

## Sixth Grade (*Sixième*)

### American Section Program

**Curriculum information:** [www.americansection.org/academics/the-middle-school/sixth-grade-sixime](http://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).*

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

### Placement

**Estimated space availability for 2023-2024:** 1-2 places for French immersion, 0-4 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 will have 0-4 places become available on this site for bilingual candidates. Placements on this campus will depend on end-of-year departures.
- 2) Full-time at the Lycée International: The American Section runs one class per level on this site. Priority for placement on this campus will go to candidates who qualify for the French-immersion program (FS). The American Section will have one or two French-immersion (FS) places become available in this class next year. There will not be any openings available for bilingual candidates on this site.

### Eligibility

**Age:** 11 years old (born in 2012)

**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 proof of age-appropriate French. This can be done by providing grade reports from a French school or CNED reports (cours à distance). If these are unavailable, please contact the Admissions Office before applying. 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 1st and January 15<sup>th</sup> for the following school year at: [www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application](http://www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application)

**Required documents:** Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d'inscription* form, grade reports (for three years including the current year), two writing samples, CNED reports (if necessary), curriculum information, and a recommendation from a current teacher. Complete instructions are 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:** Testing will take place on-site at the Lycée International on **Wednesday afternoon, February 8, 2023**. Details will be sent to candidates on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Overseas candidates:** Group testing will take place online in February and March. Information will be sent to you once your child's file has been submitted.



### **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. This can impact the American Section timetable and may require a child to be placed in a higher or a lower grade level for one year.*

### **Timeline**

<b>December-January 15th</b>	application file submitted
<b>February-April</b>	testing
<b>May-June</b>	acceptances sent