

# High School Profile 2022-2023



LYCÉE FRANÇAIS  
DE SAN FRANCISCO

**Ortega Campus  
Upper School  
Grades 6 - 12**  
1201 Ortega Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
415-661-5232 x1100

**Ashbury Campus  
San Francisco Lower School  
PreK – Grade 5**  
755 Ashbury Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415-661-5232 x2100

**Sausalito Campus  
Marin Lower School  
PreK – Grade 5**  
610 Coloma  
Sausalito CA 94965  
415-661-5232 x3100

**Management  
Direction**

**Head of School  
Proviseur  
Emmanuel Texier**  
etexier@lelycee.org

**Deputy Head of School  
Proviseur-Adjoint  
Eric Szarzynski**  
eszarzynski@lelycee.org

**Director of College Counseling  
Directrice d'Orientation  
Natalie Bitton**  
nbitton@lelycee.org

**Counseling Assistant  
Assistant d'Orientation  
Justin Cintron**  
collegecounseling@lelycee.org

The Lycée Français de San Francisco (LFSF), established in 1967, is the *only* exclusively French immersion school in the San Francisco Bay Area. We welcome students from Pre-School to Grade 12. Our program is designed to provide students with a structured, well-assimilated body of general knowledge while encouraging the development of analytical and critical thinking skills. Our unique curriculum fosters autonomy, initiative, self-esteem and the respect of others through cooperation and responsibility. We provide a multifaceted and rigorous program ideal for engaged, active learners who thrive on academic challenge.

Our curriculum is based on the French national curriculum, established over two centuries ago, and augmented by a strong English program; the curriculum exceeds all admissions requirements set by both France and the United States, preparing our students to enter and thrive at colleges and universities worldwide.

**Accreditation:** LFSF is accredited by the French Ministry of Education, as well as by the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

**The Mission of the School:** To be the model school of multicultural and multilingual education that prepares tomorrow's global citizens. The diverse and international nature of our students and faculty fosters a spirit of community and respect that prepares our students to be culturally literate, adept critical thinkers, and responsible global citizens.

**Faculty:** The teaching staff for the French Baccalaureate program is composed of accredited teachers hired directly from France. The teachers' native language is French to ensure continuity of the language for our students. The classes taught in the English language are taught by U.S. credentialed teachers. 100% of our faculty hold advanced degrees.

**Student Body:** 874 students are enrolled on 3 campuses: 511 students in Pre-School through Grade 5, 169 students in Middle School (Grades 6 - 8) and 194 students in High School (Grades 9 - 12).

**Diversity:**

*Diversity of thought:* Exposure to diverse cultures, origins, political systems, and languages within our program fulfills our mission of global citizenship.

*Ethnic and national diversity:* LFSF students represent more than 71 ethnicities and nationalities from throughout the Bay Area and abroad.

*Socioeconomic diversity:* 25% of our students receive some form of financial assistance. Maintaining socioeconomic diversity is a priority for LFSF's governing board. In addition to external financial assistance provided by the French Ministry of Education to families in need, LFSF administers its own financial aid program for selected students based on need. 235 students benefit from financial assistance, including 150 receiving LFSF financial aid, 51 receiving French governmental financial aid, 34 receiving both forms of financial aid, 68 receiving tuition remission, and 4 students receiving the Seona Herail endowment scholarship.

*Cultural and language diversity:* Students often speak 1 to 2 languages upon entering the school and graduate with fluency in at least 3 languages, with many fluent in 4 or 5 languages. All students begin studying a third language in Grade 6 and carry it through Grade 12. Students also have the option of starting Latin in middle school and continuing as a fourth language in high school.

**Course Load:** During the final three years of secondary education, LFSF students often carry a course load of between 37-40 hours per week, with a corresponding amount of homework. LFSF is a commuter school, and so students can often travel an hour or more to and from school. As a result, students often seek extracurricular opportunities *outside* of school which can impact the number of teams, activities and clubs that LFSF offers on site. Fencing and judo remain the top LFSF sports and our students are consistently nationally ranked.

