

Our Philosophy



An independent, French-American bilingual school serving an international community of Maternelle-to-Middle School students in New York City's Flatiron District.

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At The École, we believe that the goal of education is to develop well-informed, well-rounded, responsible, and compassionate—in a word, “enlightened”—students who can create and connect to a world filled with possibilities. This belief is at the heart of our uniquely designed bilingual program, in which students learn to not just speak, read, and write in two languages, but also to think, feel, and act in ways that are informed by two cultures. To always see, explore, and understand the world around them from two perspectives is the gift of the deeply bi-literate student, succinctly captured in our school’s motto, “Light through language.”



Artfully blending the curriculum requirements and pedagogical approaches of the French and American systems, our native-speaking faculty create rich academic environments for a diverse, international student body. From Maternelle through Middle School, students at The École are guided through the core language arts, social studies, math, and science content, as well as character and cultural enrichment, in both French and English, for all subjects. In our intimate classroom settings, or out in New York City’s many artistic and historical institutions, our teachers aspire to provide individual and group bilingual learning opportunities that engage, challenge, inspire—and illuminate.



The Benefits of our Bilingual Program



Agile minds. Open hearts. Bright futures.
#BeyondBilingual

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Agile minds - The École's bilingual program embraces and amplifies the flexibility and fluidity of developing minds, enhancing our young students' innate ability to adapt to changing environments. Immersed, from Maternelle to Middle School, not just in two languages, but in two educational systems, students at The École have the unique opportunity to learn two ways to approach every problem, no matter the subject, giving their growing learning muscles twice the exercise and twice the opportunity to understand. As they progress, they develop the confidence to select and apply those that work best for them, whether in the classroom or out in the world.

Open hearts - Surrounded by classmates of wide-ranging nationalities, connected through their two shared languages, students at The École develop an understanding of themselves and how they fit into the world—an understanding that is shaped by friends and families with experiences and perspectives other than their own. Through these personal connections, they discover how differences make their world more interesting and rewarding and why empathy, respect, and integrity are so important. Together they learn to nurture in themselves and champion in our school community the character of truly caring global citizens.



Bright futures - From the first day of Maternelle to Middle School graduation, we aspire to build our students' excitement about, capacity for, independence in, and success at learning. Over their years at The École, both French and American standardized tests provide opportunities to honor achievements relative to a larger body of students, focus activities around personal growth areas, and map long-term educational plans. The strong performance of our growing alumni community is a source of great pride and proof that The École's unique bilingual program prepares students to both flourish in, and contribute to, the world beyond our school.

Fast Facts



Some key information about The École

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Key People

- Head of School: Jean-Yves Vesseau – JeanYves.Vesseau@theEcole.org
- Director of Admissions: Mireille Desalm – Mireille.Desalm@theEcole.org

Our Dual Curriculum

- French and American Curricula
- Students learn in French and in English
- Certified French and American teachers
- Accredited by the French Ministry of Education
- Choice of Mandarin or Spanish starting in 3rd Grade

Tuition and Fees for the 2022/2023 School Year

- Tuition for Pre-Nursery & Nursery: \$38,400
- Tuition for Pre-K to 8th Grade: \$39,800
- Application/re-enrollment fee: \$300
- One-time initial enrollment fee for Pre-Nursery and Nursery: \$1,000
- One-time Initial enrollment fee for Pre-K-8th Grade: \$3,500
- 20% of our families receive financial aid

Stress-free Admission Process

- Three Steps to apply:
 - Attend an Open House (onsite or online) or take a private tour (onsite or online)
 - Complete your online application
 - Meet our Head of School
- All details: theEcole.org/admissions
- Contact:
Admissions@theEcole.org
Mireille.Desalm@theEcole.org

Two Buildings in the Flatiron District

- 206 Fifth Avenue: Maternelle
- 111 East 22nd Street: Elementary & Middle School

An Intimate School

- 8:1 Student Teacher Ratio
- 250+ students
- Maximum of 20 students per class
- Maximum 2 classes per grade
- 65 faculty and staff

