

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 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 not just to speak, read, and write in two languages but also to think, feel, and act in ways that are informed by two cultures. To see, explore, and understand the world around them from two perspectives is the gift of the deeply bi-literate student.



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, as well as character and cultural enrichment, in both French and English. In our intimate classroom settings or out in New York City's world-class artistic and historical institutions, our teachers aspire to provide individual and group bilingual learning opportunities that engage, challenge, and inspire.



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 the strategies 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 shared languages and cultures, 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, our students 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 others from the school community the character of truly caring global citizens.



Bright futures - From the first day of Maternelle until graduation from Middle School, we aspire to build our students' excitement about, capacity for, independence in, and success at learning. During their time at The École, our students honor their achievements through French and American standardized tests, engage in activities that allow for personal growth, and map long-term educational plans. The strong high school placement and college admissions record of our alumni community is a source of great pride for us and proof that The École's unique bilingual program prepares students to both flourish in and contribute to the world beyond our school.



Some key information about The École

Fast Facts

Key People

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

Two Buildings in the Flatiron District

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

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
- Mandarin and Spanish starting in 3rd Grade

An Intimate School

- 9:1 Student Teacher Ratio
- 320+ students
- Maximum of 18 students per class
- Maximum 2 classes per grade
- 75 faculty and staff

Tuition and Fees for the 2023/2024 School Year

- Tuition for Pre-Nursery & Nursery: \$41,200
- Tuition for Pre-K to 8th Grade: \$42,700
- 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
- 25% of our families receive financial assistance

International Community

- 50+ 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

Stress-free Admission Process

- Three Steps to apply:
 - Attend an Open House 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

Extracurricular

- After School: 65+ activities available
- Clubs: webradio, debate, chorus
- Fall, Spring, and Summer Camp
- Overseas trips for upper grades

Life After The École



Impressive placements for impressive students



Life After The École

When it's time to leave The École at the end of 8th Grade, our high school placement coordinator ensures our students are confident about the application process for their high school of choice. We take great pride in the placements of our alumni to date; their excellent academic performance at prestigious schools in New York City and abroad proves that our unique bilingual program prepares students to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the world beyond The École.

Our High School program, developed in partnership with Léman Manhattan, is an extension of The École's French-American dual curriculum and provides our students with a quasi-automatic enrolment pathway to one of the most prestigious international schools in NYC, whose students are accepted into top-tier universities every year. Students enrolled in the program have the benefit of all the resources Léman has to offer with the added advantage of electives taught in French by The École teachers in 9th and 10th Grade. In 11th and 12th Grade, the program transitions to a bilingual IB diploma program - one of the strongest college preparatory programs in the world.

New York Private

- Avenues
- Berkeley Carroll
- The Beekman School
- 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
- Friends Seminary
- Hewitt School
- Horace Mann
- Léman Manhattan
- Little Red School House/ Elisabeth Irwin High School
- Lycée Français de New York
- Martin Luther School
- Packer Collegiate
- UNIS – United Nations International School
- York Preparatory

New York Specialized

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

New York Public

- Bard High School Early College
- The Clinton School
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Gramercy Arts High School
- High School for Contemporary Arts
- High School for Dual Language & Asian Studies
- Hunter College High School
- Manhattan Village Academy
- Marble Hill High School for International Studies
- Millennium High School
- The Museum School
- NYC Lab School for Collaborative Studies

France

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

Abroad

- L'École Bilingue (London)
 - EIFA – Ecole Internationale Franco-anglaise (London)
 - Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle (London)
 - Lycée Français Victor Hugo de Francfort (Germany)
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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: The École receives accreditation from the French Government for 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

2022: The École opens a high school program in partnership with Léman Manhattan

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 35 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 556 accredited schools in 139 countries—68 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.

