

Tenth Grade (*Seconde*)

American Section Program

Curriculum information: 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. We hope to have one or two places become available for bilingual candidates.

Eligibility

Age: 15 years old (Candidates should be born in 2007 to enroll in this class)

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 local French students. Please contact the British Section for this option.

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.

Foreign Language (*Langue Vivante*) requirements: A minimum of one additional foreign language is required at this grade level. Students should have at least three years of study in Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese, or Italian. Please check with the Admissions Office for any other options.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website between December 1st and January 15th for the following school year at: 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 two recommendations (English teacher and Head of School). Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

Testing

A written test is required for all candidates. An individual interview may be scheduled at a later date for selected candidates as part of a second round of assessments.

Local candidates: Testing will take place on-site at the Lycée International on Wednesday afternoon **February 2, 2022**. Details will be sent to candidates on January 19th.

Overseas candidates: Group testing will take place online in January and February. Information will be sent to you once your child's file has been submitted.



French Immersion/*Français Spécial* (FS) program

This is a specialized track for candidates who need to reinforce their foundation in the French language before switching to the native level classes in eleventh grade (Première). They will need to have some working knowledge of the French language in order to qualify. It is no longer possible for us to accept beginners at this grade level due to recent French baccalaureate reforms.

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.

Additional eligibility requirement: Due to a recent reform in graduation requirements, we are only able to consider candidates for our French immersion program who have some knowledge of an additional foreign language. This would be a minimum of two years of classes in Spanish, Italian, German, Russian, Mandarin, Portuguese, Arabic, or Hebrew.

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

Timeline

December-January 15	application file submitted
February-April	testing
May	acceptances-French immersion
June	acceptances- bilingual candidates