International Community

- 47 different nationalities
- 52% of our students have parents of different nationalities
- 74% of our families are living full time or staying indefinitely in New York

Extracurricular

- After School: 40 activities available
- Fall, Spring, and Summer Camp
- Overseas trips for upper grades

Life After The École



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Impressive placements for impressive students

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When it's time to leave **The École**, our faculty and staff ensure our students and parents are just as clear about the application processes for their schools of choice as they were about ours. We begin working with families before Middle School and take great pride in the acceptances of our alumni to date. Their continued academic performance at prestigious schools, in New York City and abroad is proof that our unique bilingual program prepares students to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the world beyond The École.

New York Private

- Avenues
- Berkeley Carroll
- Birch Wathen Lenox School
- Brooklyn Friends
- Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School
- Convent of the Sacred Heart
- Dwight School
- FASNY – French American School of New York
- Hewitt School
- Horace Mann
- Léman Manhattan
- Little Red School House/ Elisabeth Irwin High School
- Lycée Français de New York
- Packer Collegiate
- UNIS – United Nations International School
- York Preparatory

New York Specialized

- The Bronx High School of Science
- Brooklyn Latin School
- LaGuardia High School of Music and Performing Arts
- Stuyvesant High School

New York Public

- Bard High School Early College
- Baruch High School
- The Clinton School
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Gramercy Arts High School
- High School for Dual Language & Asian Studies
- Hunter College High School
- Marble Hill High School for International Studies
- Millennium High School
- The Museum School
- NYC Lab School for Collaborative Studies
- School of the Future

France

- Lycée International de Saint-Germain-en-Laye
- Collège International de Sèvres
- Ecole Jeannine Manuel
- EIB-Ecole Internationale Bilingue
- Ecole Alsacienne, Paris

Abroad

- L'École Bilingue (London)
- EIFA – Ecole Internationale Franco-anglaise (London)
- Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle (London)
- Lycée Français Victor Hugo de Francfort (Germany)

Brief History & Accreditations



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Founded in 2009. Accredited by the French Ministry of Education.



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- 2009:** The École Internationale de New York is founded by Yves Rivaud and Clyde Javois
- 2011:** Elementary receives accreditation from the French Government (Pre-K through 5th Grade)
- 2013:** Opening of the Middle School
- 2017:** Philippe and Laurence Roux become the benefactors of The École
- 2017:** The École Internationale de New York becomes The École
- 2018:** The École receives accreditation from the French Government for Pre-K through 8th Grade
- 2020:** Jean-Yves Vesseau becomes the Head of School
- 2021:** The École opens its first Pre-Nursery class

Accreditations and Affiliations

Organizations that recognize and support our approach The École works with a number of prestigious national and international organizations to ensure we are aligning with the best and latest thinking on academic and cultural curriculum, leadership and governance, professional development, and student and parent support. Through these networks, we bring worldwide resources to our school and students.

French Ministry of Education

The École has received full accreditation for its Nursery through 8th Grade classes from the French Ministry of Education through its Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE).

Mission Laïque Française

The École is affiliated with the Mission Laïque Française (MLF), an educational institution promoting French language and culture through the education of children. MLF's network reaches across the globe, with 23 affiliated schools in the US.

National Association of Independent Schools

The École is a member of The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), a nonprofit membership association that provides services to more than 1,800 schools and associations of schools in the United States and abroad, including more than 1,500 independent private K-12 schools in the US.

Parents League of New York

The École is a member of The Parents League of New York, a coalition of parents and independent schools founded in 1913 to support families by providing a broad range of educational and parenting resources.

Agency for French Education Abroad

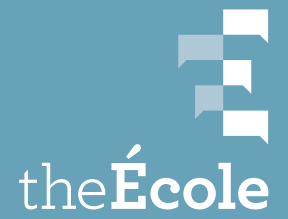
The École is accredited by the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE), from Nursery through 8th Grade. AEFE is a government institution affiliated with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responsible for managing the network of French schools abroad. The École is part of the AEFE network of 535 accredited schools in 139 countries—51 of which are located in the US.

