

High School Profile 2017-2018



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DE SAN FRANCISCO

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The Lycée Français de San Francisco (LFSF), established in 1967, is the *only* exclusively French immersion school in the San Francisco Bay Area. We welcome students in Pre-School to Grade 12. Our program is designed to provide students with a structured, well-assimilated body of general knowledge while encouraging the development of analytical and critical thinking skills. Our unique curriculum fosters autonomy, initiative, self-esteem and the respect of others through cooperation and responsibility. We provide a multifaceted and rigorous program ideal for engaged, active learners who thrive on academic challenge.

Our curriculum is based on the French national curriculum, established over two centuries ago, and augmented by a strong English program; the curriculum exceeds all requirements set by both France and the United States, preparing our students to enter and thrive at colleges and universities worldwide.

Accreditation: LFSF is accredited by the French Ministry of Education, as well as by the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

The Mission of the School: To be the model school of multicultural and multilingual education that prepares tomorrow's global citizens. The diverse and international nature of our students and faculty fosters a spirit of community and respect that prepares our students to be culturally literate, adept critical thinkers, and responsible global citizens.

Faculty: The teaching staff for the French Baccalaureate program is composed of accredited teachers hired directly from France. The teachers' native language is French to ensure continuity of the language for our students. The classes taught in the English language are taught by U.S. credentialed teachers. 100% of our faculty hold advanced degrees.

Student Body: 996 students are enrolled on 3 campuses: 602 students in Pre-School through Grade 5, 206 students in Middle School (Grades 6 - 8) and 188 students in High School (Grades 9 - 12).

Diversity:

Diversity of thought: Exposure to diverse cultures, origins, political systems, and languages within our program fulfills our mission of global citizenship.

Ethnic and national diversity: LFSF students represent more than 71 ethnicities and nationalities from throughout the Bay Area and abroad.

Socioeconomic diversity: 30% of our students receive some form of financial assistance. Maintaining socioeconomic diversity is a priority for LFSF's governing board. In addition to external financial assistance provided by the French Ministry of Education to families in need, LFSF administers its own financial aid program for selected students based on need.

Cultural and language diversity: Students often speak 1 or 2 languages upon entering the school and graduate with fluency in at least 3 languages, with most fluent in 4 or 5 languages. All students begin studying a third language in Grade 6 and carry it through Grade 12. Students also have the option of starting Latin in middle school and continuing as a fourth language in high school.

Course Load: During the final three years of secondary education, LFSF students often carry a course load of between 37-40 hours per week, with a corresponding amount of homework. LFSF is a commuter school, and so students can often travel an hour or more to and from school. As a result, students often seek extracurricular opportunities outside of school which impacts the number of teams, activities and clubs that LFSF offers on site. Fencing and judo remain the top LFSF sports and our students are consistently nationally ranked.

Ranking: Due to small graduating class sizes and the various tracks leading to the French Baccalaureate exam (the BAC), students are NOT ranked.

Grading: In the French system, grading is based on a 20-point scale. On students' U.S. transcripts, these grades are converted to a 4.0 scale GPA. Honors courses are weighted an additional 1.0 point for GPA calculations.

No AP courses are offered in our curriculum.

Grades in the French and U.S. systems differ both in philosophy and in form. In the French system, grades are determined on a numerical scale of 1 to 20. There is no grade inflation and the entire scale is used.

By virtue of its international nature, LFSF employs two grading systems. The practice of employing two grading systems is common in U.S. Lycées given that, while convertible, French grades differ from U.S. grades:

U.S. Grade	French Grade Equivalent	
	(6th - 9th)	(10th - 12th)
A+	16-20	15-20
A	15	14
A-	14	13
B+	13	12
B	12	11
B-	11	10
C+	10	09
C	09	08
C-	08	07
D+	07	06
D	06	05
D-	05	04
F	04	03

Each course listed in French on a student's Bulletin report card is listed in English on the U.S. transcript. Grades in the French system are organized by trimester. The three numerical grades of 1 through 20 earned by the student in a course are added together and divided by three, and this average is converted to a final letter grade of A-B-C-D-F with pluses and minuses for the U.S. transcript. The Year Grade reported in the U.S. transcript represents the student's performance for the entire school year.

Diploma: LFSF students can graduate with two diplomas: a French Baccalaureate and a U.S. High School diploma. All students graduate with the French Baccalaureate. Many students opt to fulfill requirements for the U.S. high school diploma by taking additional required courses.

