

## ABOUT ROCHAMBEAU

- ✦ Founded in 1955
- ✦ Private, coeducational
- ✦ Pre-k to 12th grade
- ✦ Three Campuses
- ✦ Degrees Awarded:
  - HS diploma
  - French *Baccalauréat*
- ✦ 80+ Nationalities
- ✦ 11-acre campus
- ✦ Total Enrollment: 990
- ✦ HS Enrollment: 351
- ✦ Average Class Size: 18

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# ROCHAMBEAU

THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## SCHOOL PROFILE | 2020-2021

Rochambeau is committed to cultivating a multilingual, pluricultural learning environment that demonstrates the benefits that diversity and inclusion bring to all aspects of academic and campus life. We encourage all our community members (students, parents, faculty, staff and Trustees) to participate in and reinforce our learning community through dynamic, interactive discussion and shared discoveries, supported by an ever-present thirst for knowledge. Engaging on these important issues inside and outside the classroom is central to Rochambeau's longstanding commitment to nurturing leaders who will create a world that respects diversity in all senses throughout their lives.

## INTERSECTION OF FRENCH AND U.S. PROGRAMS

Rochambeau is a private, coeducational day school serving the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Many students' families are in Washington on temporary assignments with embassies and other international organizations. We have a unique and diverse blend of both permanent and transient populations within our community. We provide a traditional French education from pre-kindergarten through high school that culminates in the French Baccalauréat, with the option to earn the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of junior (première) year. 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. 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.

## DEGREES AWARDED 2020

HIGH SCHOOL  
Diploma\*

65

68

FRENCH  
Baccalauréat

\*Includes students in première and terminale

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## COVID-19 STATEMENT

Rochambeau closed its doors on March 13, 2020 and transitioned to online learning. For the third trimester, the school worked hard to maintain the integrity of our grading system and no changes were made. As of October 15, 2020, our high school students remain 100% online.

## ROCHAMBEAU HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

To receive the high school diploma 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. 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 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 many faculty members are certified by the same French ministry. 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), Group 4 (honors), and OIB (honors). Math subjects such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and statistics are integrated throughout the curriculum. Natural sciences include biology, earth science, and health education; physics and chemistry are integrated each year. This curriculum fosters self-discipline, organization, and autonomy, while developing critical thinking and analytical skills.

### Bac to US Grades Conversion Chart

US GRADE EQUIVALENT	FRENCH GRADE NON-HONORS	FRENCH GRADE HONORS	FRENCH GRADE NON-HONORS	FRENCH GRADE HONORS
	10, 11 & 12	10, 11 & 12	8 & 9	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

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

## GRADING SYSTEM

- Trimesters
- Bac Scores: 0 - 20  
Scores Converted to US Style Grades for Transcripts
- GPA Not Calculated
- We Do Not Rank

## STANDARDIZED TESTING OFFERED

- Full Suite of PSAT Exams\*
- SAT School Day\*
- AP Exams\*
- Cambridge Assessments

\*US exams do not align with French curriculum in content, format, and timing; Challenging for non-native English speakers

## GRADES 10 - 12 SCHEDULE

- 37 to 40 Class Hours/Week
- 4 to 6 Hours Homework/Night
- Limits Time for Extracurricular Activities

## SPECIALITIES

3 in 11th; 2 in 12th  
Honors Level

- History, Geography, Geopolitics & Political Science
- Humanities, Literature & Philosophy
- Mathematics
- Physics & Chemistry
- Earth & Life Sciences
- Economics & Social Sciences

## ELECTIVES

### BAC

- Arts: Music, Cinema, Theatre, & Visual Arts
- Latin
- Math
  - Advanced (H)
  - Complementary (H)

### ROCHAMBEAU

- PreCalculus & Calculus\*
- Adv.Topic: US History\*
- Adv. Topic: English Literature\*
- Math

### CNED

- Foreign Language 3

\* Taught in English

## FINAL ASSESSMENTS

### 11th GRADE

- French Literature (oral & written)

### 12th GRADE

- Two Specialities
- Philosophy
- Grand Oral
  - Presentation to 3-person jury of 2 year research project based on one speciality

### DETAILS

- Evaluated by Outside Examiners
- Essay-Based
- 17 to 32 Hours of Testing
- Graded with Coefficients
- Passing: 10+/20; Honors 12+/20; High Honors: 14+/20; Highest Honors: 16+/20

## French Baccalauréat Program

**2021** marks the 66th year our students graduate with their French Baccalauréat (Bac) designation, but the first year for new adaptations to their exam and course requirements. The new Bac features fewer final exams and allows students to choose three specialty subjects in grade 11 and continue two of the three in grade 12. Students are able to create new subject combinations while following a *common core curriculum*. Various electives are also offered.