Association of French Schools in North America

The École is a member of the Association of the French Schools in North America (AFSA), a membership organization of French schools in recognized by the French Ministry of Education. AFSA's member schools educate bilingual, bicultural students, whose academic excellence prepares them for entrance to the finest European and North American universities.



Ten Reasons



Why you should choose The École

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1 At The École, we go beyond bilingual. Our students don't simply learn French and English, they learn IN French and English. They follow two curricula for all subjects: a French one (as set out by the French Ministry of Education) and an American one (based on New York and Common Core standards) spending the same amount of time learning in both languages. Thanks to this unique program, when they finish Middle School, our students are perfectly equipped to join a public or private, French, American, or international high school anywhere in the world.

2 The benefits of a bilingual education are proven: from cognitive advantages to increased empathy, bilingual education at The École fosters agile minds and open hearts in our students, paving the way for bright futures. We believe that education includes academics and much more. A successful education means ensuring children become great students and also great people. That is why character education, which goes hand-in-hand with bilingual education, is an integral part of our curriculum.

3 The École offers a high-quality education at a competitive tuition rate compared to other private schools in New York City, without any additional fundraising required from parents during the year. 20% of our families receive financial aid from The École over and above the grants awarded by the French government to some of our French students. The École offers many unique activities and workshops as part of its curriculum at no additional cost, including choir, webradio, theater, 3D printing, design, and many more.

4 The average student-to-teacher ratio at The École is 8:1, as each Maternelle and Elementary class has both a French and an American teacher. This allows for intimate lessons and personalized teaching and learning. We also offer workshops in English or French as a second language (ESL and FLE) in smaller groups still. Our tailored approach empowers our students to succeed at The École and beyond.



5 The École community is close-knit, diverse and international—we like to think of ourselves as a village within the busy metropolis of New York City. We host multiple events throughout the year with a very high level of community engagement. For example, we had a turnout of over 600 people for our Back-to-School Picnic on Randall's Island this year. There is an ongoing dialogue between staff and parents to support and implement actions that support our students, from choosing a lunch provider to tweaking uniform requirements.

6 The École's campus consists of two buildings located in the Flatiron District, on either side of Madison Square Park. The campus is in the heart of the city and easily accessible from all over NYC. Named after the iconic wedge-shaped Flatiron Building, the neighborhood is a dynamic hub for food, shopping, and culture with some of the finest restaurants, stores, and museums in the city all within walking distance of our campus.

7 Students at The École have the use of state-of-the-art facilities throughout the Flatiron neighborhood: the gym and 600+ seat theater at Baruch College, the swimming pool at Asser Levy Recreation Center, the playground at Madison Square Park, and more!

8 The École is growing! The expansion of our 111 East 22nd St. building doubled our square footage, and in 2021-2022 we opened our first Pre-Nursery class. Yet we are committed to the human-size of our school, with limited student numbers per class (max. 12 in Pre-Nursery, 16 in Nursery, 18 in Pre-K, and 20 in all other grades) and no more than two classes per grade.

9 The École is fully accredited for all grades (Nursery–8th Grade) by the French Ministry of Education and the AEFÉ, and there is a constant dialogue between our faculty and the French authorities as we lead advances in bilingual education nationwide. Our dynamic school is led by a first-rate teaching team that holds our students to high standards and never stops broadening the scope of bilingual education. All our teachers are qualified and experienced and most speak at least two languages. Professional development is part of the core values of our school; teachers have the opportunity to attend conferences and training sessions throughout the academic year.

10 In a world that is increasingly centered around technology, The École believes in integrating its use responsibly, balancing traditional skills and new technological developments. Paper media continues to play an important role in daily instruction, and learning how to write in both French cursive and American print is as necessary a skill for our students as learning to type proficiently. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that our students master the tools they'll need in the future—in high school, college, and the workplace.