

Third Grade (CE2)

American Section Program

Curriculum information: www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/third-grade-ce2

Bilingual: Native-level English and French

Students are enrolled in a French "Ecole Élémentaire" for the French portion of the program then excused twice a week to attend American Section classes.

Class Schedule: Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons (six hours of classroom instruction + Art and Library)

Class Size: two classes of 20 students each (Lycée) and one class of 12-18 (Ecole Schnapper).

Placement

Estimated number of places available next year: 4-8 places overall

Placement options:

- 1) Full-time at the Ecole Schnapper: The American Section welcomes approximately 70 students at this partner school located nearby in St. Germain. Students attend their American Section classes as well as their French classes on this site. This is the only placement option with extended hours offering daycare and study hall possibilities after school. We hope to have 1-2 places become available on this campus
- 2) *Externé* on the Lycée campus: This is a part-time option in which students come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes. The rest of the time they attend their local French school. Please note that the majority of all primary students enrolled at the Lycée International are *externés* (currently 750 students from 11 different sections). *Externé* students may request a full-time place in successive years depending upon space availability. We will have 2-6 *externé* spaces become available next year.
- 3) Full-time on Lycée campus: Spaces are very limited. Priority will go to students who qualify for the French-immersion program (full-time bilingual places that become available will go first to currently enrolled *externé* students). We expect to have 2 places available in our French immersion program next year.

Eligibility

Age: 8 years old (Candidates must be born in 2015 to enroll in this class.)

Level of English: Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website in December and January for the following school year at: www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application After January, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

Required documents: Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

Testing

Testing is conducted in English and is administered individually. It lasts approximately 45 minutes. Candidates will look at pictures with the teacher and identify them to assess their vocabulary. Students will then read a story aloud and answer questions about it. A short dictation and a creative writing assignment complete the assessment.



Testing will be scheduled in March or April for all CE2 candidates. Testing is done individually and will be arranged on-site for local candidates if possible. Online testing will be arranged for families living overseas.

French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

This is a specialized track for candidates who do not yet speak French or who have very little knowledge of the language. The class is composed of 15-20 new students coming from all of the world. Students work with a specialized French teacher from September to June to develop their knowledge of French while maintaining their native level of English with the American Section. As the year progresses, other subjects (Math, Science, History) are also added to the program by the French teacher. The program is challenging and requires good study habits, adaptability, and a motivation to learn a new language even from the youngest candidates. By the end of year, French immersion students should be ready to join the mainstream bilingual program.

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

Please note that the French-immersion class is sometimes run as a combined level of third and fourth grade. This can impact the American Section classes and may require a child to be placed in a higher grade level for one year.

Timeline

December-January	application file submitted
March-April	testing
May	acceptances sent