





SCHOOL PROFILE | 2019-2020

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Rochambeau was founded in 1955. Today, with a total enrollment of 1082 students on three campuses, it is the second largest of the twelve French schools in the United States. Rochambeau is a private, coeducational day school which serves the Washington, DC metropolitan area, offering the French National Education System from pre-kindergarten through high school and culminating in the French *Baccalauréat*, with the option to also earn the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of junior (première) year. Rochambeau serves students who represent over 80 nationalities. Rochambeau is accredited by the French National Ministry of Education and approved to award the Maryland State High School Diploma by the Maryland State Department of Education, Non-Public Schools Division.

The high school (*Quatrième* through *Terminale*) accommodates 363 students on an 11-acre campus in Bethesda, Maryland, 10 miles from downtown Washington, DC. Many students' families are in Washington on temporary assignments with embassies and other international organizations; for this reason, there is significant annual turnover in the student population.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, 2019 - 2020

Year in French <i>Baccalauréat</i>	US equivalent	Number enrolled
<i>Quatrième</i>	Grade 8	81
<i>Troisième</i>	Grade 9	62
<i>Seconde</i>	Grade 10	75
<i>Première</i> (1st year of <i>Bac</i>)	Grade 11*	79
<i>Terminale</i> (2nd/Final year of <i>Bac</i>)	Grade 12**	66

* MD state high school diploma requirements met; diploma awarded

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INTERSECTION OF FRENCH AND U.S. PROGRAMS

The majority of Rochambeau's students meet all Maryland state high school curricular requirements and are awarded the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of their *première* year, the year preceding the final year of French secondary education. The final year of study at the school is devoted to preparing students for the French *Baccalauréat* examination, which alone qualifies students for admission to the French university system. Students of any nationality who obtain the French *Baccalauréat* diploma are automatically eligible to attend a university in France. **This final year of study at Rochambeau is regarded as post-secondary study** in the U.S., although it is an integral part of secondary education in the French system. Because of this, Canadian and U.S. universities sometimes grant credit and/or advanced standing to French *Bac* recipients, and some U.S. institutions allow students to apply with the French *Bac* in lieu of standardized test scores.

ROCHAMBEAU HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA Graduation Requirements

To receive the high school diploma from the Rochambeau, The French International School, approved by the State of Maryland, within the context of the French education system, Rochambeau students must complete a minimum of 22 credits. Seventeen of these credits must be in the areas specified below. The additional minimum of five elective units may come from offerings in any curricular area.

- 6 credits in Mathematics and Science (including at least 2 science and 2 math credits)
- 4 credits in English
- 2 credits in French
- 2 credits in Social Studies (including 1 credit in U.S. History)
- 2 credits in a third language
- 1 credit in Physical Education

Because the Maryland State High School Diploma is typically awarded to students before their last year of study at Rochambeau, students who have earned the diploma and who plan to attend North American universities have the option of leaving Rochambeau without completing *terminale* and without taking the *Baccalauréat*. More than 95 percent of students at Rochambeau, however, choose to stay for *terminale* in order to sit for the *Baccalauréat*.

FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT National Curriculum, Faculty, and Language of Instruction

All French schools (*lycées*) follow the academic curriculum established by the French National Ministry of Education and faculty members are certified by the same French ministry. Class sizes are small, ranging from four to 24 students. All courses are taught in French except for the following: *option internationale du baccalauréat* (OIB) Literature, OIB History, U.S. History and English language classes, which are taught in English. English language instruction is required and is offered at three levels with placement depending on a student's level of proficiency: Group 2 (beginner), Group 3 (intermediate), and Group 4 (honors). OIB (honors) English is an option that can be chosen by bilingual students as part of the full OIB program. Math subjects such as algebra, geometry, and statistics are integrated throughout the curriculum according to the *série*, or track that students choose. Natural sciences include biology, earth science, and health education; physics and chemistry are integrated each year according to the *série*. This curriculum fosters self-discipline, organization, and autonomy, while developing critical thinking and analytical skills.

PROGRAM

During the last two years of French secondary education (*première* and *terminale*), students choose a concentration in one of three specialized academic tracks (*séries* du *Baccalauréat*). Each track contains its own set of prescribed courses that are required for all students in that track. Students may not take courses from another track but are able to choose from a variety of elective courses.

