



# American International Section(SIA) and the French International Baccalaureate (BFI)

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## OVERVIEW OF INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMS AT LFS

The French National Curriculum taught in English at LFS falls under the following programs:

**Intensive English program (*Parcours en anglais intensif, PEAI*):**

in 3rd year of Kindergarten (*GS*)

**American International Section (*Section internationale américaine, SIA*):**

From grade 1 (*CP*) of elementary school ~ grade 10 (*2nde*) of high school

**New**

BFI to launch in Grade 11 (*1<sup>ère</sup>*) & 12 (*Terminale*) in 2022 & 2023

Established within the framework of bilateral partnerships between France and foreign countries or organizations representing their educational systems.

US College Board

A **bilingual** and **bicultural** program.

Content and methods based on the American system.

Students are awarded the "International Option" certificate of the Diplôme national du Brevet (DNBi) and the Baccalauréat français internationale (BFI).

[More information](#) (SIA)

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## IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Intensive English Program (*Parcours en anglais intensif, PEAI*):

- Intensive English program for 3rd Year of Kindergarten (GS)
- 5 hours in GS

### 'American International Section' (*Section internationale américaine, SIA*):

- 7 hours in Grade 1 (CP)
- 9 hours in Grades 2 & 3 (CE)
- 10 hours in Grades 4 & 5 (CM)

## **IN SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**from Grades 6 to 10 (6<sup>ème</sup> to 2<sup>nde</sup> )**

- 1,5 - 2 hours of history & geography taught in English
- 4 hours of language and American literature
- 4 hours of core curriculum English language instruction

**A total of 9,5 - 10 hours a week in English**

**Note: students enrolled in the section have +4 or 5 hours of class a week**

## **Grades 11 & 12 (Cycle terminale)**

- 2 hours of history & geography taught in English
- 2 hours of language and American literature
- 2 hours “World Knowledge” (project-based class)
- 3 hours of core curriculum English language instruction

**A total of 9 hours a week in English.**

**Note: Students in the section have 5+ hours in their weekly schedule.**

## Advantages of SIA and the BFI:

- Coherence and continuity from primary through secondary school
- The possibility of pursuing an education in an international section in France and within the network of French Schools Abroad (*AEFE*)
- Ensures international mobility
- Recognized diplomas : International Option of the DNB & Baccalauréat
- **A Baccalaureate diploma with a greater level of recognition among international universities, in Canada and the United States**
- A network of organizations: College Board, French-American Commission (Fulbright), Association of American International Sections



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ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SECTIONS

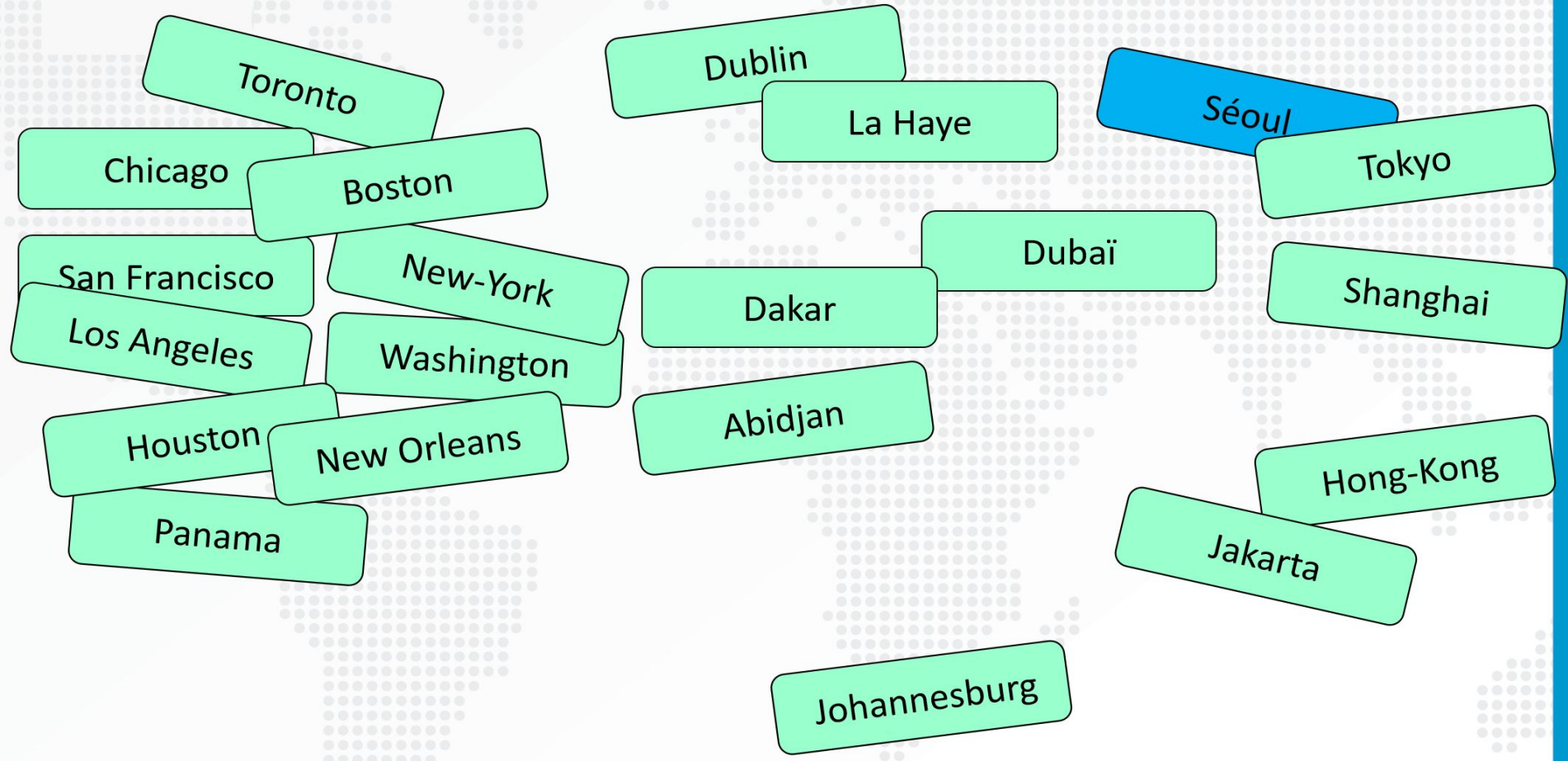
## Students' skills and abilities are developed and strengthened

