade-troisime)

**Bilingual (4 hours of Language and Literature and 2 hours of history)**

**Class Size:** two classes of 20 students each (Collège Marcel Roby) and one class of 18 (Lycée International).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 3-5 places

#### Placement options (two):

- 1) Full-time at the Collège Marcel Roby. The majority of our Middle School students attend classes on this campus conveniently located in the center of Saint-Germain-en-Laye. The American Section runs two classes per level here with 20 students each. Spanish and Russian section students also attend classes on this site as well as students from the catchment area. We expect to have 2-4 places become available on this site.
- 2) Full-time at the Lycée International. The American Section runs one class per level on this site in Middle School. Priority for placement on this campus will go to candidates who qualify for the French-immersion program (*FS*). For *Troisième*, there will be one space available for a French-immersion (*FS*) candidate next year on this site. There may be some possibilities for bilingual candidates depending upon departures.

### Eligibility

**Age: 14 years old (Candidates should be born in 2006)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

**Level of French:** Bilingual applicants must provide proof of age-appropriate French. This can be done by providing grade reports from a French school or CNED reports (*cours à distance*). If these are unavailable, please contact the Admissions Office before applying. Non-Francophones must qualify for the French-immersion program to enter the program.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

**Local candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. In most cases, testing will be scheduled in March and April. Testing will be conducted in English and administered individually. The assessment lasts approximately 60 minutes and includes the following components: vocabulary, reading comprehension and fluidity, oral comprehension, and writing exercises.

**French-immersion candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. It will consist of an English-language assessment with an American Section teacher and an interview with the French-immersion coordinator. Families should contact the Admissions Office before booking tickets to France. Please note that to be considered in the first round of acceptances, candidates must come to St. Germain by early April.

**Bilingual candidates living overseas:** A distance test with instructions will be sent to your current school in early February. It should be supervised by a staff member and administered in February.



### **French-immersion/*Français Spécial* (FS) program**

This is a specialized track for candidates who do not yet speak French or who have very little knowledge of the language (spoken and written). The class is composed of 15-20 new students coming from all over the world. During the first year, French-immersion students will have three objectives: to assimilate a new language, to complete their grade level coursework in that language, and to maintain native-level English. The following year, the French-immersion students must be ready to move into the regular bilingual classes. The *FS* program is challenging so candidates must possess a strong academic record, good study habits, and a motivation to learn a new language and integrate into a new culture.

If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

*Please note that the French-immersion class at this level is run as a combined class of eighth- and ninth-grade students.*

### **Timeline**

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>February-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School

***Note: ninth grade (Troisième) is still part of Middle School (Collège) in France.***

## Tenth Grade (*Seconde*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/tenth-grade-seconde](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/tenth-grade-seconde)

**Bilingual (5 hours of language & literature and 3 hours of history)**

**Class Size:** three classes of 18-20 students each (Lycée International campus only).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 1-4 places

**Campus Placement:** All students in *Seconde* are enrolled full-time at the Lycée International. There will be one or two spaces available for French-immersion (*FS*) candidates next year. There may be some possibilities for bilingual candidates depending upon departures.

### Eligibility

**Age: 15 years old (Candidates should be born in 2005)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a *classe d'accueil* for non-Anglophones.

**Level of French:** Bilingual applicants must provide proof of age-appropriate French. This can be done by providing grade reports from a French school or CNED reports (*cours à distance*). If these are unavailable, please contact the Admissions Office before applying. Students with an *intermediate* level of French may qualify for the French-immersion program. Please note that we cannot accept beginners in French due to the subject tests that take place in eleventh grade (*Première*).

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports for the current and two previous years, two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, standardized testing (if available), and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

**Local candidates: A written examination will take place at the school in January (date to be announced).** The assessment will include a vocabulary evaluation and a text or poetry analysis in English. The best qualified candidates will then be invited back in March for an interview in English.

**French-immersion candidates:** Testing must be done on-site. It will consist of an English-language assessment with an American Section teacher and an interview with the French-immersion coordinator. Families should contact the Admissions Office before booking tickets to come to France. Please note that to be considered in the first round of acceptances, candidates must come to St. Germain by early April.

**Bilingual candidates living overseas:** A distance test with instructions will be sent to your current school in early February. It should be supervised by a staff member and administered in February.

### French Immersion/*Français Spécial (FS)* program

This is a specialized track for candidates who speak and write at an *intermediate level in French*, but who are not yet at native level, particularly in writing. The class is composed of 15-20 new students coming from all over the world. During the first year, French-immersion students will have three objectives: to master the French language, to complete the grade level coursework in that language, and to maintain native-level English. By the end of the year, French-immersion students must be ready to move into the mainstream bilingual classes. The *FS* program is



challenging, particularly in *Seconde*, so candidates must possess a strong academic record, good study habits, and a considerable motivation to master the French language.

If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

### Timeline

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>February-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School
<b>June</b>	acceptances for Upper School

## Eleventh Grade (*Première*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/eleventh-grade-premiere](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/eleventh-grade-premiere)

**Bilingual (5 hours of language & literature and 3 hours of history)**

**Class Size:** three classes of 18-20 students each (Lycée International campus only).

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 0-4 places

**Campus Placement:** All students in *Première* are enrolled full-time at the Lycée International. The American Section runs three classes of approximately 20 students each on the main campus.

### Eligibility

**Age: 16 years old (Candidates should be born in 2004)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a *classe d'accueil* for non-Anglophones.

**Level of French:** Applicants must possess native-level French (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a French-immersion program at this level.