Série L (Languages, Literature and Humanities) **3 students (1 in OIB option)**

French language & literature, English language & literature, history-geography (2 years); philosophy, biology, chemistry or physics (1 year); World languages, math option

Série ES (Economics and Social Sciences) **25 students (12 in OIB option)**

Economics & sociology, math, history-geography (2 years); French, philosophy, biology, chemistry or physics (1 year); World languages

Série S (Mathematics and Sciences) **38 students (12 in OIB option)**

Math, physics-chemistry, biology-earth sciences (2 years); French, history-geography, philosophy (2 years); World languages

In addition to their required concentration courses, all students must enroll both years in English and a third modern foreign language. We offer Spanish and German, and students can choose from additional languages through online platforms. During *seconde* year, students are required to participate in a two week internship. Students also choose a two-hour specialization class in *terminale*. All students at Rochambeau are bilingual and many are multilingual. Finally, all students are required to complete an extended research project (*TPE*) which they present to a jury at the end of *première*.

During the final three years of secondary education, students often carry a course load of 37 to 40 hours per week, with a corresponding amount of homework each evening. **School hours are 8:30am to 5:30pm. Given the long school day and heavy academic load, students have little time to pursue the extracurricular activities common in most U.S. high school cultures.**

OPTION INTERNATIONALE DU BACCALAURÉAT (OIB)

The *option internationale du baccalauréat*, or OIB, is the *Baccalauréat's* international option. Taught by French and American faculty, OIB is an optional three-year program that offers students advanced-level studies in English language & literature and an integrated curriculum in world history and geography. **OIB is not a separate diploma—nor is it the International Baccalaureate (IB).** It is an additional specialization within the framework of the *Baccalauréat*, which offers the most advanced study in three topical areas. The concept, curriculum, and evaluation standards of the OIB American Option were developed by the French Ministry of Education and the Advanced Placement division of the College Board. To meet the requirements of OIB specialization, students must pass written and oral exams given in English and evaluated by external examiners. In the Class of 2019, 31 students (36%) are enrolled in the OIB curriculum.

LEAVING EXAMS

Baccalauréat examinations are developed at the French national level, with the same exams given at *lycées* worldwide at the end of *première* and *terminale*. All exams, both written and oral, are evaluated by outside examiners. Each section of the examination consists of a series of essays requiring in-depth analysis and a well-reasoned response. The written section is scheduled over a two-week period, encompassing 17 to 32 hours of testing, depending on the student's curriculum. Students also present two to four oral examinations. Scores of individual subject exams are graded given a weighting ("coefficient") depending on the *série* the student follows, and are averaged together. Students must achieve a minimum combined average score of 10 out of 20 points in order to receive the *Baccalauréat*. Scores of 12/20 and above are considered honors-level scores. Students who score between 8 and 10 are allowed to retake two subjects to determine whether they pass the *Baccalauréat*.

BACCALAURÉAT EXAMINATION RESULTS

Year	Number Taking <i>Baccalauréat</i>	Pass Rate	Highest Honors (16–20)	High Honors (14–16)	Honors (12–14)	Passing (10–12)
2019	83	100%	45 (54%)	18 (22%)	10 (12%)	10 (12%)
2018	65	97%	27 (44%)	14 (23%)	11 (18%)	10 (15%)
2017	63	100%	23 (37%)	26 (41%)	11 (17%)	3 (5%)
2016	69	98.5%	25 (36%)	15 (22%)	18 (9.85%)	10 (14.5%)

STANDARDIZED TESTING

About two-thirds of the students who take standardized tests for college admission are non-native speakers of English. Our students tend to find both the math and verbal sections challenging because of language, unfamiliar format, the timed nature of the tests, and content not fully aligned with the sequence of topics as taught in U.S. curricula. Historically, Rochambeau has not taught any AP (or IB) classes. Only since the 2016-17 academic year do *première* and *seconde* students have the option of taking new advanced-level courses in English Literature & Composition, U.S. History and Calculus; these courses aim to prepare students for the AP exams in these subjects, however, given scheduling conflicts with both the demands of the French Bac and the OIB program, some students are not able to participate in all preparatory courses. While these courses are designed to prepare students for the exams, they are not AP accredited curricular courses and are not noted as AP courses on the student transcript.

SAT: The averages provided are derived from student's highest score on each section. Also provided are data from the four most commonly taken SAT Subject Tests, taken between September 2018 and August 2019.

Subject test	Mean	Number of students	SAT	Middle 50%	Mean
French	788	9	ERW	610-660	635
Math Level II	768	4	Math	550-750	647
Spanish	677	3			
English Literature	630	2	Total	1160-1410	1282

ACT: The average composite score was 28 out of 36 (highest composite score for each student).

