

Sixth Grade (*Sixième*)

American Section Program

Curriculum information: www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/sixth-grade-sixime

Bilingual: Native-level English and French

Students attend a French “Collège” and join the American Section for six hours of native level English language instruction per week (four hours of Literature and two hours of History).

American Section Class Size: two classes of 20 students each (Collège Marcel Roby) and one class of 18 (Lycée International).

Placement

Estimated number of places available next year:: 1-2 places for French immersion, 2-6 places for bilinguals.

Placement options (two):

- 1) **Full-time at the Collège Marcel Roby:** The majority of our Middle School students attend classes on this campus conveniently located in the center of Saint-Germain-en-Laye. The American Section runs two classes per level here with 20 students each. Spanish and Russian section students also attend classes on this site as well as students from the catchment area. We expect to have 2-6 places become available on this site for **bilingual** candidates.
- 2) **Full-time at the Lycée International:** The American Section runs one class per level on this site. Placement on this campus will go to candidates who qualify for the French-immersion program (*FS*). The American Section will have 1-2 **French-immersion (FS)** places become available in this class next fall. There will not be any openings available for bilingual candidates on this site.

Eligibility

Age: 11 years old (candidates should be born in 2016)

Level of English: Applicants must possess native-level English (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program.

Level of French: Bilingual applicants must provide either French grade reports or CNED reports (cours à distance) in order to apply. If these are not available, then you must have approval from the Admissions Office to apply. Non-Francophones must qualify for the French-immersion program to enter the program.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website from December 1 and January 8 for the following school year at: www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application

Required documents: Birth certificate, photo, English grade reports for all candidates (three years including the current year), French grade reports for bilingual candidates (three years including the current year), two writing samples, curriculum information, and a teacher recommendation (form provided). Complete instructions will be available online once you log in.

Testing

A written test is required for all candidates. An individual interview may be scheduled at a later date for selected candidates as part of a second round of evaluations.

Local candidates: A written test will take place on-site **Wednesday afternoon, January 27, 2027**. Details will be communicated to families in mid-January. Based upon the written results, selected candidates will receive an interview date for some time in March.

Overseas candidates: A written test will take place online **Saturday, January 23, 2027**. Details will be communicated to families in mid-January. Based upon the written results, selected candidates will receive an interview date for some time in March.

French Immersion/*Français Spécial* (FS) program

This is a specialized track for candidates who do not yet speak French or who have very little knowledge of the language (spoken and written). The class is composed of 15-20 new students coming from all over the world. During the first year, French-immersion students will have three objectives: to assimilate a new language, to complete their grade level coursework in that language, and to maintain native-level English. The following year, the French-immersion students must be ready to move into the regular bilingual classes. The FS program is challenging so candidates must possess a strong academic record, good study habits, and a motivation to learn a new language and integrate into a new culture.

If you are considering this option, we recommend that you contact the Admissions Office to go through details of the program before applying.

Please note that the French-immersion class at this level is run as a combined class of sixth- and seventh-grade students.

Timeline

November 30	6ème Online Open House (sign up in October/November)
December 1 - January 8	Application file submitted
January - April	Testing
May - June	Acceptances sent

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