Le Lycée Français de Los Angeles

GENERAL SUMMARY OF COSTS AND FEES FOR OUR J-1 PROGRAM

Redesignation 2026

FEES PAID BY LE LYCÉE FRANÇAIS DE LOS ANGELES FOR THE EXCHANGE VISITOR (EV):

1. DS-2019 Fee: $2,000-$4,000. Since the School has its own visa program, we provide this service free of charge to those J-1 teachers we hire and any J-2 dependents.
2. The Fingerprinting Fee $97-100 is paid directly to Live Scan on behalf of the Employee.
3. All EVs are gifted Le Lycée-branded Spirit Wear: t-shirt, sweatpants, jacket, and cap.

FEES EXCHANGE VISITOR (EV) MUST PAY:

The basic living cost in Los Angeles for 2026 is estimated between $3,200 and $6,800 per month for a single person, depending on lifestyle, neighborhood, and housing type. Rent remains the largest monthly expense, followed by transportation, groceries, and utilities. While certain areas, such as Koreatown and East LA, offer more affordable options, neighborhoods like Beverly Hills and Santa Monica are significantly more expensive, making budgeting essential for anyone relocating or living in Los Angeles. Also see the attachment of the full article.[1]

1. I-901 Fee: $220 (payable directly on the FMJ website.)
2. DS-160 Fee: $185 (payable directly on the CEAC website.)
3. The School does not charge a sponsor fee = $0.00.
4. The School does not work with any foreign or domestic third-party vendors.
5. The School does not charge a visa fee = $0.00.
6. The School does not charge a SEVIS fee = $0.00.
7. Lodging/Rent: Temporary lodging and Permanent Dwelling. Range for a Studio in West Los Angeles: $1,500 to $2,722. One Bedroom West Los Angeles $2,500 - $3,200. For more details, see LA HOUSING – FEBRUARY 2026.
8. Monthly Utilities: For more details, see LA HOUSING – FEBRUARY 2026.
    - Power:
        - Small Apartments (1–2 people): $60–$120 per month.
        - Medium Homes (3–4 people): $120–$250 per month.
        - Large Homes (5+ people): $250–$350 per month or higher, especially in areas with extensive air conditioning or electric heating.

[1] According to www.CostCheckUSA.com "Is Living in LA Affordable?" by Jennifer Johnson - Jan. 28, 2026
Is Living in LA Affordable? Basic Living Cost in Los Angeles CA [2026 Guide]

[2] Amounts referred by Cost of Living in Los Angeles, California, United States in 2026

- Water: $45 - $130 (average $80)
- Home Wi-Fi & Cable TV: $100 - $210 (average $160)
- Gast & Heating: $35 - $85 (average $60)
- Mobile Phone Service: Range: $15 - $65 (aveage) depending upon the requested features. Often, EVs retain their foreign mobile service and use it instead of acquiring an American phone number/service.

9. Health Insurance: The School offers each Employee the opportunity to opt into the School's Health Insurance Program with Anthem Blue Cross. The School pays 75% of the Employee Only premium. Employees pay the remaining 25% for themselves and 100% for any dependents. Since the effective date is November 1st of each year, the School also requires EVs to provide proof of health insurance from their home country, as per [22 CFR 62.14]. They must also sign a STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE, which assures that the EV will maintain the required health insurance for themselves and any J-2 dependents for the length of stay in the U.S. Range: $215 HMO - $975 PPO. For more details, see 2025-2026 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT MONTHLY PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.

10. Transportation: Most EVs can walk to school, carpool, or arrange their own way. For more details, see LA LOCAL TRANSPORTATION - FEBRUARY 2026.

    - Metro Train $1.75/ride. Pay with a TAP card, Apple Wallet, TAP app, or cash. https://www.metro.net/
    - Bus $0.50/ride cash. https://www.metro.net/ An extensive network of over 165 bus routes serves the county. Fare can be paid using cash (exact change) or a TAP card $0.35 or $0.25 for seniors and disabled. The regular fare is good for 2 hrs of unlimited transfers in one direction.

