ROCHAMBEAU
THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE | 2021-2022

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. Engaging on important issues inside and outside the classroom is central to our 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. Our community includes a unique and diverse blend of both permanent and transient populations. We provide a traditional French education from preschool 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 year. The majority of Rochambeau’s students meet all state high school curricular requirements and are awarded the Maryland State High School Diploma at the end of their junior 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 2021

**High School Diploma**

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*Includes students in premiere and terminale

**French Baccalauréat**

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COVID-19 STATEMENT
After 16 months of online learning, from March 2020 to June 2021, Rochambeau was pleased to welcome all of our students back on campus for the 2021-2022 school year. Throughout the pandemic, the school has worked hard to maintain the integrity of our grading system and no changes were made.

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 areas specified by the state. The additional 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 their final year and without taking the Baccalauréat. More than 95 percent of students at Rochambeau, however, choose to stay for 12th grade in order to sit for the Baccalauréat.

FRENCH BACCALURÉAT
National Curriculum, Faculty, and Language of Instruction

All French high 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. 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

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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
- 5 credits electives

GRADING SYSTEM

- Trimesters
- Bac Scores: 0 - 20
- Scores Converted to US Style Grades for Transcripts
- GPA Not Calculated
- No Class Rankings

STANDARDIZED TESTING OFFERED

- Full Suite of PSAT Exams^ 
- SAT School Day+
- AP Exams+
- Cambridge Assessments

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 29 to 38 Class Hours/Week
- 2 to 5 Hours Homework/Night
- Limited Time for Extracurricular Activities
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. OIB students 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.

International Baccalaureate

Rochambeau welcomed its first students into the IB Diploma Program in the 2021-2022 school year. Students in the IB program have the option to earn the IB Diploma or the IB Bilingual Diploma. The first class of IB students will graduate in 2023.
**UNITED STATES**
- Albright College
- Allegheny College
- American University
- Anne Arundel CC
- Baylor University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brigham Young University
- Brown University
- Bryn Mawr College
- California Institute of Technology
- Carnegie Mellon
- Case Western Reserve University
- Catholic University of America
- City College of New York (CUNY)
- Clemson University
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of William and Mary
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- CUNY Borough of Manhattan CC
- Davidson College
- Dickinson College
- Drexel University
- Eckerd College
- Emory University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Fordham University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- George Washington University
- George Washington University (2)
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College
- Gettysburg College
- Georgia Tech
- Hampshire College
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Hollins University
- Hult International Business School-Boston
- 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
- Ohio State University
- Parsons School of Design (NY)
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Radford University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rhodes College
- Rice University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
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- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Vassar College
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Tech
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- Wake Forest University
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