**Ranking:** Due to small graduating class sizes, students are NOT ranked.

**Grading:** In the French system, grading is based on a 20-point scale. On students' U.S. transcripts, these grades are converted to a 4.0 scale GPA. Honors courses are weighted an additional 1.0 point for GPA calculations.

*No AP courses are offered in our curriculum.*

Grades in the French and U.S. systems differ both in philosophy and in form. In the French system, grades are determined on a numerical scale of 1 to 20. There is no grade inflation and the entire scale is used.

By virtue of its international nature, LFSF employs two grading systems. The practice of employing two grading systems is common in U.S. Lycées given that, while convertible, French grades differ from U.S. grades:

U.S. Grade	French Grade Equivalent	
	(6th - 9th)	(10th - 12th)
A+	16-20	15-20
A	15	14
A-	14	13
B+	13	12
B	12	11
B-	11	10
C+	10	09
C	09	08
C-	08	07
D+	07	06
D	06	05
D-	05	04
F	04	03

Courses listed in French on a student's Bulletin report card are listed in English on the U.S. transcript. Grades in the French system are organized by trimesters or semesters. The numerical grades of 1 through 20 earned by the student in a course are added together and divided by two or three and this average is converted to a final letter grade of A-B-C-D-F with pluses and minuses for the U.S. transcript. The Year Grade reported in the U.S. transcript represents the student's performance for the entire school year.

**Diploma:** LFSF students can graduate with two diplomas: a French Baccalaureate and a U.S. High School diploma. All students graduate with the French Baccalaureate. Many students opt to fulfill requirements for the U.S. high school diploma by taking additional required courses offered by LFSF.

**The Curriculum:**

The French educational system is divided into key learning stages, or cycles. A cycle covers more than one grade and within each cycle there is a coherent set of learning goals and acquired skills to be achieved. The program is cyclical rather than linear which allows students to delve more deeply into each subject with each succeeding year.

*In Grades 9 and 10*, students take the following year-long courses:

Grade 9:
<b>Required CORE:</b>
English (AIS, Standard or ELD)
French (Honors)
German, Spanish or Mandarin
Integrated Math (Algebra I/Geometry)
Biology-Geology
Physics-Chemistry
History-Geography
Technology
Mixed Media Arts (Visual Arts, Music)
Physical Education
<b>Electives:</b>
Adv. Computer Science
Latin
UC Scout - Algebra I
U.S. History to 1877

Grade 10:
<b>Required CORE:</b>
Computer Science Principles
English Literature (OIB-Honors, Standard, or ELD)
French Literature (Honors)
German, Spanish or Mandarin
Integrated Math (Algebra II/Geometry)
Biology-Geology
Physics-Chemistry
History-Geography (OIB-Honors or Standard)
Civics
Economics & Social Sciences
Physical Education
Supervised Study
<b>Electives:</b>
Cinema-Audiovisual, Theatre, Dance, or Visual Arts
Latin
Scientific Methods & Principles
U.S. History from 1865 to Present

**The OIB (Option Internationale of the BAC)** is an advanced curriculum open to fully bilingual students in all three tracks. The purpose is to further enhance the bilingual and bicultural education by offering advanced/honors courses in History & Geography and English in addition to the regular course load. Students also take an additional end-of-year BAC exam to fulfill the OIB certification. **The OIB is considered to be a very rigorous elective of the French Baccalaureate.**

*In Grades 11 and 12*, students take the following year-long courses:

**Specialties:** In Grades 11 and 12, students choose among course SPECIALTIES based on their academic interests and grades. Each SPECIALTY is designed with a particular emphasis of study. Three specialties are chosen for Grade 11 (at our school precalculus is mandatory as one of the specialty choices). In Grade 12, students keep 2 of the 3 specialties chosen in Grade 11:

