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The Agency for
French Education
Abroad



FRENCH EDUCATION ABROAD

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THE AGENCY FOR FRENCH EDUCATION ABROAD (AEFE)

A PUBLIC BODY

Founded by the act of 6 July 1990, the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE) is a Public French administrative body under the supervision of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI).

In conjunction with its partners, the AEFE manages and coordinates the network of approved schools, the list of which is determined on an annual basis by a joint ministerial order from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research.

As guarantor of the French education system abroad, the AEFE plays a key role in expanding France's cultural diplomacy and serves to boost the appeal of French higher education.

MANAGEMENT, SUPPORT, ADVICE

The AEFE has two offices in Paris and Nantes and, in conjunction with its partners, it coordinates a network of 494 accredited schools, 88 of which are part of the MLF (French Secular Mission).

As part of its educational cooperation mission, the AEFE is the public operator of two additional programs that are implemented alongside its network of accredited schools:

- **FLAM** (French as a native language): The AEFE provides financial aid to local associations seeking to ensure the French language skills of French children who do not attend an accredited school.
- **LABELFRANCÉDUCATION**: Created in 2012 as part of the development plan for French education abroad, developed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development in conjunction with the French Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, it identifies, recognizes and promotes high-quality foreign schools with national programs that contribute to the development of the French language and Francophone culture.

74

schools
**UNDER DIRECT
MANAGEMENT,**
which are local AEFE
branches

156

JOINTLY OPERATED
AEFE schools that are
managed by associations
or foundations

264

PARTNER
schools



ASSOCIATIONS
supported
in 37 countries

91

SCHOOLS



WITH THE "Label FrancÉducation"

**SEAL OF
APPROVAL**
in 26 countries



ITS MISSIONS

Ensuring the **CONTINUITY OF THE FRENCH PUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICE** for the children of French families living abroad.

Participating in **EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION** by maintaining privileged relations with the culture, language and schools of the host country.

Contributing, through the education of foreign pupils, to **EXPANDING THE INFLUENCE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**.

Granting income based **SCHOLARSHIPS** to French children in the network's schools.



French school of Saarbrücken © AEFE

ITS ACTIONS

Managing all **HUMAN AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT** that is provided by the State for the running of French schools abroad.

RECRUITING, APPOINTING AND REMUNERATING the teaching, coordination, inspection and supervisory staff, who are National Education civil servants.

ASSESSING teachers and their courses, as well as the staff in general.

Managing and supervising **LIFE LONG TRAINING**.

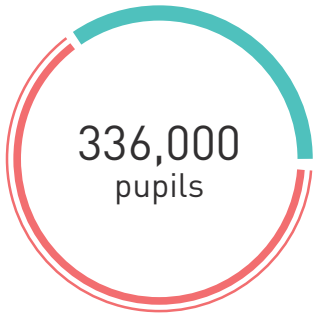
Allocating **SUBSIDIES** to schools for operations, investment, equipment and educational support.

Providing **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE** for French children through the provision of grants.

Providing **GRANTS OF EXCELLENCE** to the best foreign pupils seeking to pursue their studies in France.

THE NETWORK OF FRENCH SCHOOLS ABROAD

A SCHOOL NETWORK THAT IS UNIQUE IN THE WORLD



136 COUNTRIES

494 SCHOOLS

ACCREDITATION OF SCHOOLS: A GUARANTEE OF QUALITY

The accreditation issued by the French Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research certifies the compliance of teaching with the requirements, programs, educational objectives and organizational rules of the French education system.

It allows all pupils from an accredited school to pursue their schooling in any other French school without having to sit for an exam.

The schools are required to periodically justify their compliance with the accreditation criteria (enrollment of both French children and foreign children, preparation of pupils for French exams and diplomas, presence of French tenured staff, etc.).



A targeted
and selective staff
**RECRUITMENT
POLICY**

6,604
**STAFF
ON TRANSFER
STATUS**

from the AEFÉ including:

1,128 expatriates
and **5,476** permanent
residents

14,264
**LOCALLY
RECRUITED STAFF**

3,691
of whom in schools
under direct management

A PRINCIPLE OF CO-FUNDING

For schools within the remit of the AEFÉ, the overall budget for 2015 was \$1.278 billion. It is based on the principle of co-funding: school fees on the one hand and subsidies allocated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development on the other.