- Proficiency in two languages
- Broadened literary, historical and geographical knowledge
- Ability to manage a greater workload
- Ability to see the world from diverse perspectives
- Ability to adapt to different methods of teaching
- Ability to respond to higher academic demands
- The opportunity to participate in seminars / exchanges














# American International Section (SIA) within the AEFÉ network



# Ambitious and reinforced language courses for all students

	Parcours Adaptés et Renforcés de langues		Coréen Coréen facultatif	Section internationale américaine SIA		Parcours renforcé d'une seconde langue étrangère au choix		Latin facultatif	Tutorat chinois
									
PS-MS	22 h	3 h	1 h	-	-	-	-	-	-
GS	22 h	3 h	1 h	20h	5 h (PEAI)	-	-	-	-
CP	22 h	3 h	1 h	18 h	7 h	-	-	-	-
CE1	22 h	3 h	1 h	16 h	9 h	-	-	-	-
CE2	20 h	4 h	2 h	15 h	9 h	-	-	-	-
CM1	20 h	4 h	2 h	14 h	10 h	-	-	-	-
CM2	20 h	4 h	2 h	14 h	10 h	-	-	-	-
6 <sup>ème</sup>	22 h	4 h	2 h	20 h	9,5 h	2 h	2 h	-	-
5 <sup>ème</sup>	20 h	4 h	2 h	18 h	9,5 h	2,5 h	2,5 h	2 h	-
4 <sup>ème</sup>	20 h	4 h	2 h	18 h	9,5 h	2,5 h	2,5 h	2 h	-
3 <sup>ème</sup>	20 h	4 h	2 h	18 h	10 h	2,5 h	2,5 h	2 h	-
2 <sup>nde</sup>	22 h	3 h	2 h	22h	9 h	2,5 h	2,5 h	2 h	1 h
1 <sup>ère</sup>	23 h	3 h	2 h	23h	9h	2 h	2 h	2 h	1 h
Terminale	23 h	3 h	2 h	23h	9h	2 h	2 h	2 h	1 h

# Requirements & Preparation for American International Section & the French International Baccalaureate Back-to-school 2022

LFS Elementary, Middle, and High School

## SIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Test content: Entry into primary school SIA classes

There is a test that has written and oral components

The candidate will have 45 minutes for the test which comprises:

- Oral test & listening comprehension test (GS-CM2)
- A dictation component (CP-CM2)
- A passage from a text to be read with comprehension questions (CE1-CM2)
- A creative composition continuing the story of the same passage (CE2-CM2)

Candidates must be able to show speaking ability at a minimum A2 level.

Candidates will be engaged in general conversation about the place of English in their world and their motivation for studying in the international section

## SIA & BFI in SECONDARY SCHOOL

### Prerequisites :

- Minimum required level of proficiency (A2+ - B2+)
- High level of personal motivation
- The ability to work independently
- An interest in learning English through **LITERATURE**
- An interest in **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY**
- The approval of the English language teacher(s)
- **The approval of the pedagogical team**
- **The approval of the Class Council (Conseil de classe)**
- **A grade-appropriate level of French**

### Entrance Tests :

- Cover letter
- Written test (1 - 2 hours)
- Interview (5 - 7 minutes)

## The Cover Letter:

The cover letter is to be written by the candidate explaining their interest in English language & literature as well as history and geography and their motivation for enrolling in the International Section or preparing for the BFI.