	Grade 11	Hours per week	Grade 12	Hours per week
<b>REQUIRED CORE</b>	<i>Advanced Sciences</i>	2	<i>Advanced Sciences</i>	2
	<i>English (OIB-Honors, Standard, ELD)</i>	5	<i>English (OIB-Honors, Standard, ELD)</i>	5
	<i>French (Honors)</i>	4	<i>Philosophy</i>	4
	<i>Spanish, German, or Mandarin - Level III</i>	2	<i>Spanish, German, or Mandarin - Level IV</i>	2
	<i>History-Geography (OIB-Honors, Standard)</i>	4/3	<i>History-Geography (OIB-Honors, Standard)</i>	4/3
	<i>Civics</i>	18h/yr	<i>Civics</i>	18h/yr
	<i>Physical Education</i>	2	<i>Physical Education</i>	2
<b>REQUIRED SPECIALTIES</b> <i>All Courses are HONORS</i> <i>3 choices for Grade 11 (math is a mandatory choice)</i> <i>keep 2 choices for Grade 12</i>	<i>Math - Precalculus</i>	4	<i>Math - Calculus</i>	6
	<i>Physics-Chemistry</i>	4	<i>Physics-Chemistry</i>	6
	<i>Biology-Geology</i>	4	<i>Biology-Geology</i>	6
	<i>Economics &amp; Social Sciences</i>	4	<i>Economics &amp; Social Sciences</i>	6
	<i>Humanities, Literature, &amp; Philosophy</i>	4	<i>Humanities, Literature, &amp; Philosophy</i>	6
	<i>Geopolitics &amp; Political Science</i>	4	<i>Geopolitics &amp; Political Science</i>	6
	<i>Computer Science</i>	4	<i>Computer Science</i>	6
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	<i>Latin</i>	2	<i>Latin</i>	2
	<i>Theatre/Visual Arts/Cinema-Audiovisual/Dance</i>	3	<i>Theatre/Visual Arts/Cinema-Audiovisual/Dance</i>	3
	<i>U.S. History 1877 to Present</i>	2	<i>Applied Math</i>	3
			<i>Complex Number Theory - Honors</i>	3

**French Baccalaureate Grading & Exams:**

The BAC is graded on a 20-point scale. A 10/20 or higher is a passing grade. A 12 to 13.99 qualifies as "Mention Assez Bien" ("Honors"), 14 to 15.99 qualifies as "Mention Bien" ("High Honors"), and 16 or higher qualifies as "Mention Très Bien" ("Highest Honors").

Typical BAC exam grades are based on the following breakdown (note that OIB exam grade distribution is 50% / 50%):

<b>40%</b> <i>Final BAC Grade based on</i> <b>CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT:</b>	<b>60%</b> <i>Final BAC Grade based on</i> <b>GRADE 12 end of year BAC EXAMS:</b>
<b>10%:</b> <i>Class Grades from Grades 11 and 12</i>	<i>Specialty 1 EXAM</i> <i>Specialty 2 EXAM</i> <i>Philosophy EXAM</i> <i>Grand Oral EXAM</i>
<b>30%:</b> <i>Cumulative Tests</i> <i>2 testing sessions in Grade 11</i> <i>1 testing session in Grade 12</i>	

**Statistics and Accomplishments for the Class of 2021**

Results of LFSF students' BAC exams – Class of 2021:

Class	Total # of candidates	Pass Rate	With Honors	With High Honors	With Highest Honors
2021	48	100%	6	14	23
2020	36	100%	6	11	16
2019	45	100%	11	14	13

Results of SAT Reasoning Tests for LFSF students bound for U.S. colleges

Class	ENGLISH SCORES			MATH SCORES		
	lowest	MEAN	Highest	lowest	MEAN	highest
2021	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2020	480	659	770	500	653	800
2019	460	675	790	510	651	790

