

Extension Primary Program

Maximum Exposure to English

The American School of Paris Extension Program offers a unique experience to English language learners. Our immersion program means maximum exposure to English, starting from the first step that students take onto the beautiful campus. For children, understanding comes through the senses, through hands and eyes and ears. At the American School of Paris Extension Program, we make learning relevant by working on the four language skill areas through art, music, theater, and American culture.

American Philosophy of Teaching and Learning

As a school within the American School of Paris, the Extension Program carries with it the American philosophy of teaching and learning, where the learner is at its very heart. Students learn such skills as collaboration, pair work, and creative thinking. They are challenged to wonder and encouraged to question what they experience. Interactive methods bring language to life and offer multiple opportunities for students to play with it in a variety of contexts.

We ensure that students feel successful from that first step, that they are enthusiastic and positive about learning. We know that children use language skills before they are aware of them and that they understand situations more quickly than they understand the language that is used. This is why we use English immersion as a motivational tool to lay the groundwork for language acquisition. American culture and language thread through the program from the early stages on.

Our rigorous program recognizes the importance of play-based learning in language acquisition, because children love to play and learn best in a nurturing environment when they are enjoying themselves.

“Playing with language is common in first language development and is a very natural stage in the first stages of foreign language learning.”

- W. Scott & L. Ytreberg

Academic Framework for Diverse Learners

Our curriculum provides a framework for progression through the program. It takes into consideration developmental stages and provides for the flexibility necessary to accommodate diverse learners. Our teaching philosophy provides tools that adapt language acquisition to students with learning differences. Students are grouped by grade, from Pre-K to Grade 5, and by proficiency, into four tracks (beginner, intermediate, advanced, and fluent).

Prior to acceptance into the program, new students are evaluated to determine their proficiency level.

Come with us on a journey beyond the classroom. Give your child a unique language experience that begins in the classroom and stretches to where the sidewalk ends.

"Coming to the American School of Paris is like travelling to another country."

~ Extension Program Parent

We pride ourselves on having a team of Anglophone teachers with diverse educational backgrounds who bring experience, creativity, and innovation to our program.