France is the only country to have created an education system of this scale, abroad, and it receives significant government funding.



French international high school Rochambeau of Washington © AEFÉ

**AN EFFECTIVE
APPRAISAL
system for staff**

EDUCATIONAL AID

Income based grants are allocated to families to help them fund their children's schooling.

This grant system is reserved for French pupils aged 3 or more, listed in the global registry of French nationals living abroad and attending a French school.

**AN AMBITIOUS
TRAINING PLAN**

2,315
training days within the
framework of regional
training centers



French high school Paul Valéry of Cali © AEFÉ

25,896
pupils receive
a school grant

QUALITY EDUCATION, GUARANTEEING EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

The AEFE provides innovative teaching for the schools in its network, which balances compliance with the programs in place in France and openness towards the language and culture of the host country.

COMMITMENT TO OPENNESS

Taking into account the **DIVERSITY OF THE PUPILS ENROLLED** in the schools.

INTEGRATING FOREIGN PUPILS through specific teaching of the French language.

ADAPTING CERTAIN PROGRAMS to the reality of the host country.

Taking full advantage of the integration of the schools in their host country by developing **PRACTICES**.

MULTILINGUAL TEACHING

Ensuring the **TEACHING AND PROFICIENCY OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE** using innovative methods that are adapted to the specific nature of each target audience.

Teaching **THE HOST COUNTRY LANGUAGE** to French and foreign pupils.

Promoting the **PRACTICE OF ENGLISH** in an international context.

Providing **ENHANCED TEACHING OF MODERN LANGUAGES** beginning in primary school.

EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

The results obtained by pupils in the network bear witness to this excellence: in 2015, **96% PASS RATE FOR THE BACCALAURÉAT**, of which over two-thirds with honors, 21% with first class honors, 13 “best pupil” awards, 6 pupils awarded the national mathematics prize, 5 pupils awarded the national geoscience prize.

Providing pupils with a **COMPLETE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM** encouraging the practice of sport, cultural activities and the teaching of arts.

Promoting the **EDUCATIONAL QUALITY** of the school life of each pupil.

PROVIDING GUIDANCE and the transition towards higher education.

Preparing for **PROGRAMS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**.



THE PLAYERS AND PARTNERS OF FRENCH SCHOOLS ABROAD

PLAYERS AND PARTNERS

Cultural services departments (**SCAC**) work with embassies and the **AEFE** to ensure the implementation of the educational strategy defined by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT representing French nationals abroad (11 deputies and 12 senators) and the **90 councillors representing French expatriates**, elected in June 2014 for 6 years by and among the **442 consular councillors**. They are represented at the management board and at the AEFE national scholarship committee.

PARENTS' associations and the management committees of the network's schools.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES.

MLF (French Secular Mission) recognized public-interest association, is currently (2015-2016) managing **88 schools** (in **41 countries**) which are accredited by the Ministry of National Education, **8 of which are jointly operated** with the AEFE.

THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, in all its various forms.

The National Center for Distance Learning (**CNED**).

The International Center for Educational Studies (**CIEP**).