**The candidate must show that they understand their responsibility to take on a greater workload in the section, participate actively in class and that they are prepared to meet the challenge.**

The letter may be typed or handwritten.

Length of letter by class:

- CM2 ➤ 6ème: 100 words
- 6ème ➤ 5ème ➤ 4ème: 150 words
- 4ème ➤ 3ème: 200 words
- 3ème ➤ 2nde: 250 words
- 2nde ➤ 1ère: 250 words

CM2 ➤ 6ème : **May 27**

6ème ➤ 5ème ➤ 4ème ➤ 3ème : **June 3**

3ème ➤ 2nde ➤ 1ère : **April 22**

To be emailed to:

[international-section@lfseoul.org](mailto:international-section@lfseoul.org)

## ENTRANCE TEST & INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

### Test & Interview Schedule for current LFS students:

6ème ➤ 5ème ➤ 4ème ➤ 3ème  
*Week of June 13th 2022*

3ème ➤ 2nde ➤ 1ère  
*Week of May 9th 2022*

CM2 ➤ 6ème  
*June 1st & 3rd 2022*

### Test Schedule for new LFS students:

Interviews, entrance tests will take place during the first week of school in September. Detailed schedules to be confirmed at the end of August.

Cover letters should be sent in advance to: [secretariat@lfseoul.org](mailto:secretariat@lfseoul.org)



## SIA in SECONDARY SCHOOL

### Test content: Entry into 6ème

There is a written and an oral test

#### 1. The candidate will have 1 hour for the written test which comprises:

- A passage from a fictional text to be read with comprehension & interpretation questions (20 points)
- A creative composition continuing the story of the same passage (20 points: 10 for content and 10 for language accuracy)

#### 2. The oral test lasts about 5 minutes

Candidates must be able to show speaking ability at a minimum A2+ level.

Candidates will be asked to discuss the content of the entrance test.

Candidates will be engaged in general conversation about the place of English in their world and their motivation for studying in the international section.

## Test content: Entry into 5ème & 4ème

There is a written and an oral test

**1. The candidate will have 1 hour and 15 minutes for the written test which comprises:**

- **A passage from a fictional text to be read with comprehension & interpretation questions (20 points)**
- **A creative composition continuing the story of the same passage (20 points: 10 for content and 10 for language accuracy)**

**2. The oral test lasts about 5 minutes**

Candidates must be able to show speaking ability at a minimum B1 level.

Candidates will be asked to discuss the content of the entrance test.

Candidates will be engaged in general conversation about the place of English in their world and their motivation for studying in the international section.

## Test content: Entry into 3ème

There is a written and an oral test

**1. The candidate will have 1 hour and 30 minutes for the written test which comprises:**

- **A passage from a fictional text to be read with comprehension & interpretation questions (20 points)**
- **A creative composition continuing the story of the same passage (20 points: 10 for content and 10 for language accuracy)**

**2. The oral test lasts about 5 minutes**

Candidates must be able to show speaking ability at a minimum B1+ level.

Candidates will be asked to discuss the content of the entrance test.

Candidates will be engaged in general conversation about the place of English in their world and their motivation for studying in the international section.

## Test content: Entry into 2nde

There is a written and an oral test

### 1. The candidate will have 2 hours for the written test which comprises:

- A passage from a fictional text to be read with comprehension & interpretation questions (20 points)
- A document analysis in History & Geography (20 points)

### 2. The oral test lasts about 7 minutes

Candidates must be able to show speaking ability at a minimum B2 level.

Candidates will be asked to discuss the content of the entrance test.

Candidates will be engaged in general conversation about the place of English in their world and their motivation for studying in the international section.

## Test content: Entry into 1ère

There is a written and an oral test

### 1. The candidate will have 2 hours for the written test which comprises:

- A passage from a fictional text to be read with comprehension & interpretation questions (20 points)
- A document analysis in History & Geography (20 points)

### 2. The oral test lasts about 7 minutes

Candidates must be able to show speaking at a minimum B2+ level.

Candidates will be asked to discuss the content of the entrance test.

Candidates will be engaged in general conversation about the place of English in their world and their motivation for studying in the international section.

## How to help candidates prepare for the test

- Encourage them to **READ** in English regularly
- Encourage them to **DISCUSS** what they've read in English
- Encourage them to **SPEAK** English as often as possible
- Allow them the opportunity to **INTERACT** with native speakers of English
- Have them **WATCH** films & TV shows in English as often as possible
- Have them **LISTEN** to podcasts in English as often as possible
- Ensure that they **WORK** hard at their English lessons in school

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