The School

École Jeannine Manuel is a K-12 non-profit independent co-educational French international bilingual school founded in 1954 with the mission to promote international understanding through the bilingual education of a multicultural community of students. With students of more than 80 different nationalities across campuses, representing every major culture and religious tradition, our school is a truly international community where students learn to live, learn and grow together.

The school’s dedication to academic excellence matches its commitment to cultural diversity. Admission is highly competitive: students are selected on the basis of their strong academic potential, special talents as well as their contribution to the school’s cultural diversity. For the eighth consecutive year, our Paris school is ranked best lycée in France among public and independent schools. Our Lille school, first in its region, is ranked third in France this year.

CURRICULUM
From Kindergarten through 10th grade, all students follow an enriched, bilingual version of the French national curriculum, including Mandarin from 3rd grade, which becomes an elective in 7th grade. In the Upper School, juniors choose between the classic French baccalaureate track, its enhanced bilingual American international option (OIB) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB).

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Paris 2 400
London 560
Lille 950

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Accreditations and Memberships
New this year

The French baccalaureate now stands among international academic currencies: American APs, British A-levels and the IB. Its framework includes a common core and two concentrations. The core, anchored in the values, rigor and critical thinking of the Enlightenment, includes Philosophy, French Literature, History-Geography, two modern languages and experimental sciences, as well as a two-year supervised research project culminating in an oral presentation.

In the American section OIB version of the French baccalaureate, five weekly hours of instruction are added and two core subjects are ‘promoted’ to concentrations, so that OIB students have, in fact, four concentrations: English becomes English Language and Literature and History-Geography, taught both French and in English, is enriched to include a bicultural French-American perspective. Each of these two subjects is assessed, in English, through a four-hour written exam and an oral exam. The College Board recognizes each subject as equivalent to an AP. (In the British OIB, Cambridge International Examinations recognizes these subjects as equivalent to A-levels.)

Covid-19

Our campuses shifted to online instruction on March 17, 2020 and each school implemented an Academic Continuity Plan developed since February. Our Lille and Paris campuses resumed on-site learning on May 12 and May 18, respectively for primary school students, and on June 1 for middle school students. Health and safety protocols meant smaller classes and approximately 50% learning at school for almost all students. Upper School students continued with distance learning through June. In the UK, on-site learning resumed gradually from June 1.

In France and in the UK, the reopening of schools, public or independent, follows government policy and protocols. In-school learning resumed on a full-time basis for all on September 2, 2020 at our schools, albeit with strict protocols, including the wearing of masks from age 11 onward – often earlier.

Grading system

**FRENCH TRACK**
100% of Paris students graduated with honors, including 75% with Very High Honors (mention Très Bien), 18% with High Honors (mention Bien) and 7% with honors. All Paris students are OIB students. The Lille results were similar and, in London, our first graduating cohort will be the class of 2021.

**IB TRACK**
With a 100% pass rate, an average of 36.2 points out of 45, and 26% of the cohort obtaining 40+ points, this year’s results confirm our Paris school’s position at the top of IB World Schools in France, both in terms of cohort size and academic achievement.

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**EXTRACURRICULAR**
- Theatre
- The Yearbook Committee
- The Debate Club
- Model United Nations
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Campus tour
- Fashion show
- Talent show
- Help the homeless
- History club
- Robotic club
- Start up club
- Us for them
- Koh-Ed
- etc...
All École Jeannine Manuel students are college-bound, although each year a few students defer matriculation for one year or take a gap year. Over the past four years, approximately 40% of our graduating class have gone to UK colleges or universities, 15% chose the US, 8% chose Canada, 25% entered the French higher education system, with the rest pursuing their education all over the world. Among students remaining in France, approximately 20% study law, 20% medicine (both undergraduate disciplines in France) and 40% choose to enter a competitive program of Classes Préparatoires (Prépas).