

Kindergarten (*Grande Section*)

American Section Program

Curriculum information: www.americansection.org/academics/the-lower-school/kindergarten-grande-section

Bilingual: Native-level English and French

Students are enrolled in a local “Maternelle” for the French portion of the program then excused twice a week to attend American Section classes.

American Section Class Schedule: Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings (six hours of classroom instruction)

American Section Class Size: 16

Placement

Most students in this class will be enrolled as *externés*. This means that a student will come to the Lycée two half-days per week for their American Section classes and the rest of the time they will attend their local French preschool. In addition, the American Section is typically attributed three to four full-time places at this level.

Location: Lycée campus only

Estimated number of places available for next year: 0-2

Eligibility

Age: 5 years old (Candidates must be born in 2022 to enroll in this class)

Level of English: Applicants must possess native-level English and an age-appropriate vocabulary.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website from December 1 to January 22 for the following school year at: www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application. After the deadline, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

Required documents: Birth certificate and photo. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

Testing

All candidates must be tested. The assessments are conducted in English and are administered individually by one of our teachers. During the test, your child will be asked to: look at some pictures and identify them, play a few games, and then listen to a story and talk about it with the teacher. It lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Testing will take place from February 22, 2027 to April 2, 2027 and will be conducted in person whenever possible. Online testing is also available for families who live overseas.

French Immersion/*Français Spécial*

There is no French-immersion class per se at this level. Non-Francophone students will be enrolled in their local French preschool where they will learn the language alongside their Francophone classmates.

Timeline

December-January	Application file submitted
February-April	Testing
May	Acceptances sent

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