The Curriculum: The French educational system is divided in key learning stages, or cycles. A cycle covers more than one grade and within each cycle there is a coherent set of learning goals and acquired skills to be achieved. The program is cyclical rather than linear which allows students to delve more deeply into each subject with each succeeding year.

In Grades 9 and 10, all students take ALL of the following year-long courses:

Grade 9 English or ELD French (Honors) German, Spanish or Mandarin Latin (Elective) Integrated Math (Algebra I/Geometry) Biology-Geology Physics-Chemistry History-Geography Technology Mixed Media Arts (Art, Music and Theater) History of Art Physical Education	Grade 10 English Literature or ELD French Literature (Honors) German, Spanish or Mandarin Latin (Elective) Integrated Math (Geometry/Algebra II) Biology-Geology Physics-Chemistry History-Geography Civics U.S. History Economics & Social Sciences Cinema-Audiovisual, Theatre, or Visual Arts (Elective) Physical Education Supervised Study Humanities, Computer Science, or Sciences Seminar (Elective)
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Tracks: In Grade 11, students choose between three college-preparatory tracks ("séries") based on their academic interests and grades. Each track is designed with a particular emphasis of study:

- Track L: Humanities (literature, languages, philosophy)
- Track ES: Social Sciences (economics, math, history, languages)
- Track S: Science (math, physics, chemistry, biology, geology)

The OIB (Option Internationale of the BAC) is an advanced curriculum open to fully bilingual students in all three tracks. The purpose is to further enhance the bilingual and bicultural education by offering advanced/honors courses in History & Geography and English in addition to their regular course load. Students also take an additional end-of-year BAC exam to fulfill the OIB certification. **The OIB is considered to be a very rigorous elective of the French Baccalaureate.**

In Grades 11 and 12, students take the year-long courses listed in their respective track:

TRACK L – HUMANITIES: LITERATURE, LANGUAGES, PHILOSOPHY		TRACK ES – SOCIAL SCIENCES: ECONOMICS, MATH, HISTORY, LANGUAGES		TRACK S – SCIENCE: MATH, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY	
Grade 11	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 12
English Lit-OIB (Honors) or English or ELD	English Lit-OIB (Honors) or English or ELD	English Lit-OIB (Honors) or English or ELD	English Lit-OIB (Honors) or English or ELD	English Lit-OIB (Honors) or English or ELD	English Lit-OIB (Honors) or English or ELD
French Lit (Honors)	French Lit (Honors)	French Lit (Honors)		French Lit (Honors)	
Spanish, German or Mandarin Level III	Spanish, German or Mandarin Level IV	Spanish, German or Mandarin Level III	Spanish, German or Mandarin Level IV	Spanish, German or Mandarin Level III	Spanish, German or Mandarin Level IV
Integrated Math L (Algebra II/Trigonometry)	Integrated Math L (Trigonometry/Precalculus)	Integrated Math ES (Algebra II/Trigonometry)	Integrated Math ES (Trigonometry/Precalculus)	Precalculus S (Honors)	Calculus S (Honors)
Physics-Chemistry		Physics-Chemistry		Physics-Chemistry S (Honors)	Physics-Chemistry S (Honors)
Biology-Geology		Biology-Geology		Biology-Geology S (Honors)	Biology-Geology S (Honors)
History-Geography or History-Geography-OIB (Honors)	History-Geography or History-Geography-OIB (Honors)	History-Geography or History-Geography-OIB (Honors)	History-Geography or History-Geography-OIB (Honors)	History-Geography or History-Geography-OIB (Honors)	History-Geography or History-Geography-OIB (Honors)
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
T.P.E. (collaborative year-long independent research project)		T.P.E. (collaborative year-long independent research project)		T.P.E. (collaborative year-long independent research project)	
Civics	Civics	Civics	Civics	Civics	Civics
U.S. History	Philosophy L (Honors)	U.S. History	Philosophy	U.S. History	Philosophy
		Economics (Honors)	Economics (Honors)		
Arts Elective: Visual Arts, Cinema-Audiovisual or Theatre	Arts Elective: Visual Arts, Cinema-Audiovisual or Theatre	Arts Elective: Visual Arts, Cinema-Audiovisual or Theatre	Arts Elective: Visual Arts, Cinema-Audiovisual or Theatre	Arts Elective: Visual Arts, Cinema-Audiovisual or Theatre	Arts Elective: Visual Arts, Cinema-Audiovisual or Theatre
Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective
	Honors Seminar (choose one): • Adv. Math L • Adv. Literature		Honors Seminar (choose one): • Adv. Math ES or Adv. Political Science		Honors Seminar (choose one): • Adv. Math S or • Adv. Physics-Chem • Adv. Computer Science Adv. Biology-Geology

