

Tenth Grade (*Seconde*)

American Section Program

Curriculum information: www.americansection.org/academics/the-upper-school/tenth-grade-seconde

Bilingual: Full French curriculum with an additional 8 hours in the American Section (Literature and History)

American Section Class Size: three classes of 18-20 students each.

Placement

Estimated number of places available next year: 1-2 places for French immersion, 0-6 places for bilingual track.

Campus Placement: All students in *Seconde* are enrolled full-time on the Lycée International campus.

Eligibility

Age: 15 years old (Candidates should be born in 2012 to enroll in this class)

Level of English: Applicants must possess **native-level English** (spoken, written, comprehension) to be considered for the program. We do not have a *classe d'accueil* for local French students who wish to become bilingual. Please contact the British Section for this option.

Level of French: Bilingual applicants must provide French grade reports in order to apply. If these are unavailable, please contact the Admissions Office before applying. Students with an *intermediate* level of French may qualify for the French immersion program.

Foreign Language (*Langue Vivante*) prerequisites: A minimum of one additional foreign language is required at this grade level. Students should have at least three years of study in Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese, or Italian. This is a graduation requirement and cannot be waived. Please check with the Admissions Office for any other language options.

Applications

Applications should be submitted online via the American Section website between 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 assessments.

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 31, 2026**. 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

Prerequisite: FS candidates at this level must have an intermediate level of French. The American Section does not accept beginners at this grade level.

Français Spécial is a specialized track for candidates who need to reinforce their foundation in the French language before switching to the native level classes in eleventh grade (Première). They will ***need to have some working knowledge of the French language in order to qualify. It is no longer possible for us to accept beginners at this grade level*** due to recent French baccalaureate reforms.

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 master the French language, to complete the grade level coursework in that language, and to maintain native-level English. By the end of the year, French-immersion students must be ready to move into the mainstream bilingual classes. The *FS* program is challenging, particularly in *Seconde*, so candidates must possess a strong academic record, good study habits, and a considerable motivation to master the French language.

Please note that this is a three-year program leading to a French and American high school diploma. We do not accept one year exchange students in this class due to lack of space.

Additional eligibility requirement: Due to a recent reform in graduation requirements, we are only able to consider candidates for our French immersion program who have an additional foreign language. This would be the equivalent of three years of foreign language instruction in Spanish, Italian, German, Russian, or Mandarin.

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

Timeline

December - January 8	Application file submitted
January - April	Testing, interviews
May	Acceptances - French immersion candidates
June-July	Acceptances - bilingual candidates

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