

High School Profile 2013-2014



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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 Government, as well as by the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

The Mission of the School: LFSF offers students of multiculturally-minded San Francisco Bay Area families a rigorous curriculum focused on French language immersion and academic excellence. 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 US credentialed teachers with Masters degrees or higher.

Diversity: 1030 students are enrolled on 3 campuses: 680 students in Pre-School through Grade 6 and 350 students in Grades 6-12.

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 40 ethnicities and nationalities from throughout the Bay Area and abroad.

Socioeconomic diversity: 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 the financial need. 30% of our students receive some form of financial assistance.

Cultural and language diversity: Students often speak 1 or 2 languages upon entering the school and graduate with fluency in at least 2 languages, with most fluent in 3 or 4 languages. All students begin studying a third language in Grade 6. Students also have the option of starting Latin in middle school and adding 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 do 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; however, because of the accelerated level of Grade 10 and 11 courses, most students elect to prepare for and take at least one AP test outside of school.

Grades in the French and US 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. No credit is given for effort. Not calculated on a percentage basis, a 12/20 is an honorable grade (a B+). An 18 or 19/20 is rare, and a 20/20 is virtually unattainable. Evaluation of students in all subjects takes the form of an essay where all aspects of the student's response are considered in attributing a grade: reasoning, form and presentation of proofs, and written expression.

LFSF follows the **grade equivalents** below as proposed by the Franco-American Fulbright Commission for the Exchange of Scholars:

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

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.

LFSF students graduate with two diplomas: a French Baccalaureate and a US High School diploma. LFSF is a full immersion school where all subjects are taught in French, with the exception of English and US History. The curriculum is fixed each year, and students have only one or two choices for electives;

In Grades 9 and 10, all students take all of the following courses:

<p>Grade 9 English or ELL French German, Spanish or Mandarin Latin (Elective) Integrated Math Biology-Geology Physics - Chemistry History & Geography Civics Computer Science Creative Arts (Art, Music and Theater) Physical Education</p>	<p>Grade 10 English or ELL French German, Spanish or Mandarin Latin (Elective) Integrated Math Biology-Geology Physics - Chemistry History & Geography Civics U.S. History Economics & Social Sciences Cinema, Audio-Visual or Visual Arts (Elective) Physical Education Supervised Study Humanities or Sciences Seminar (Elective)</p>
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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)

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 the most rigorous version of the French Baccalaureate.**

In Grades 11 and 12, students take all of the 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-OIB (Honors) or English or ELL	English-OIB (Honors) or English or ELL	English-OIB (Honors) or English or ELL	English-OIB (Honors) or English or ELL	English-OIB (Honors) or English or ELL	English-OIB (Honors) or English or ELL
French Lit (Honors)	French Lettres (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	Integrated Math L	Integrated Math ES	Integrated Math ES	Integrated Math S (Honors)	Integrated Math 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
US History		Economics (Honors)	Economics (Honors)	US History	
	Philosophy (Honors)	US History	Philosophy		Philosophy
Arts Elective: Audiovisual, Theater or Visual Arts	Arts Elective : Audiovisual, Theater or Visual Arts	Arts Elective: Audiovisual, Theater or Visual Arts	Arts Elective: Audiovisual, Theater or Visual Arts	Arts Elective: Audiovisual, Theater or Visual Arts	Arts Elective: Audiovisual, Theater or Visual Arts
Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective	Latin Elective
	Advanced Math L Seminar (Honors)		Honors Seminar (choose one): • Advanced Math ES or • Advanced Economics		Honors Seminar (choose one): • Advanced Math S or • Advanced Physics-Chemistry or • Advanced 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 (3 hours)	English (3 hours)	English (3 hours)
French (4 hours)	French (4 hours)	French (4 hours)
History & Geography (4 hours)	History & Geography (4 hours)	History & Geography (4 hours)
Third Language (3 hours)	Third Language (3 hours)	Third Language (3 hours)
Philosophy (4 hours)	Philosophy (4 hours)	Philosophy (4 hours)
Math (1.5 hours)	Math (3 hours)	Math (4 hours)
Sciences (1.5 hours)	Sciences (1.5 hours)	Physics & Chemistry (3.5 hours)
Oral Language (3 hours)	Oral Language (3 hours)	Oral Language (3 hours)
Literature (2 hours)	Economics (3 hours)	Biology (3.5 hours)

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").

Results of LFSF students' BAC exams:

Class	Total # of candidates	Pass Rate	With Honors	With High Honors	With Highest Honors
2013	37	100%	9	10	17
2012	39	100%	12	17	4
2011	28	100%	11	9	4

Results of SAT Reasoning Tests for LFSF students bound for US colleges

Class	TOTAL SCORES			CRITICAL READING SCORES			MATH SCORES			WRITING SCORES		
	lowest	MEAN	highest	lowest	MEAN	Highest	lowest	MEAN	highest	lowest	MEAN	highest
2013	1410	1967	2380	440	654	800	460	648	790	450	665	790
2012	1450	1844	2330	460	607	800	460	602	760	460	635	800
2011	1640	1915	2360	490	658	800	510	623	770	530	635	790

National Report of SAT Scores for College Bound Seniors 2012:

