

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 French “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 total)

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 2018 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 in December and January for the following school year at: www.americansection.org/admissions/your-application After January, please check our website for any further availability at this grade level.

Required documents: Cover letter, birth certificate, photo, *dossier d’inscription* form. Complete instructions are available online once you log in.

Testing

All students must be tested. The assessments are conducted in English and are administered individually by one of our teachers. The candidate will be asked to look at some pictures and identify them, play some games, and then listen to a story and talk about it with the teacher. The assessment lasts approximately 40 minutes.

Testing will take place in March and April 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 candidates are prioritized for full-time placement on the main campus whenever possible. Whether at the Lycée or at a local school, they will learn the French language in a regular classroom alongside their bilingual classmates.

Timeline

December-January	application file submitted
March-April	testing
May	acceptances sent

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