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SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS

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OUR MISSION:

San Diego French American School offers an exceptional bilingual education within a vibrant international community, preparing students to become confident, responsible, and engaged citizens.

OUR VISION:

Our vision is to be the leader in bilingual and international education in the greater San Diego area, graduating well-rounded, multilingual, academically and socially prepared students who strive for excellence in their endeavors and make positive contributions to society.

OUR 5 CORE VALUES:

Open Mindedness Intellectual Curiosity Integrity Empathy Resilience

SDFAS Policies



SDFAS follows the NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) Principals of Good Practice for Admission to Independent Schools.

SDFAS admits students of any race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial access programs, or athletic and other school-administered programs.

San Diego French-American School values students from diverse backgrounds who will benefit from a challenging bilingual academic curriculum in a multicultural environment.

Admission is open to children starting at 18 months (Toddler), through Grade 8. Qualified applicants are admitted at all grade levels. No prior exposure or knowledge of French is needed for admission.

Preschool & Kindergarten Age Requirements

Toddlers:

Students must be 18 months old to join the PKO class. Students do not need to be potty-trained.

PK0:

Students must be 2 years old to join the PKO class. Students do not need to be potty-trained.

PK1:

Available to students who turn 3 years old prior to December 31st. Students are potty-trained.

PK2:

Available to students who turn 4 years old prior to December 31st.

Kindergarten:

Available to students who turn 5 years old prior to December 31st.

Admissions Timeline



FEBRUARY 1ST

Deadline to submit applications for admissions & financial aid.

EARLY-MID MARCH

Applicants are informed by email of the school's admissions decision.

MARCH 31ST

Accepted Applicants Deadline to Enroll

The Enrollment Agreement must be submitted (with the tuition deposit) before March 31st for the student to be enrolled. Applicants who have been accepted may enroll after the deadline, class size permitting.

APRIL 1ST

Rolling Admissions & Financial Aid Begin

Applications may still be submitted. Accepted students are placed in a waiting pool for classes that have reached capacity.

Admissions Process



Application Submission

With your application, please make sure to include all of the documents in the checklist, with a non-refundable application fee of \$75 payable to SDFAS.

Financial Aid

SDFAS offers tuition assistance to qualified applicants, based entirely on demonstrated financial need. Applications are submitted via School and Student Services (SSS). Please ensure that you have created your account; you will be able to upload supporting documents at a later time (ex: Tax Return). All information is kept confidential.

Application Review Period

You will receive a notification and a receipt of your application. Our Admissions Team will review the application file and will contact you with an update on your child's application status.

Student Readiness Assessment

SDFAS does not require standardized tests to be submitted for admission. Upon receipt & notification of your completed application, the Admissions Office will contact you to schedule a parent/guardian meeting and a student evaluation session. For children ages 18 months through 5, the assessment is a 45-minute play-based session. For those over the age of 5, the friendly assessment encompasses a conversation, and an evaluation in reading, writing, and mathematics.

Enrollment Agreement Submission

Applicants who have been accepted will receive an Enrollment Agreement via email to complete, sign and return to our Admissions Office. A tuition deposit will be due upon signing the agreement, to secure a space for the following school year.

Tuition & Fees



To secure offered enrollment at SDFAS for the 2023-2024 academic year, new families must sign the Enrollment Agreement and submit a non-refundable tuition deposit of \$2,000.

Preschool	
Toddlers (18 months +)	\$22,840
PKO (2 years old)	\$22,840
PK1-PK2 (3 & 4 years old)	\$21,525
Elementary School	
Kindergarten to Fifth Grade	\$23,595
Middle School	
Sixth to Eighth Grade	\$26,575

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Preschool	
PK0 - Five Mornings	\$20,870
PK0 - 3 Full Days, M/W/F	\$18,640
PK0 - 2 Full Days, T/Th	\$14,910
PK1 - Five Mornings	\$20,055

APPLICATION FEE	
One per child	\$75
NEW STUDENT ADM	ISSION FEE
First child	\$1,000
Additional child	\$500
ANNUAL FEES	
Annual fees are non-ref	,

paid each year with the first tuition installment. Annual fees cover the cost of textbooks, classroom & testing materials, insurance, local field trips, and Community Association fee.

Preschool	\$800
Elementary School	\$825
Middle School	\$1,050

Additional grade-level fees may apply (ex: Chromebook program, overnight field trips, etc.). All rates are listed in U.S. dollars.

TUITION PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS

SDFAS offers three plans designed to meet the budgetary needs of our families:

PLAN A: One-time payment of the full tuition due on June 5th, 2023 (\$200 discount)

PLAN B: Two equal installments due on June 5th, 2023 and November 5th, 2023

PLAN C: Ten equal installments due on the 5th of each month, from June 2023 to March 2024 (\$250 administrative fee)

Fluency Transition Program



Our French as a Foreign Language/"Français Langue Étrangère" (F.L.E.) program is based on individual students' needs, and no prior knowledge of French is required. The number of F.L.E. hours will evolve over time, to facilitate the student's transition into regular French classes.

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Grade Level	F.L.E. Cost Per	
K, 1 & 2	\$2,000 Year	
3, 4, & 5	\$3,000	
6 & 7	\$4,000	
8	\$6,000	

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Grade Level	F.L.E. Cost Per
K, 1 & 2	\$1,000 Year
3, 4, & 5	\$1,500
6, 7, & 8	\$2,500

Year 3	
Grade Level	F.L.E. Cost Per
K, 1 & 2	\$1,000 Year
3, 4, & 5	\$1,000
6, 7, & 8	\$1,500

E.S.L. Program



Our English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) program is structure the same manner as our F.L.E. program, and is based on individual students' needs.

	Year 1
Grade Level	E.S.L. Cost Per
K, 1 & 2	\$2,000 Year
3, 4, & 5	\$2,000
6&7	\$2,000
8	\$2,000

	Year 2
Grade Level	E.S.L. Cost Per
K, 1 & 2	\$1,000 Year
3, 4, & 5	\$1,000
6, 7, & 8	\$1,000

	Year 3
Grade Level	E.S.L. Cost Per
K, 1 & 2	\$1,000 Year
3, 4, & 5	\$1,000
6, 7, & 8	\$1,000

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2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

First/Last day of School School Break / No School Mini Days

Personal Checklist

Please complete your application online at: https://sdfaca.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=13068



Submit your online application **before February 1st** with the nonrefundable application fee of \$75; *optional*: create your School and Student Services (SSS) financial aid account before February 1st.



A request for a recommendation letter will be sent directly to your child's current teacher at an email address that you provide. If your child has never attended a school before, please email us at admissions@sdfas.org.



Obtain a copy of the applicant's grades for the current academic year and the report cards for the last two academic years.

Sign the *Transcript Request Form* and submit it to your child's current school. The student's academic file will be sent directly to us.



Scan a copy of the applicant's birth certificate (for US citizens) or copy of a valid passport (for non-US citizens); if applicable, scan a copy of legal custody documentation.