COMMON CORE	SUBJECT	10		11		12	
		FB	OIB	FB	OIB	FB	OIB
	French	4H		4H			
	Mathematics	4H		Becomes an Elective			
	Philosophy (H)					4H	
	History & Geography	3H	4H	3H	4H	3H	4H
	English	3H	5H	3H	5H	3H	5H
	Language	3H		3H		3H	
	Sciences	3H		2H		2H	
	Physical Education	2H		2H		2H	

Weekly Course Hours

## Organization of Teaching



## 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 a challenging, optional three-year program that offers students advanced-level studies in English language & literature and an integrated curriculum in world history and geography. Students who enroll in OIB have an additional 3 hours of classes each week. **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. OIB classes are honors level.

CLASS of 2021  
OIB STUDENTS

37

50%





# UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS FOR ROCHAMBEAU STUDENTS (CLASSES 2018-2020)

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

## UNITED STATES

Albright College  
 Allegheny College  
 American University#  
 Anne Arundel Community College  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brown University#  
 Bryn Mawr College  
 California Institute of Technology  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Clemson University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 College of William and Mary  
 Columbia University#  
 Cornell University#  
 CUNY City College  
 Davidson College  
 Dickinson College  
 Drew University  
 Drexel University  
 Eckerd College  
 Emerson College  
 Emory University  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 George Mason University  
 George Washington University#  
 Georgetown University#  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Gettysburg College  
 Hartwick College  
 Haverford College  
 Hawaii Pacific University  
 Hollins University  
 Howard University  
 James Madison University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Kenyon College  
 Lafayette College  
 Los Angeles College of Music  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Marist College  
 Michigan State University  
 Montclair State University  
 Montgomery College  
 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  
 Purdue University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Rice University  
 Rutgers University  
 Savannah College of Art & Design  
 Skidmore College  
 Smith College  
 St Mary's College of Maryland  
 Stanford University  
 Suffolk University  
 SUNY at Binghamton  
 SUNY Broome Community College  
 Swarthmore College  
 Syracuse University  
 Temple University  
 The New School  
 Towson University  
 Tufts University  
 Union College  
 Union County College  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Irvine  
 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 Cincinnati  
 University of Colorado Boulder  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Delaware  
 University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
 University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
 University of Maryland, College Park#  
 University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
 University of Massachusetts, Boston  
 University of Miami  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Pennsylvania#  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of Richmond  
 University of Rochester  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Tampa  
 University of Texas, Austin  
 University of Vermont  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Vassar College  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University#  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington College  
 Washington University in St. Louis  
 Wellesley College  
 Wesleyan University  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## CANADA

Bishop's University  
 Concordia University#  
 HEC Montreal  
 Laval University  
 McGill University#  
 Ryerson University  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of Montreal#  
 University of Ottawa#  
 University of Toronto#  
 Vanier College  
 York University

## FRANCE

Bachelor Polytechnique#  
 Dauphine#  
 Diplome de Comptabilité et de gestion  
 DUT Production  
 ECAM Ecole Ingénieur  
 ECE Ecole Ingénieur  
 Ecole Nationale De Commerce, Classe preparatoire ENS Cachan D2  
 Ecole W  
 EDHEC BBA#  
 EFREI Ecole Ingénieur  
 EISGI La Rochelle  
 EISTI Cergy Pau  
 ELISA Aerospace  
 EPF Sceaux/Troyes  
 ESAIP Ecole Ingénieur  
 ESCD3A, Bachelor International  
 ESCP Europe#  
 ESIEA Ecole Ingénieur  
 ESILV Ecole Ingénieur  
 ESISAR Valence  
 ESME Ecole Ingénieur  
 ESSCA Business School  
 ESSEC BBA  
 ESTACA Ecole Ingénieur  
 HEI Ecole Ingénieur  
 ICD Business School  
 ICES, Institut Catholique de Vendée  
 ISEEG Lille#  
 IFSI Bichat