AP Exams: In May 2019, 40 AP exams were taken by 30 students from *terminale* to *troisième* in 7 subjects. 97% of exams were scored a 5 (82%) or 4 (14%). In world languages, 100% of exams were scored a 5 (86%) or 4 (14%).

GRADING SYSTEM

Rochambeau does not calculate a GPA or assign class rank because courses in the French system are not quantified with equal credit units as they are in the U.S. Because our courses vary in number of contact hours and difficulty, a student's performance in these courses cannot be accurately averaged, nor can a class ranking be accurately determined. **Students are best compared within their track (L, ES, or S)**, not to the entire 64 students in the leaving class of 2020. In June 2019, at the end of première, unweighted yearly grade distributions on a scale of 0 – 20 were:

Série L	Lowest	13.19	Mean	15.0	Highest	16.26
Série ES	Lowest	11.75	Mean	15.16	Highest	18.46
Série S	Lowest	12.07	Mean	16.13	Highest	18.65

Rochambeau uses the French grading scale, which ranges from 0 to 20. Report cards (*bulletins*) are issued in French at the end of each trimester (December, March, and June). For students applying to U.S. and U.K. colleges and universities, we create an "American style" transcript in which the French terms and grades are translated and converted to letter grades according to the following conversion values:

	French Grade Non-honors course	French Grade Honors course	French Grade Non-honors course	French Grade Honors course
US grade equivalent	Grades 10, 11 & 12	Grades 10, 11 & 12	Grades 8 & 9	Grades 8 & 9
A+	15-20	14-20	16-20	15-20
A	14	13	15	14
A-	13	12	14	13
B+	12	11	13	12
B	11	10	12	11
B-	10	9	11	10
C+	9	8	10	9
C	8	7	9	8
C-	7	6	8	7
D+	6	5	7	6
D	5	4	6	5
D-	4	3	5	4



UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FOR ROCHAMBEAU STUDENTS

Classes of 2017 to 2019

White indicates matriculation, (#) indicates more than one matriculation.

One student from the Class of 2018 is taking a gap year.

NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Bishops University
Concordia University (6)
Ecole Polytechnique Montreal
HEC Montreal
Laurentian University
Laval University
Le conservatoire de musique de Montreal
Marianopolis College
McGill University (19)
Polytechnique Montreal (2)
Ryerson University
Universite de Montreal (3)
Universite de Sherbrooke
University of British Columbia
University of Laval
University of Ottawa (2)
University of Toronto (9)
York University

UNITED STATES

Albright College
American University (2)
Amherst College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic University of America
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia University (3)
Cornell University
Davidson College
Dickinson College
Drew University
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Mason University
George Washington University (3)

Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Hampton University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hollins University
Howard University
Hult International Business School-Boston
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Lebanon Valley College
Los Angeles College of Music
Loyola Marymount University
Marymount University
Montclair State University
Montgomery College (2)
Mount Holyoke College
New Jersey City University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Occidental College
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rice University
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Salisbury University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Smith College
Spelman College
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stanford University (2)
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A & M
The New School
The New School - Parsons Paris
Towson University
Tufts University
Union County College
University of California - Irvine

University of California - Berkeley (2)
University of California - Davis
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - Riverside
University of California - San Diego
University of California - Santa Barbara
University of California - Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
University of Maryland Baltimore County
University of Maryland College Park (9)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Boston
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania (2)
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Texas- Austin (2)
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech (2)
Washington College
Washington University - Seattle
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

DUAL COUNTRY

Sciences Po/University of British Columbia
Sciences Po Reims/ Columbia University
Sciences Po Reims/UC-Berkeley



