

FRANCE

International & Private Schools

International schools in France generally have smaller class sizes than state schools in France and they may have more extracurricular activities though French schools tend to not have creative activities and sports.

Most of the schools in France are public schools, though there are a few international schools set up by the education authority of the home county and taught in the national language, with some French classes. Some public schools also have an international section which some expatriates find to be a good compromise. For these though the French curriculum is state-funded, some international sections are tuition-based.

France has mostly public schools, but there are some private schools, many of which are religious affiliation schools. There are more private schools in the religious regions of Western and Eastern France, and they are mostly Catholic schools. They get state funding for teachers' salaries, social security and scholarships about 13% of elementary school children attend private school and about 20% of high school students are in private schools.

There are also international sections in French schools and bilingual schools available too, where instruction is given in French and English or some other language like German or Spanish, depending on the school. Bilingual schools sometimes teach using the French syllabi or some international option, like the International Baccalaureate, which allows entry into French universities.

Like many international schools, the hiring opportunities exist through websites, and international school recruiting events. English Language Schools Association ([ELSA](#)) provides an updated list of schools in France that use English as the medium of instruction.

[International School of Nice](#), [American School of Paris](#), [Bordeaux International School](#), [International School of Paris](#) are a few examples of French international schools.