IFSI Campus Picpus  
 IFSI Croix Rouge Française Paris  
 IFSI Pitié Salpêtrière  
 IFSI Saint Louis  
 IFSI Tenon  
 INES Comptabilité Gestion  
 INSA Lyon  
 INSA Lyon, Bachelor  
 INSA Rennes  
 INSA Rouen Normandie  
 INSA Strasbourg  
 INSA Toulouse  
 Institut Catholique de Lille#  
 Institut Catholique de Lyon  
 Institut Catholique Paris#  
 IPESUP, Classe préparatoire ECE  
 IPSA Paris/Toulouse  
 ISEN Ecole Ingénieur  
 ISEP Ecole Ingénieur  
 ISIT, Institut de Management et de Communication Interculturels  
 IUT Marseille - Genie Mecanique  
 La Prépa des INP  
 Lycée Blaise Pascal, Classe préparatoire MPSI/PCSI  
 Lycée Carnot, Classe Préparatoire ECS  
 Lycée Chaptal, Classe Préparatoire ECS/MPSI/PCSI  
 Lycée Claude Bernard, Classe Préparatoire MPSI  
 Lycée Condorcet, Classe Préparatoire Lettres/MPSI  
 Lycée Deodat, Classe Préparatoire PTISI  
 Lycée des Métiers Dorian, Classe Préparatoire PTISI  
 Lycée du Parc, Classe Préparatoire BCPST/Lettres/PCSI  
 Lycée Edouard Herriot, Classe Préparatoire Lettres  
 Lycée Emile Dubois, BTS, Comptabilité et gestion  
 Lycée Faidherbe, Classe Préparatoire ECS  
 Lycée Faidherbe, Classe Préparatoire Lettres  
 Lycée Fénelon, Classe Préparatoire Lettres/PCSI#  
 Lycée Fénelon, Classe Préparatoire BCPST/MPSI#  
 Lycée Fénelon Sainte-Marie, Classe Préparatoire PCSI  
 Lycée François René De Chateaubriand, Classe Préparatoire Lettres  
 Lycée Henri IV, Classe Préparatoire Lettres  
 Lycée Henri IV, CPES#  
 Lycée Hoche, Classe préparatoire PCSI  
 Lycée Janson De Sailly, Classe Préparatoire ECS/Lettres  
 Lycée Jean-Baptiste Say, Classe Préparatoire BCPST  
 Lycée Joffre, Classe Préparatoire BCPST  
 Lycée Jules Ferry, Classe Préparatoire PTISI  
 Lycée Jules Siegfried, BTS, Comptabilité et gestion  
 Lycée Lakanal, Classe Préparatoire Lettres/PCSI  
 Lycée Lavoisier, Classe Préparatoire ECS  
 Lycée Le Rebours, BTS, Comptabilité et gestion  
 Lycée les Chartreux, Classe Préparatoire  
 Lycée Louis Le Grand, Classe Préparatoire Lettres  
 Lycée Louis Le Grand, Classe Préparatoire ECS/MPSI  
 Lycée Marie Curie, Classe Préparatoire ENS Cachan D2  
 Lycée Masséna, Classe Préparatoire BCPST  
 Lycée Militaire de Saint-Cyr, Classe Préparatoire MPSI  
 Lycée Montaigne, Classe Préparatoire MPSI/PCSI