French Baccalaureate Exams: Each of the three tracks leads to a comprehensive set of BAC exams that includes topics common to all tracks as well as those specific to each. A typical BAC exam taken at the end of Grades 11 and 12, includes the following exams (written and oral exams in English, French, and a third language; written exams in all other subjects):

TRACK L HUMANITIES	TRACK ES SOCIAL SCIENCES	TRACK S SCIENCE
English (coefficient 8; 10 OIB)	English (coefficient 3; 9 OIB)	English (coefficient 3; 9 OIB)
French Written (coefficient 3)	French Written (coefficient 2)	French Written (coefficient 2)
French Oral (coefficient 2)	French Oral (coefficient 2)	French Oral (coefficient 2)
History-Geography (coeff. 4; 8 OIB)	History-Geography (coeff. 5; 9 OIB)	History-Geography (coeff. 3; 7 OIB)
Third Language (coefficient 4)	Third Language (coefficient 2)	Third Language (coefficient 2)
Philosophy (coefficient 7)	Philosophy (coefficient 4)	Philosophy (coefficient 3)
Math (coefficient 4)	Math (coefficient 7)	Math (coefficient 9)
Sciences (coefficient 2)	Sciences (coefficient 2)	Physics-Chemistry (coefficient 6)
Oral Language (coefficient 1)	Economics (coefficient 7)	Biology (coefficient 6)
Literature (coefficient 4)	TPE Research Project (coefficient 1)	TPE Research Project (coefficient 1)
TPE Research Project (coefficient 1)		

The BAC is also graded on a 20-point scale. A 10/20 or higher is a passing grade. A 12 to 13.99 qualifies as "Mention Assez Bien" ("Honors"), 14 to 15.99 qualifies as "Mention Bien" ("High Honors"), and 16 or higher qualifies as "Mention Très Bien" ("Highest Honors").

Student Statistics and Accomplishments for the Class of 2017

Results of LFSF students' BAC exams – Class of 2017:

Class	Total # of candidates	Pass Rate	With Honors	With High Honors	With Highest Honors
2017	37	100%	12	14	7
2016	47	98%	14	13	10
2015	41	100%	13	12	8

Results of SAT Reasoning Tests for LFSF students bound for U.S. colleges

	ENGLISH SCORES			MATH SCORES		
Class	lowest	MEAN	Highest	lowest	MEAN	highest
2017	480	661	730	490	643	760
2016	430	604	800	420	599	800
2015	420	642	800	440	620	800

National Report of SAT Scores for College Bound Seniors 2016

MEAN SAT SCORES by geographical location			
	TOTAL	English	Math
National Mean	1002	494	508
California Mean	991	491	500
LFSF (2017)	1304	661	643

MEAN SAT SCORES by type of school			
Type of school	TOTAL	English	Math
National Public	981	487	494
California Public	978	484	494
National Indep	1109	530	579
California Indep	1181	585	596
LFSF (2017)	1304	661	643

CLASS SIZE: 37 students
20 females, 17 males
11 languages spoken
11 nationalities represented from 3 continents
College Bound by Geography:
50% USA
14% Canada
35% Europe (19% France, 8% UK, Spain, Italy, Switzerland)

College and University Admission Worldwide – Classes 2015, 2016, 2017:

