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Baccalaureate Français International (BFI) Overview

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Guiding Questions

- What are the graduation requirements for the LDOE?
- What is the BFI?
- Why is LFI rolling out the BFI now?
- What will a typical LFI student schedule look like with the BFI?
- What are the benefits of having both the LDOE diploma and BFI?

LDOE Graduation Requirements – TOPS Diploma

Minimum Graduation Requirements

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Social Studies
- 4 Science
- 1.5 Physical Education
- .5 Health
- 2 Foreign Languages
- 1 Art
- 3 Electives

LEAP 2025 High School Assessment - *Students need at least one passing score in each of the three categories:*

English I or English II

Algebra I or Geometry

Biology or Social Studies (US History % '27, Civics % '28 and younger)

American vs. French High School

US	Middle School			High School			
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
	6ème	5ème	4ème	3ème	2de	1re	Terminale
	Collège (Middle School)			Lycée (High School)			

History of the Bac at LFI

- 2011 - Important part or original charter and purpose of school
- 2018 - Started planning based on French American Baccalauréate (FAB)
- 2020 - High school accreditation paused due to French Ministry of Education (MEN) and AEFÉ shifts away from FAB and OIB to create a new international Bac
- 2022-2023 - Accreditation of full high school, finalized summer 2023
- April 2023-January 2024 - Beginning stages of Baccalauréat Français International (BFI)
- 2023-2024 School Year - cohort of 11th graders switch to BFI program and all 10th graders and below take prep courses for BFI

Baccalauréat Français International (BFI)

- 74 schools around the world transitioned from OIB to BFI for the first time in the 2022-2023 school year
- 36 schools around the world are rolling out the BFI for the 2023-2024 school year
- LFI is the only school that has been given permission to concurrently run a BFI program while completing the application process, due to our high level of preparation
- MEN regards this as the ideal Bac, and will develop BFI programs in France where resources are available
- AEFÉ's goal is for all French international schools to eventually become BFI programs
- Video outlining new BFI (and how it is different from the OIB) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HseyqrmPn0c>

Baccalauréat Français International (BFI) at LFI

Unparalleled Educational Opportunity:

- Highly regarded diplomas
 - TOPS, Louisiana college preparatory diploma
 - BFI is seen as best baccalauréate in France
- Agreement between American College Board and French Ministry of Education (MEN):
- Specific AP courses and exams replace some traditional Bac courses and exams
- Enriched curriculum and balanced instruction in English and French
- Strong academic transcripts, very attractive for college acceptance

For the class of 2026 (current 9th graders) and younger students:

- All students pk-9 continue their course of study, as it has always been preparation for the BFI
- All students in 10th-12th grades will complete the BFI coursework, working towards earning both the TOPS Louisiana Diploma and the BFI Diploma

LFI Sample High School Course Progression

Grade / Niveau	ELA	Math	Social Studies	Science	French	Spanish	PE	Art
9th Grade <i>troisième du collège</i>	English I	Geometry (Algebra I)	Civics	Physical Science (3 sub-courses)	French IV	Spanish I	PE I	Fine Arts (.5)
			World Geography					
10th Grade <i>seconde du lycée</i>	English II	Algebra II (Geometry)	AP European History	Computer Technology (.5)	French V	Spanish II (.5)	PE II (.5)	x
			Economics (.5 credit)	Biology				
11th Grade <i>première du lycée</i>	AP Language	Precalculus: Concentration Math (Algebra II: Concentration Math)	AP US History	Chemistry: Concentration Physics/Chemistry	French VI	Spanish II (.5)	Health (.5)	x
			Social Studies: Concentration HG/Pol	Connaissance du Monde (.5)				
12th Grade <i>terminal du lycée</i>	English IV: ACL/LMA	AP Statistics *Calculus: Concentration Math	*Social Studies: Concentration HG/Pol	*Chemistry 2: Concentration Physics/Chemistry	Philosophy	Spanish III (.5)	PE II (.5)	x
			World History	Connaissance du Monde (.5)				

KEY: LEAP TESTED / BFI TESTED / * 1 of 3 concentrations dropped senior year

Conclusion...

- LFI is about to fully realize the vision of its founders by offering the French bac to all our Louisiana students.
- With the BFI, LFI is offering a high quality, rigorous, internationally acclaimed and locally adapted curriculum that goes above and beyond the regular bac curriculum.
- LFI is preparing students to be multilingual and multicultural thinkers, and global citizens of a changing world.