11. Food:

    School Lunches: EVs are offered a discounted lunch ticket rate. Each nutritious and delicious luncheon is prepared fresh daily by our international chefs.

Campus	Child/Student Portion	Adult/Teacher Portion
Campus 55: Jr. Preschool – K1 Century City: Preschool – 1st grades	Yearly Kiddies Café fee: $9.50	n/a
Elementary: 2nd – 5th Grades	$10	$11
Middle School: 6th – 8th Grades	$13	$11
High School: 9th – 12th Grades	$14	$11

    Groceries: For more details, see FOOD PRICES AT TRADER JOE'S - FEB 2026.

12. Professional Clothing: The School has a professional clothing exchange and points them to moderately priced stores: Ross Dress for Less, Marshall's, or Nordstrom Rack, to name a few. Additionally, there are several high-quality thrift stores in Los Angeles. However, most EVs come ready to teach with professional

clothing. Shirt/blouse: $15, Pants $20, Jacket $40. All EVs are gifted Le Lycée-branded Spirit Wear: t-shirt, sweatpants, jacket, and cap.

13. Student Tuition: Each staff member is offered a greatly reduced tuition rate for each of their children attending the School:

TUITION 2025-2026 School Year			
Grade	Annual Tuition Fee	Breakdown by month = 10 mos.	Reduced Tuition for Staff/per child
Jr. Preschool (3 days)	$15,000	$1,500	$5,000 or $500/mo.
Jr. Preschool (5 days)	$22,890	$2,289	$5,000 or $500/mo.
Preschool + K1	$26,890	$2,689	$5,000 or $500/mo.
K2 + 1st	$28,290	$2,829	$5,000 or $500/mo.
Elementary: 2nd – 5th	$29,060	$2,906	$5,000 or $500/mo.
Middle School: 6th – 8th	$31,850	$3,185	$5,000 or $500/mo.
High School: 9th – 11th	$39,850	$3,985	$5,000 or $500/mo.
Senior = 12th	$40,780	$4,078	$5,000 or $500/mo.
10-month school year: September 2025 to June 2026.			

For more details, see LYCEELA > ADMISSIONS > TUITION.

14. Taxes*: As a general rule, all employees, including French Nationals, Foreign Nationals, and J1, J2, and H1B workers, are subject to regular deductions for all fees and taxes, including Federal, State, and Disability (SDI), Medicare, and Social Security.

Range of Salaries and Taxes: For example, February 2026		
Tax*	Low Range*	High Range*
Gross Pay/year	$66,000.00	$90,000.00
Gross Pay/mo	$5,500.00	$7,500.00
Federal Income Tax	$270.49	$780.44
Social Security Tax	$327.49	$448.30
Medicare Tax	$76.59	$104.84
CA State Income Tax	$183.17	$289.02
CD SDI Tax	$68.60	$94.00

*Taxation changes depending on each individual's declared tax status, and tax laws and rules can change without notice and, at times, work retroactively. It is up to each individual to seek information and clarification from their own tax preparer. Additionally, upon arrival to the United States and while working at Le Lycée, you may qualify for exceptions to the tax rules, which cannot be guaranteed in advance. As for J1 and J2 visa holders, the U.S. State Department discourages Sponsors from commenting, speculating, or advising on tax status.

15. Retirement Benefits: The School offers employees a 401K plan but does not contribute or match contributions.

16. Other Fees**:

- The School does not charge a sponsor fee = $0.00.
- The School does not charge a fee for credential evaluation = $0.00.
- The School does not charge a fee for state licensure/certification = $0.00.
- The School does not charge a fee for licensure exams = $0.00.
- The School is non-unionized; therefore, there are no union fees = $0.00.
- At this time, there are no additional work-related deductions = $0.00.

**The School reserves the right of future evaluation of such fees if it becomes necessary by regulation, policy or procedures.

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