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EUROPE

FRANCE

Académie de journalisme - Lille
Ateliers de Sèvres - Paris
Bachelor de polytechnique (4)
Dauphine Londres - Madrid
Dauphine Paris
Diplôme de comptabilité et Gestion
EBS Business School
ECAM Lyon
ECAM Rennes, Strasbourg
ECE Paris
Ecole Nationale De Commerce - ENS Cachan D2
Ecole W
EDHEC Global BBA, Business Management (2)
EFAP Paris
EFREI Paris
EISTI Cergy-Paris
ELISA Aerospace
EMLV
EPF Sceaux - Troyes
ESCD3A
ESCP Europe
ESISAR Valence
ESME Sudria
ESMOD Paris
ESPOL Lille - Licence européenne, Licence Internationale (3)
ESSCA - Grande Ecole
ESSEC BBA
I.U.T de Toulouse
IESEG (3)
INALCO - LLCER Japonais
INSA Lyon - Toulouse, Rennes, Strasbourg
INSEEC BBA
Institut Catholique de Lille - PACES (2)
Institut Catholique de Lyon
Institut Catholique de Paris
Institut Catholique de Vendée
IPESUP (2)
IPSA
ISEN Nantes
ISEP
ISIT - Institut de Management et de Communication Interculturels
IUT Marseille
Lycée Chaptal - classe préparatoire - BCPST/ECS/MPSI/PCSI
Lycée Charlemagne - classe préparatoire - MPSI
Lycée Chartreux Lyon - classe préparatoire - BL
Lycée Condorcet (Paris) - classe préparatoire - Lettres
Lycée du Parc (Lyon) - classe préparatoire - Lettres/BCPST
Lycée Edouard Herriot - classe préparatoire - Lettres
Lycée Faidherbe (Lille) - classe préparatoire - ECS - Lettres
Lycée Fénelon - classe préparatoire - BCPST (2)/Lettres/MPSI
Lycée François René De Chateaubriand (Rennes) - classe préparatoire - Lettres
Lycée Henri IV - classe préparatoire - Lettres
Lycée Janson de Sailly - classe préparatoire - ECE/PCSI (2)
Lycée Jean-Baptiste Say - classe préparatoire - BCPST

Lycée Joffre (Montpellier) - classe préparatoire - BCPST
Lycée Lakanal (Sceaux) - classe préparatoire - Lettres
Lycée Louis Le Grand - classe préparatoire - Lettres
Lycée Marcelin Berthelot - classe préparatoire - PCSI
Lycée Marie Curie (Versailles) - classe préparatoire - ENS Cachan D2
Lycée Masséna (Nice) - classe préparatoire - BCPST
Lycée Naval (Brest) - classe préparatoire Sciences
Lycée Notre Dame de Ste Croix - classe préparatoire - ECE
Lycée polyvalent Germaine Tillion (Montbéliard) - BTS
Lycée Saint Jean de Douai - classe préparatoire - ECE (2)
Lycée Saint-Cyr - classe préparatoire - MPSI
Lycée Saint-Louis - classe préparatoire - MPSI/BCPST
Lycée Sainte Geneviève (Versailles) - classe préparatoire - ECS/MPSI/PCSI/Lettres
Lycée Thiers - classe préparatoire - B/L/Lettres/MPSI
NEOMA
Paris School of Business - PBS
Polytech Lyon/Groupe
Prépa Art - Paris
Prépa INP - Scientifique
Prépa Orthophoniste - Marseille
Prepa Psychomotricien
Pupilles de l'air - classe préparatoire - CPES
Sciences Po - Le Havre/Menton/Reims (6)
SKEMA Business School
UniLaSalle Rennes - Bachelor environnement
Université Aix Marseille
Université Angers
Université Avignon
Université Cergy
Université Clermont Auvergne
Université de Bordeaux
Université de Brest
Université de Caen Normandie
Université de Dijon
Université de la Polynésie française
Université de Lille - Droit International/STAPS
Université de Lorraine
Université de Montpellier (2)
Université de Nantes
Université de Nice
Université de Paris Sud
Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne
Université de Rennes
Université de Strasbourg
Université de Tours
Université Evry val d'Essonne
Université Grenoble Alpes - PACES
Université Lille
Université Lyon 1, 2 et 3
Université Panthéon - Assas (4)
Université Paris Descartes - PACES
Université Paris Diderot (2)
Université Paris Nanterre
Université Paris Saint-Denis
Université Paris Sorbonne (8)

Université Paris-Sud
Université Pierre et Marie Curie (2)
Université Toulouse
UTC Université de Technologie de Compiègne
UTT Université de Technologie de Troyes
Vatel (2)

ITALY

Universita Bocconi
NETHERLANDS
Delft University of Technology
Groningen University
Maastricht University
The Hague University
Tilburg University
Universiteit van Amsterdam
University College Utrecht

SPAIN

Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ESADE)
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

SWITZERLAND

University of Lausanne
École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management

UNITED KINGDOM

Bangor University
Heriot-Watt University
Imperial College London (2)
King's College London (4)
Lancaster University
London School of Business and Management
London School of Economics
Loughborough University
Queen Mary University of London
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
SOAS University of London
Sussex College
Swansea University
University College London (5)
University of Aberdeen
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Durham
University of East Anglia
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Hull
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Saint Andrews
University of Sheffield
University of Strathclyde
University of Warwick
University of Windsor
Vatel International Business School
Hotel and Tourism Management (8)