Lycée Naval, Classe Préparatoire Scientifique  
 Lycée Notre Dame de Ste Croix, Classe Préparatoire ECE  
 Lycée Passy-Saint-Honoré, BTS, Comptabilité et gestion  
 Lycée Pasteur, Classe Préparatoire MPSI  
 Lycée Paul Cézanne, Classe Préparatoire MPSI  
 Lycée Pierre De Fermat, Classe Préparatoire MPSI/PCSI  
 Lycée Polyvalent Germaine Tillion (Montbéliard), BTS  
 Lycée Raspail, Classe Préparatoire PCSI  
 Lycée Saint Michel de Picpus, Classe Préparatoire ECE  
 Lycée Saint-Jean (Douai), Classe Préparatoire ECE  
 Lycée Saint-Jean (Douai), Classe Préparatoire ECS  
 Lycée Saint-Louis, Classe Préparatoire MPSI  
 Lycée Saint-Nicolas, BTS, Comptabilité et gestion  
 Lycée Saint-Paul, Classe Préparatoire ECE  
 Lycée Sainte Geneviève, Classe Préparatoire ECS#  
 Lycée Sainte Geneviève, Classe Préparatoire MPSI#  
 Lycée Sainte Geneviève, Classe Préparatoire PCSI#  
 Lycée Sainte-Marie de Lyon, Classe Préparatoire ECS/Lettres  
 Lycée Sainte-Marie de Neuill, Classe Préparatoire Lettres  
 Lycée Simone Weil, BTS, Comptabilité et gestion  
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 Lycée Thiers, Classe Préparatoire BL  
 Lycée Turgot, Classe Préparatoire ENS Cachan D2  
 Lycée Voltaire, Classe Préparatoire PTISI  
 Polytech Grenoble  
 Polytech Marseille  
 Polytech Nice Sophia  
 Polytech Orléans  
 Polytech Sorbonne  
 Prepa Art  
 Prepa Ortho Marseille  
 Prepa Psychomotricien  
 Sciences Po Menton  
 Sciences Po Reims#  
 SKEMA Business School  
 UniLaSalle Rennes  
 Université Aix Marseille  
 Université Angers  
 Université Bordeaux  
 Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1  
 Université Clermont Auvergne  
 Université d'Avignon  
 Université de Bordeaux  
 Université de Bourgogne  
 Université de Brest  
 Université de Caen Normandie  
 Université de Franche-Comté  
 Université de La Polynésie française  
 Université de Lille#  
 Université de Lorraine  
 Université de Montpellier  
 Université de Nanterre  
 Université de Nantes  
 Université de Paris  
 Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne  
 Université de Strasbourg  
 Université de Tours  
 Université du Mans  
 Université Evry val d Essonne  
 Université Grenoble Alpes#  
 Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3  
 Université La Rochelle  
 Université Lumière-Lyon 2  
 Université Panthéon Assas#  
 Université Panthéon Sorbonne

Université Paris Descartes  
 Université Paris Diderot  
 Université Paris-Saclay  
 Université Paris-Sud  
 Université Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3#  
 Université Toulouse  
 UTC Université de Technologie de Compiègne  
 UTT Université de Technologie de Troyes  
 Ynov - Design School

## UNITED KINGDOM

Bangor University  
 City University of London  
 Durham University  
 Edinburgh Napier University  
 ESCP Europe Business School London#  
 Goldsmiths, University of London  
 Heriot-Watt University  
 Imperial College  
 King's College London#  
 Lancaster University  
 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)  
 London South Bank University  
 Loughborough University  
 Queen Mary University of London  
 Swansea University  
 University College London (UCL)  
 University of Aberdeen  
 University of Amsterdam  
 University of Bath  
 University of Bristol  
 University of East Anglia  
 University of Edinburgh  
 University of Exeter  
 University of Glasgow  
 University of Hull  
 University of Leeds  
 University of Manchester  
 University of Nottingham  
 University of Oxford  
 University of Sherbrooke  
 University of Sheffield  
 University of Southampton  
 University of St. Andrews  
 University of Strathclyde  
 University of Warwick  
 University of Westminster  
 University of Windsor  
 University of York

## INTERNATIONAL

Bocconi University (Italy)  
 Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (Switzerland)  
 Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (Netherlands)  
 Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ESADE) (Spain)#  
 Hult International Business School  
 IE University Madrid (Spain)  
 Les Roches International School of Hotel Management (Switzerland)  
 The Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management (UAE)  
 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Spain)  
 University College Utrecht (Netherlands)  
 Universidad del Sagrado Corazon (Spain)  
 University of Lausanne (Switzerland)  
 Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)