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website from December 1 January 15 for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports for the current and two previous years, two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, standardized testing (if available), and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

**Local candidates:** A written examination will take place at the school in January (date to be announced). The assessment will include a vocabulary evaluation and a text or poetry analysis in English. The best qualified candidates will then be invited back in March for an interview in English.

**Bilingual candidates living overseas:** A distance test with instructions will be sent to your current school in early February. It should be supervised by a staff member and administered in February.

### Spécialités

Due to the recent "*bac réforme*", students must now choose three *spécialités* among eight possible offerings in eleventh grade (*Première*). The Lycée International offers the following choices:

- *Langues-Littérature-Cultures Etrangères (LLCE)*
- *Histoire-Géographie-Géopolitique et Sciences Politiques (HGGSP)*
- *Humanités-Littérature-Philosophie (HLP)*
- *Maths*
- *Science Numérique et Science Informatiques (NSI)*
- *Science de la Vie et de la Terre (SVT)*
- *Physique/Chimie*
- *Science Economiques et Sociales (SES)*

### Timeline

**December-January** application files submitted



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**February-April**

**May**

**June**

testing

acceptances for Lower and Middle School

acceptances for Upper School

## Twelfth Grade (*Terminale*)

### American Section Program

Curriculum information: [www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/twelfth-grade-terminale](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/twelfth-grade-terminale)

**Bilingual (5 hours of language & literature and 3 hours of history)**

### Placement

**Estimated number of places available next year:** 0-2 places

**Campus Placement:** All students in *Terminale* are enrolled full-time at the Lycée International. The American Section runs four classes of approximately 13-15 students each.

### Eligibility

**Age: 17 years old (Candidates should be born in 2003)**

**Level of English:** Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a *classe d'accueil* for non-Anglophones.

**Level of French:** Applicants must possess native-level French (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a French-immersion program at this level.

**OIB eligibility:** *Because the OIB option is a two-year program, the American Section can only consider applicants transferring from other American-option OIB programs in the AEF network.*

### Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website from December 1 to January for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports for the current and two previous years, two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, standardized testing (if available), and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

### Testing

**Bilingual candidates living overseas:** A distance test with instructions will be sent to your current school in early February. It should be supervised by a staff member and administered in February.

### Spécialités

Due to the recent "*bac réforme*", students must now choose two *spécialités* among eight possible offerings in twelfth grade (*Terminale*). The Lycée International offers the following choices:

- *Langues-Littérature-Cultures Etrangères (LLCE)*
- *Histoire-Géographie-Géopolitique et Sciences Politiques (HGGSP)*
- *Humanités-Littérature-Philosophie (HLP)*
- *Maths*
- *Science Numérique- Science Informatiques (NSI)*
- *Science de la Vie et de la Terre (SVT)*
- *Physique/Chimie*
- *Science Economiques et Sociales (SES)*

### Timeline

<b>December-January</b>	application files submitted
<b>February-April</b>	testing
<b>May</b>	acceptances for Lower and Middle School
<b>June</b>	acceptances for Upper School

## OIB Diploma and Graduation

The International Option of the French Baccalaureate (or OIB) was created nearly two decades ago by the French government to offer a genuinely bilingual education to its citizens living abroad or returning from overseas, as well as to foreigners studying in French schools around the world or residing in France for a significant time. It is a particularly demanding version of the French Baccalaureate.

After following a fully bilingual curriculum during their last two years of school, students take oral and written exams in English and French, each language having to be at a standard enabling them to work at ease in any subject at university level.

The American portion of the OIB is supervised by the Franco-American Commission of Paris in conjunction with the Advanced Placement section of the College Board, who work in close collaboration with the French General Inspectorate of the National Ministry of Education.

**Bac Results:** [www.americansection.org/about-us/our-program/academic-record](http://www.americansection.org/about-us/our-program/academic-record)

**University Placements:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/university-placement](http://www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/university-placement)



## ***French Immersion (Français Spécial/FS)***

*Français Spécial*, also referred to as “FS”, is a French-immersion program specially designed for students who have a minimal knowledge of French. The program has been around for over 40 years and has the added benefit of allowing students to maintain their mother-tongue language while integrating into the French public school system. It is one of the most important missions of the Lycée International.

### **The Program**

The *Français Spécial* program is demanding. Over the course of ten months, FS students will be required to:

- acquire a working knowledge of the French language,
- complete their grade level work in all other required subjects (math, sciences, history, music, and physical education), and
- maintain their English language level in their American Section classes.

The objective is for each French-immersion student to integrate into the regular bilingual program the following year with the rest of their peers.

### **Class size**

Each FS class is made up of 15-20 students coming from all over the world. Each international section is given one to two places maximum so admissions is competitive.

Some of our French-immersion classes have *combined grade levels*. Currently, this is the case for:

- Third and fourth grades (*CE2-CM1*)
- Fourth and fifth grades (*CM1-CM2*)
- Sixth and seventh grades (*6ème-5ème*)
- Seventh and eighth grades (*4ème-3ème*).

### **Grade levels**

*The program is only offered from grades 2-10.*

For the youngest students entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and first grade, there are no specialized French-immersion courses. Students join the regular French classes either on the Lycée International campus or in their neighborhood schools.

The FS program is *not* available in grades 11-12. Students must be bilingual to enroll at these levels due to final examination requirements for the French *baccalauréat*.

### **Applicant profile**

To be chosen for the program, candidates must possess a solid academic background, good study habits, and a strong motivation to learn French.

***WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT FAMILIES WHO WISH TO APPLY TO THE  
FRENCH-IMMERSION PROGRAM CONTACT THE ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR BEFORE APPLYING***

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