MEAN SAT SCORES by geographical location				
	TOTAL	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
National Mean	1498	496	514	488
California Mean	1503	495	512	496
LFSF (2013)	1967	654	648	665

Source: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/data-reports-research/sat/cb-seniors-2012>

MEAN SAT SCORES by type of school				
Type of school	TOTAL	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
National Public	1477	491	505	481
California Public	1492	491	510	491
National Indep	1667	539	580	548
California Indep	1784	588	598	598
LFSF (2013)	1967	654	648	665

Student Statistics and Accomplishments for the Class of 2013

**GPA distribution
Cumulative Grades 10 & 11**

Weighted GPA	Students
4.28-4.00	19
3.99-3.80	7
3.79-3.60	2
3.59-3.00	1
2.99-2.80	0

AP EXAMS

27 students took 97 AP Exams	4	5
French Language	1	26
English Language	8	4
Human Geography	6	2
English Literature	5	1
Spanish Language	3	3
Calculus AB	1	1
Art Hist., Italian, Physics, US Hist.	0	1
Biology, Eur. Hist.	1	0

CLASS SIZE: 37 students
17 males, 20 females
16 languages spoken
11 nationalities represented
74% French nationality
1 National Merit Scholar
15 AP Scholars
46% students attending US colleges
54% students attending universities abroad

College and University Admission Worldwide – Classes 2011, 2012, 2013:

UNITED STATES	CANADA	EUROPE AND AUSTRALIA
<p>Adelphi College American University [2] Amherst College [2] Babson College Barnard College Beloit College Boston College* [2] Boston University [5] Bowdoin College* Brandeis University [2] Brown University* (2) [3] California Institute of Technology California Institute of the Arts California State University: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo San Francisco State University [4] San Jose State University [4] Chapman University* [6] Claremont McKenna College* Clark University [2] Clarkson University College of Wooster [2] Colorado College Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Columbia University* [3] Cornell University Dartmouth College Drexel University [2] Duke University Emerson College* Fordham University George Mason University George Washington University [2] Georgetown University [3] Harvard College* [2] Harvey Mudd College Hood College Humboldt State University* Ithaca College Kalamazoo College Lawrence University Lehigh University Lewis & Clark College Loyola Marymount University [2] Loyola University Maryland Loyola University New Orleans* [3] Mount Holyoke College [2] New York Institute of Technology New York University [6] Northeastern University [4] Northern Arizona University Northwestern University Oberlin College Occidental College Pace University Princeton University* Rensselaer Polytechnic University [2] Rochester Institute of Technology [2]</p>	<p>Bishop's University [3] Concordia University* (3) [20] H.E.C. Montreal [2] McGill University* (7) [22] Université de Montréal [12] Université de Québec à Montréal Université de Sherbrooke Université Laval [3] University of British Columbia York University</p>	<p>Copenhagen Business School – Denmark* Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas [ESADE] – Spain* Haaga-Helia University – Finland Lomonosov Moscow State University – Russia Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti Milano (NABA) – Italy Università Bocconi – Italy University of Sydney - Australia</p> <p>SWITZERLAND Universitat St. Gallen Ecole Hotellière de Lausanne [2] H.E.C. Lausanne* Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)*</p> <p>FRANCE Ecole de Management de Normandie ESGM [2] EDHEC Paris ESCE Paris ESDES, Lyon ESSCA Paris* ESSEC Business School [2] European Business School, Paris [2] IESEG, Lille* [2] IESEG, Lyons (INSA, Strasbourg* International University of Monaco La Rochelle Ecole de Commerce [3] L'institut supérieur des Arts Appliqués (LISSA), Paris Paris III: Nouvelle Sorbonne* Paris IX: Dauphine Paris VI: Pierre et Marie Curie [3] Reims Management School Sciences Po, Paris* Sciences Po, Reims [2] Université La Rochelle Classes Préparatoires: Lycee Chaptal Lycée Condorcet Lycee Montaigne MEDISUP Sciences Paramédicale [2]</p> <p>UNITED KINGDOM Bath Spa University College European Business School, London King's College London [2] Kingston University [2] Middlesex University Oxford Brookes University University College London [2] University of Cambridge University of Greenwich University of London, Goldsmith's College University of Portsmouth University of Sheffield University of St. Andrews – Scotland [2]</p>
	UNITED STATES [continued]	
	<p>Santa Clara University [3] Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) Simmons College Stanford University* [3] Syracuse University [3] Tufts University [3] Tulane University [2] University of Arizona University of California: Berkeley* [12] Davis [10] Irvine [5] Los Angeles [7] Merced [4] Riverside* (2) [8] San Diego [8] Santa Barbara* (2) [13] Santa Cruz [13] University of Chicago [2] University of Colorado Boulder University of Hawaii-Manoa [2] University of Miami [2] University of New Haven University of Notre Dame* University of Oregon University of Portland University of Redlands University of Rochester University of San Diego [2] University of San Francisco University of Southern California [5] University of the Pacific [3] University of Vermont University of Washington [2] Whittier College [2] Yale University [2]</p>	

*indicates matriculation for the Class of 2013; [#] indicates number admitted for Classes of 2011-2013