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NEW for Grade 9 from September 2025

Double Diploma

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FAQ

- What is the Double Diploma ("DD") program and who can enroll? The DD program allows for students starting from Grade 9 in September 2025 to receive, in addition to their OSSD diploma, an Italian maturità diploma (Liceo Scienze Umane opzione Economico Sociale) after only 4 years!
- How many hours of Italian will my child get in the DD program? 5 hours of Italian per week all year long (185 hours of Italian per year)
- Will my child still learn English? Yes! CSF remains an international school with subjects primarily taught in English. All students will benefit from 20-25 hours of English immersion per week.
- What time do the DD program students finish Mon.-Fri? 4:30pm (timetable example)
- What time do the non-DD program students finish Mon.-Fri? 3:00pm (timetable example)
- Will my child graduate in 4 years or 5 years? Every curriculum at CSF (OSSD + DD) terminates in 4 years (if all course requirements are met by the individual student).
- Can non-DD program kids opt-in to the additional Italian lessons, without working towards the maturità? Yes! They are welcome to continue their Italian studies with us, even just for pleasure.
- My child is coming from a non-paritaria private school in Italy, can he/she still join the DD program? Yes! Kids who frequent ANY school in Italy (paritaria or private) need to present a Terza Media exam certificate.
- What if my child does not have the Terza Media exam certificate?CSF will provide the opportunity to sit the TM exam in June (at a small cost of 200€).
- My child is coming from a school outside of Italy, can he/she still join the DD program? Yes! Foreign students from schools overseas can just present their report card to be admitted in the DD program.
- Is there a cost to join the DD program? For AY 2025/2026 there is no extra cost for Grade 9s to enter into the DD program. Additional costs will be reflected in Grade 12 Graduation Fees (290€ OSSD diploma, 500€ DD program).

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- What exams do the DD students take at the end of the 4 years? They will take the Italian maturità exams (2 exams: general exam +Italian written/oral exam).
- Can Grade 10s in 2025/2026 enrol in the DD program? No.
- My Grade 9 child's Italian is not strong. Can he/she participate in the DD program? Yes! Italian classes will have differentiated teaching (beginner – advanced).
- Will all of CSF high school be considered a Paritaria school? Paritaria status is only for Grade 9 in 2025/2026, but this will progressively move into Grades 10-12 as the first Grade 9 paritaria cohort moves through our school in the future.
- Is there an English language requirement to attend the high school? We strongly recommend a B2 level in English for a student to have success in our program. If your child needs extra help to get up to par, he/she can enrol in our EAL course for an additional fee.
- Why the humanities stream? Historical data shows this is the choice made by the highest number of students in their pathway and for university application.
- What if my child doesn't want to pursue the humanities? The OSSD allows for a wide range of pathways and great flexibility. CSF will still offer all these pathways and students will be supported by the guidance counsellor to make these choices in Grade 10.
- Can my child who plays sports participate in the DD program? Maybe. Note that they will need to stay after school until 4:30 Mon.-Fri. if enrolled in the DD program.
- My child doesn't want to participate in the DD, can they still benefit from the additional hour of French, English & STEM? Yes! This will be available to all students across the school and mandatory for all Grade 9 students.