



THE DIPLOME NATIONAL DU BREVET EXAMINATION

At the end of 9th grade (Troisième) students sit for the final examinations for the Diplôme National du Brevet (DNB). The final examination completes the evaluations of command of the common core that is assessed internally by Rochambeau's teachers. For students these examinations include both an oral and a written component.

WRITTEN EXAMS

First written exam: **French**

Exam length: 3 hours

The entire exam is graded out of **100 points**, divided as follows:

1. Understand, analyze and interpret: the exam is based on a French corpus, comprising a literary text and possibly an artistic image or document. Questions based on the text are to evaluate student comprehension and mastery of the French grammar. A rewriting exercise gives students a short fragment of text to rework. (1h 10 min, 50 points);
2. Dictation (20 minutes, 10 points);
3. Written work (1 hour 30 minutes, 40 points): choice of two subjects on the theme of the French corpus.

Second written exam: **Mathematics**

Exam length: 2 hours, covering the mathematics program

The entire exam is graded out of **100 points**, divided as follows: 100 points distributed among various exercises, including an algorithm exercise (programming).



Third written exam: History and geography, ethics and civics education

Exam length: 2 hours

The entire exam is graded out of **50 points**, divided as follows:

- The first part, primarily evaluates candidates' ability to understand, analyze and interpret documents and works (20 points);
- The second part evaluates candidates' ability to master different languages for reasoning and use historical or geographic references (20 points); and
- The third part evaluates candidates' ability to use relevant skills from ethics and civics education (10 points).

Fourth written exam: Physics and chemistry, life and earth sciences, and engineering

Exam length: **1** hour, covering two subjects program out of three. The subjects tested are sent to the school two months prior the examination.

The entire exam is graded out of **50 points**.

ORAL EXAM: DEFENSE OF A PROJECT

Exam length: 15 minutes

The exam is graded out of **100 points**:

- Command of oral expression in French: 50 points
- Command of the subject matter presented: 50 points.

The oral exam to defend a project allows the candidate to present one of the interdisciplinary projects that he or she prepared during his or her Cycle 4 (*Parcours d'Education Artistique et Culturel ou Enseignement Pratique Interdisciplinaire*).

This oral exam is a defense: its purpose is not to evaluate the project, whether individual or group, prepared by the student, but rather his or her ability to explain the approach taken and the skills and knowledge that he or she acquired through this project.



Candidates may choose to make this presentation individually or as a group, but they are evaluated individually.

The oral exam has two parts: a presentation in French (5 minutes) followed by an interview with the jury (10 minutes). For group presentations, 10 minutes of presentation are followed by 15 minutes of discussion with the jury and the entire group. Each candidate is evaluated individually.

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT AND ONGOING TESTING

At the end of the school year, teachers assessed the level of mastery of each of eight common core learning areas. For each area is assigned a number of points, determined by the Conseil de Classe of the 3rd trimester of 9th grade.

The areas are the following:

The key competences are the following:

- Languages to think and communicate;
- Methods and tools for learning;
- Development of the individual and the citizen;
- Natural systems and technical systems;
- The representations of the world and human activities.

The mastery of each of these key competences is assessed globally, except for the first one, which, because of its specificities, embrace four specific goals, each of which must be evaluated separately:

- Understand, express oneself using the French language in written and spoken form
- Understand, express oneself using a foreign language and a third foreign language
- Understand, express oneself using scientific, mathematical and computer languages
- Understand, express oneself using the languages of the arts and of the body



Each of eight common core learning areas is assigned a number of points, determined by the class council in the 3rd trimester of 9th grade.

- Insufficient command [10 points]
- Weak command [25 points]
- Satisfactory command [40 points]
- Very good command [50 points]



DIPLOME NATIONAL DU BREVET GRADING

The diploma is awarded to all students who have reached at least 400 points¹:

Ongoing testing	400 pt
Written exams	300 pt
Oral exam	100 pt
TOTAL	800 PTS

Specials mentions are awarded as follow:

- AB (Assez Bien) Mention / Fair - 480 points
- B Mention (Bien) / good- 560 points
- TB mention (Très Bien) / very good - 640 points

TEST SCHEDULE

MAY 29 - 30	ALL DAY	ORAL EXAM
JUNE 5	Written exams	
JUNE 6	Written exams	
JUNE 22	Publication of results	

¹ The obtention of the Diploma is not mandatory for entering 10th grade