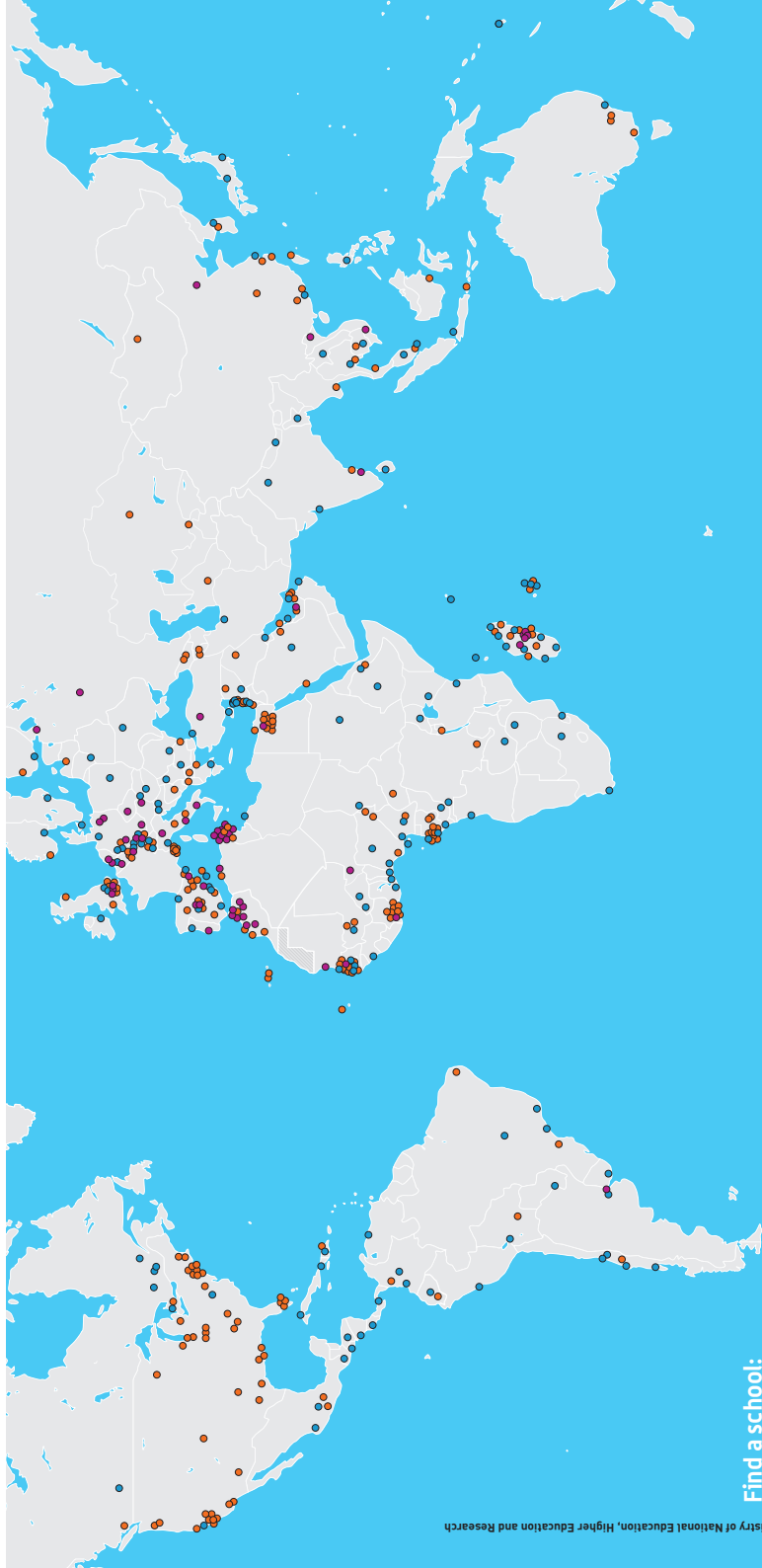
The National Association of French Schools Abroad (**ANEFE**), a recognized public-interest association, is entrusted with the mission of granting French schools abroad government-backed loans for the acquisition, construction or equipping of school premises.

ALFM AND THE NETWORK OF ALUMNI

The ALFM (association of French high school alumni worldwide) brings together over 50 local associations with the main objectives of enhancing, both in France and abroad, the bonds of friendship and solidarity between the alumni; providing support to the alumni in the network in their plans for higher education and international relocation; facilitating the development of professional relations between former pupils and closely involving them in the schools' projects. The alumni network brings together leading figures from all domains: artists, entrepreneurs, politicians, designers and so on. Their success bears witness to the quality of French teaching abroad, for which they are the front-line ambassadors throughout the world.



NETWORK OF FRENCH SCHOOLS ABROAD*



Find a school:



136 countries

494 schools

336,000 pupils

88 of which are part of the French Secular Mission

The schools:



Under direct management



Jointly operated AEFÉ schools



Partners