

SCHOOLS WITH AN ENGLISH SECTION

As in America, children in France are assigned to public school according to where they live. These schools rarely accept students who lack a solid command of French language. Directors may wave this requirement for younger children. Public schools are free to French citizens and residents. Therefore, with a few notable exceptions, this list is slanted toward the private sector. Once students feel comfortable with the French language, they may wish to consider a local public school.

Public (with international section):

College Cheverus

10-13, rue des Cheverus

33000 Bordeaux, France

Tel +33(0)5 56 48 57 00 Fax : +33(0)5 56 48 72 18

Students aged 11 to 15 accepted

Students begin regular classes at this public school usually after attending an intensive French-as-a-second-language program off-site about 8 blocks away.

The college offers an international American section. It prepares students from a variety of countries to function in French at their appropriate grade levels and integrates them into their normal classes at the first opportunity. This highly challenging and quite effective option best suits hard-working, well-motivated students.

Lycee d'Etat Mixte Francois Magendie

10 rue des Treuils

33074 Bordeaux Cedex

Tel : +33(0)5 57 81 61 50 Fax : +33(0)5 57 81 61 58

Email: contact@magendie.net Students aged 16 to 18 accepted

In the American section program, at the lycee Francois Magendie, students may prepare a Baccalaureat S,ES and L with an international option: Baccalaureat OIB (the "BAC" is a national examination, roughly equivalent in value for universities to both the SAT and Advanced placement tests). True to their international emphasis, the schools offer courses in languages as diverse as Portuguese, Chinese, Russian, Latin and Greek. Courses in American literature, history, and geography (taught by an American) are also available.

Private (primarily British)

Bordeaux international school (BIS)

53, rue de Laseppe

33000 Bordeaux cedex

Tel: +33(0)5 57 87 02 11 Fax : +33(0)5 56 79 00 47

Email: bis@bordeaux-school.com Students aged 2^{1/3} to 18 accepted

BIS takes children from 2 to 5 in Kindergarten, and from 6 to 18 at the primary school and secondary school. Run as a traditional British secondary school, the BIS suits students with little or no knowledge of French who want to continue studying primarily in English. BIS follows the British national curriculum and is generally structured to prepare older students for the British "GCSE" and "A" level exams. It is possible however, for students to prepare for the American SAT, achievement tests, and advanced placement exams on request.

The yearly fees for BIS are approximately \$10,000, but currently do not exceed the post educational allowance. The school has no religious affiliation.

BIS also offers a variety of other part-time and/or summer courses, which might suit a spouse interested in learning French.

L'école privée de l'Assomption (catholic, elementary section)

370, blvd du President Wilson

33000 Bordeaux, cedex

Tel: +33(0)5 56 48 77 77 Fax : +33(0)5 56 81 82 57

Email: assomption.bordeaux@wanadoo.fr Students aged 3 to 11 accepted

This catholic school conforms to French non-sectarian requirements for state schools. Among other French private school in the area, the school is noted for its friendly atmosphere and accommodating teaching staff. It enjoys an excellent academic reputation locally. Recent dependent children have been very pleased with the warm reception and the continued popularity conferred by their American nationality. The teaching staffs and administrators do not seem unduly troubled by the initial start-up difficulties of students adjusting to the French language due to previous experience with children from the consular corps in Bordeaux.

L'école privée de l'Assomption (High school section)

Students aged 16 to 18

The high school program received national coverage in a French magazine as being one of the best high schools (with a boarding unit) in France. Its local reputation is excellent.

College Sainte Clotilde (Junior high school section)

9, rue de Bel-orme
33000 Bordeaux, Cedex
Tel: +33(0)5 56 48 29 06

Email: ste.clotilde1@wanadoo.fr Students aged 12 to 15 accepted

This school has close ties with Assomption School and accepts non-French speaking students who are willing to commit to learning by immersion. The school offers an English bilingual section for French and foreign children who want to maintain or improve their own language.

Saint Joseph de Tivoli

16 avenue Felix Faure
33000 Bordeaux

Tel : +33(0)5 56 08 04 40 Students aged 5 to 18 accepted

Although no American dependents have recently attended this former Jesuit run school, it enjoys an excellent reputation in the community. It also conforms to all state non-sectarian requirements.

Ecole Sainte Marie Grand Lebrun

164 av Charles de Gaulle
33000 Bordeaux

Tel : +33(0)5 56 08 32 13 Fax : +33(0)5 56 02 22 25

Email: smgl@granlebrun.com Students aged 2 to 20 accepted
+2 yrs prep "grandes ecoles"

Grand Lebrun is one of the premier schools in the Bordeaux area. Parents interested in this option should apply, as soon as they are assigned.

This institute offers a French-as-foreign-language program during the regular school year. This program is designed for non-native French speakers who want to acquire a good command of the French language and/or to do further French academic studies in the future (foreign students may also sit for French degrees including the French baccalaureat)

This program concerns beginners (First level) or students with an already substantial knowledge of French (Intermediate level). Students make rapid progress since they are immersed in a French environment. The program includes 8 hours of spoken French, 8 hours of written French and 4 hours of French culture (politics, tourism, French history and literature). Foreign students also have the opportunity to take other course such another foreign language, computer science, sport, art...

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Ecole Saint Genes

160 rue Saint Genes
33000 Bordeaux

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Email: saintgenes@espstgenes.asso.fr Students aged ages 5 to 18 accepted

Site: <http://www.espstgenes.asso.fr>

Saint Genes is another well-regarded Bordeaux school, which accepts pupils from kindergarten through the BAC diploma. It is run by the Christian Brothers order but also conforms to France's non-sectarian requirements.

Ecole Notre Dame Bordeaux

2, rue du Palais Gallien (primary/elementary school)
33000 Bordeaux

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Site: <http://www.notredamebordeaux.com>

The Notre Dame School of Bordeaux is a private school with a new American International Section as of school year 2010-2011. The American Section is open to primary school-ages (CE2, CM1, CM2) and secondary school-ages (6eme/1st year). Primary-level students receive 3 hours of instruction by American teachers per week. Subjects include American literature, civilization and arts. A part of the French history curriculum is also taught in English. Debates and US film viewings are also proposed. Both native French-speaking students and native English-speaking students are welcome to apply. There is a monthly registration fee associated with the section. For more information, interested parents and students are encouraged to contact the school directly.