National Report of SAT Scores for College Bound Seniors 2020

MEAN SAT SCORES by geographical location (2020)			
	TOTAL	English	Math
National Mean	1051	528	523
California Mean	1049	527	522
LFSF (2020)	1333	661	672

<https://reports.collegeboard.org/pdf/2020-california-sat-suite-assessments-annual-report.pdf>

**CLASS SIZE: 46 students**

14 languages spoken  
15 nationalities represented from 4 continents

**College Bound by Geography:**  
50% USA  
17% Canada  
29% France  
2% Spain  
2% Denmark

**COVID-19 UPDATES:**

- **For 2019-2020**, the grading period for Semester 2 ended on March 13, 2020. All instruction and evaluations after that date were pass only.
- **For 2020-2021**, instruction was 100% distance learning for most of Semester 1
- **Testing:** Test sites in the San Francisco Bay Area were closed and the SAT/ACT tests from March through November 2020 were cancelled. To ensure the safety of our students, and to provide equity, students were not encouraged to travel outside the Bay Area to take an SAT or ACT test or any other standardized test.
- **Grading:** LFSF maintained letter grades throughout the Covid-19 period with the exception of Pass/No Pass options for Physical Education
- **California Bill AB 104:** LFSF did not offer a Pass/No Pass option for the grading period 2020-2021.