NORTH AMERICA		EUROPE		
UNITED STATES American University Amherst College Arizona State University Austin College Babson College Bard College Barnard College Baylor University Berklee College of Music Boston College [2] Boston University [7] Brown University Bucknell University [2] University of California: UC Berkeley*** [13] UC Davis [21] UC Irvine [12] UCLA* [11] UC Merced [5] UC Riverside* [10] UC San Diego [24] UC Santa Barbara* [24] UC Santa Cruz [34] California College of the Arts* [2] California State University: California Maritime Academy Cal Poly, Pomona [4] Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo* [5] CSU East Bay CSU Fullerton CSU Long Beach CSU Los Angeles [3] CSU Northridge [2] San Diego State University* [5] San Francisco State University [8] San Jose State University [7] Sonoma State University [2] Carleton College [2] Case Western Reserve University Chapman University* [3] The Citadel Military College Clark University [2] Colgate University University of Colorado, Boulder [6] Colorado College Columbia College Hollywood Cornell University Dartmouth College University of Denver [3] DePaul University Drexel University [7] Duke University FIDM, Los Angeles George Washington University* [5] Georgetown University Georgia Institute of Technology* [2] Gonzaga University Guilford College Hamilton College Hampshire College University of Hawaii, Manoa Hawaii Pacific University Hofstra University Indiana University, Bloomington Johns Hopkins University Johnson & Wales University Kenyon College* Lake Forest College [2] Lehigh University Lewis & Clark College Loyola Marymount University Loyola New Orleans University [3] MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Miami University of Michigan Mills College* University of Montana, Missoula [2] Montana State University, Bozeman [5] Mount Holyoke College University of Nevada, Las Vegas The New School – Eugene Lang College NYU - New York University [5] Northeastern University [4] Northern Arizona University Northwestern University University of Notre Dame Oberlin College [2] University of Oregon [2] Otis College of Arts & Design Pennsylvania State, University Park Princeton University* University of Portland [2] Purdue University Rochester Institute of Technology Rollins College Saint Mary's College of California University of San Francisco* [4] Santa Clara University Sarah Lawrence College SCAD - Savannah College of Art & Design [5] School of the Art Institute of Chicago Scripps College Skidmore College Smith College [3] University of South Florida, Tampa USC - University of Southern California* [2] Southern Methodist University [2] Southwestern University Stanford University [2] Swarthmore College Syracuse University Texas Christian University Tulane University [2] Union College [2] United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy Ursinus College University of Vermont Wake Forest University Washington State University Washington University in St. Louis University of Washington [4] Wellesley College [2] Wesleyan University Whittier College Willamette University Williams College	FRANCE ESJ Lille INSA Lyon IUT Bordeaux* IUT Lyon* Sciences Po – Reims [2] <u>PREPA:</u> Lycée Aux Lazaristes Lycée Champollion Lycée Claude Monet Lycée de Kerichen Lycée Louis le Grand Lycée Naval – Brest Lycée Sainte Genevieve Lycée Saliege Lycée Victor Hugo* INP Toulouse* <u>ARTS:</u> École Axe Sud École Emile Cohl [2] École Nationale Supérieure d'architecture Paris-Malaquais École Supérieure d'Art du Nord Pas-de-Calais Dunkerque/Tourcoing Institut de Création et d'Animation Numérique (ICAN) ISART Digital <u>BUSINESS:</u> EDC Paris EDHEC [2] ESCP Europe [2] ESSCA Angers ESSCA Paris Grenoble School of Management IESEG Lille* [4] IESEG Paris* <u>UNIVERSITÉS:</u> Université de Bordeaux* [2] Université de Brest Université Catholique de Lille [3] Université de Grenoble [4] Université de Lyon [2] Université de Nice, Sophia-Antipolis [2] Université de Strasbourg Université de Toulouse [4] Universite de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yveline Université Paris I : Pantheon Sorbonne [3]	ITALY Universita Bocconi* [2] SPAIN ESADE IE University* [2] SWITZERLAND EPFL - Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne Université de Genève Université de Lausanne* UNITED KINGDOM Brunel University Hult International Business School [2] Imperial College London King's College London [6] The London School of Economics and Political Science* Ravensbourne College of Design & Communication Southampton Solent University University College London [5] University for the Creative Arts, Epsom University of Bristol University of Edinburgh [3] University of Exeter University of Reading University of St. Andrews** [5] University of Sussex University of the Arts London [4] University of Warwick [3]	
			MULTINATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS	
			University of British Columbia Sciences Po - Reims Dual BA Program (Canada, U.S.)	
			Students taking a GAP YEAR	
			Class of 2015 Employment Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Class of 2015 Gap Year Program McGill University Class of 2016 Gap Year Program McGill University Class of 2017 Gap Year Program McGill University Class of 2017 Gap Year Program Work Force Class of 2017 Gap Year Program George Washington University	

*indicates matriculation for the Class of 2017; [#] indicates number admitted for Classes of 2015-2017