## 4-year College and University Acceptances Worldwide – Classes 2020, 2021, 2022:

NORTH AMERICA	EUROPE		
<p><b>UNITED STATES</b>                      American University                      Arizona State University - Tempe                      Babson College                      Bates College                      Boston University [7]                      Bowdoin College  <b>Brandeis University*</b>                      Bucknell University [5]                      University of California (UC):                        <b>UC Berkeley***** [17]</b>                        UC Davis [34]                        <b>UC Irvine** [13]</b>                        <b>UC Los Angeles** [13]</b>                        UC Merced [23]                        <b>UC Riverside* [28]</b>                        <b>UC San Diego* [27]</b>                        <b>UC Santa Barbara* [16]</b>                        <b>UC Santa Cruz* [36]</b>                      California State University (CSU):                        <b>CalPoly San Luis Obispo* [9]</b>                        CalPoly Pomona [8]                        CSU Channel Islands [2]                        CSU East Bay [3]                        CSU Fullerton [4]                        CSU Long Beach [7]                        CSU Los Angeles [4]                        CSU Monterey Bay [2]                        CSU San Marcos                        <b>San Diego State University* [13]</b>                        San Francisco State University [12]                        San Jose State University [5]                        Sonoma State University                      Carnegie Mellon University* [3]                      Case Western Reserve University [2]                      Chapman University                      Colgate University                      College of Charleston [2]                      Colorado College                      Colorado State University - Fort Collins  <b>Columbia University* [2]</b>                      Drexel University [2]                      Duke University [2]                      Fashion Institute of Technology                      Fordham University [4]                      Framingham State University [2]                      George Washington University [6]                      Georgetown University                      Georgia Tech* [5]                      Harvey Mudd College                      Hofstra University                      Indiana University - Bloomington                      Johns Hopkins University                      Lasell University                      Lehigh University                      Lewis &amp; Clark College                      Louisiana State University  <b>Loyola Marymount University* [6]</b>                      Loyola University Chicago                      Macalester College                      Marist College                      Marymount Manhattan College [2]                      Michigan State University                      Montana State University</p>	<p>Montclair State University [2]  <b>New York University*</b>                      Northern Arizona University                      Northwestern University                      Occidental College                      Oregon Institute of Technology                      Oregon State University                      Pennsylvania State University                      Pitzer College                      Pomona College [2]  <b>Princeton University*</b>                      Purdue University [3]                      Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute [6]                      Rochester Institute of Technology [2]                      Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  <b>Santa Barbara City College*</b>                      Santa Clara University [9]                      Sarah Lawrence College [2]                      Savannah College of Art &amp; Design [2]                      Seattle University                      Seton Hall University                      Skidmore College                      Smith College [2]                      Stanford University** [3]  <b>The Citadel Military College*</b>                      University of Arizona [2]  <b>University of Chicago*</b> [2]                      University of Colorado - Boulder [3]                      University of Denver [2]  <b>University of Hawaii at Manoa*</b>                      University of Miami                      University of Nevada - Reno                      University of Oregon                      University of Pennsylvania                      University of Pittsburgh                      University of Portland [5]                      University of Puget Sound                      University of Redlands                      University of Rochester [2]                      University of San Diego* [3]                      University of San Francisco [4]                      University of Southern California [5]                      University of Tennessee - Knoxville                      University of the Pacific [2]                      University of Vermont                      University of Virginia                      University of Washington [6]                      University of Wisconsin - Madison [4]                      Villanova University                      Wake Forest University* [2]                      Washington University in St. Louis*                      Worcester Polytechnic Institute [3]  <b>Yale University* [2]</b></p> <p><b>CANADA</b>  <b>Quebec</b>  <b>Concordia University** [16]</b>                      École Polytechnique Montréal [5]                      HEC Montréal  <b>McGill University***** [38]</b>                      Université de Montréal* [2]                      Université du Québec à Montréal</p> <p><b>Ontario</b>                      University of Toronto [3]  <b>British Columbia</b>                      University of British Columbia</p>	<p><b>FRANCE</b></p> <p><u>Licences en université:</u>                      Université Paris- Est-Créteil Val de Marne</p> <p><u>Classes Préparatoires:</u>                      Lycée La Salle Passy Buzenval                      Lycée Sainte-Marie Lyon  <b>CPGE Sainte Genevieve - MPSI*</b></p> <p><u>Écoles d'Arts:</u>                      École Spéciale d'Architecture Paris                      LISAA Ecole de Design</p> <p><u>Formations d'Ingénieurs:</u>                      ESITECH  <b>Sorbonne Université - Sciences et Ingénierie*</b>  <b>Université de Technologie de Compiègne*</b></p> <p><u>Écoles de Commerce:</u>  <b>ESCP - London****</b>                      ESSEC [6]                      IESEG Paris [3]                      IESEG Lille [2]  <b>Montpellier Business School*</b></p> <p><u>Écoles de Santé:</u>                      IFSI CHU Bordeaux  <b>Université Paris 6 - PASS*</b></p> <p><u>Grandes Écoles:</u>                      Sciences Po - UC Berkeley</p>	<p><b>ITALY</b>                      Università Bocconi [2]</p> <p><b>DENMARK</b>                      Technical University of Denmark</p> <p><b>SPAIN</b>                      CEU Cardenal Herrera University  <b>IE University* [4]</b></p> <p><b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>                      King's College London [5]  <b>Oxford University*</b>                      Queen Mary University of London                      University of Edinburgh [4]                      University of Sheffield                      University College London [2]                      University of Bristol                      University of East London                      University of Glasgow [1]                      University of Manchester                      University of St. Andrew's [4]                      University of Westminster</p> <p><b>SWITZERLAND</b>                      EPFL*</p>
<b>MULTINATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS</b>			
Sciences Po   Columbia University - Dual BA Program (France, U.S.) Sciences Po   UC Berkeley - Dual BA Program (France, U.S.)			
<b>Students taking a GAP YEAR</b>			
Class of 2020   Aardvark Israel   College of Charleston Class of 2020   GAP YEAR   Colorado College Class of 2020   Verto Education (Costa Rica)   University of Miami Class of 2020   GAP YEAR   University of Saint Andrews Class of 2020   GAP YEAR   University of Redlands Class of 2022   GAP YEAR   Princeton University			

\*indicates matriculation for the Class of 2022; [#] indicates number admitted for Classes of 2020-2022