

FRENCH CYPRIOT SCHOOL

English - Greek - French

Nicosia & Limassol

Kindergarten Primary Secondary



Think Global, GROW TRILINGUAL

Think Global, Grow Trilingual is more than a tagline, it's our promise. From preschool onwards, students learn to move confidently between French, Greek and English, while developing the curiosity, academic foundations and openness that today's world demands. They grow locally, thrive internationally, and build the skills to succeed wherever their future takes them.

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Who we are

One school, two cultures, three languages, an ambitious, caring education from age 2 to 18, connected to a strong global network and designed to help every student thrive in a changing world.

At the [French-Cypriot School](#), we educate children from age 2 to the *baccalauréat* with one clear ambition: help every student grow into a confident, curious, open-minded individual, ready for the world.

We are a non-profit school founded in 2012 under a bilateral agreement between France and Cyprus; first established in 1987, supported by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and the French Embassy in Cyprus.

Our teaching follows the French national curriculum and draws on the strengths of both the French and Cypriot systems. From preschool, students learn and live in three languages (French, Greek and English) within an active, caring pedagogy that values play, creativity, discovery and gradual independence.

Academic excellence goes hand in hand with student wellbeing, guidance, and a rich school life. Our results reflect this commitment, with a 100% pass rate in middle and high school final diplomas.

We offer an education rooted in humanist values—equality, critical thinking, cultural diversity and respect—strengthened by the AEFÉ (*French schools abroad agency*) network, which shares these standards worldwide and connects our students to a global community of French international education.

Our story

Our story began in 1987, when the French School of Nicosia opened in the heart of the city, within the Saint Joseph School premises on Saint Maron Street. In 1992, the school became École Française Arthur Rimbaud and signed its first agreement with the AEFE. (French Schools abroad Agency).

A decade later, in 1997, the school marked its 10th anniversary and expanded to include middle and high school classes, supervised by the CNED. By 2007, after 20 years of operation, the foundations of what would become the French-Cypriot School were taking shape.

In 2012, the “[French-Cypriot School](#)” was officially inaugurated. In 2019, it was accredited by the AEFE up to the Baccalauréat (final diploma), confirming its academic continuity through to the end of secondary education.

In 2022, the school opened its Limassol campus, which now welcomes students from preschool (age 2) to Year 6 / CM2 (age 11) and continues to grow, with lower secondary (collège) classes set to follow as the campus expands.



ΕCOLE FRANCO-ΣΥΡΡΙΟΤΕ
ΓΑΛΛΟΚΥΠΡΙΑΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Values

Our values are not a slogan.

They shape everyday life at the [French-Cypriot School](#).

We believe in equality: every student deserves high expectations, fair opportunities, and the support needed to succeed. We stand for humanism: educating the whole child, with respect, empathy and a sense of responsibility toward others. And we celebrate cultural diversity as a strength, because learning in an international environment means learning to listen, to adapt, and to build bridges.

In class and beyond, we foster critical thinking and openmindedness: asking questions, forming opinions, and learning to reason with rigor. We nurture understanding and tolerance, so that differences become a source of curiosity rather than division. And we promote peaceful coexistence, where everyone has a place, a voice, and the confidence to grow.

These values guide our teaching, our relationships, and our community.



Trilingual and multicultural education

At the [French-Cypriot School](#), multilingualism is built from the very start. From preschool, children are introduced to French, Greek and English through a pedagogy rooted in play, projects and everyday communication. With 42 nationalities represented on our two campuses, our international dimension is a lived reality, every day, for every student.





French is the main language of instruction. Alongside it, students develop Greek and English progressively, with language learning becoming more structured as they move through primary and secondary school.

2 language pathways, in line with the agreement between the Cypriot Ministry of Education and the AEFE: Hellenophone (Greek-speaking) / Francophone (French-speaking).

In primary school, this approach supports strong academic foundations while helping pupils communicate across languages, work confidently in an intercultural environment, and develop autonomy and critical thinking.



ELCE (Middle School option)

An enrichment elective in English-language culture (literature, civilisation, current affairs). 2 hours per week using authentic materials and discussion to strengthen language skills, expand cultural references, and develop critical thinking in English.

European English Section

A high school pathway with more English hours and subject teaching in English (e.g., Economics, History-Geography). It builds academic English, argumentation and confidence, and supports applications to selective higher education in France and internationally.



French International Baccalaureate (BFI) : on track for opening

An enhanced pathway within the French Baccalauréat in the last two years of study. It combines the core French curriculum with reinforced linguistic and cultural learning, subject teaching in English (History-Geography and Economics), and a dedicated “World Knowledge” component that broadens students’ perspectives on global issues.

Our language teachers guide students towards recognized international language certifications. For students wishing to broaden their linguistic profile even further, additional languages can also be studied through distance learning (e.g., Arabic, Russian, Italian...).



Kindergarten

A school for life

Preschool is where children learn to love school: to learn, express themselves, socialize, and grow in confidence. We believe every child can succeed: all children are equal at school, able to progress and thrive.

In preschool, children grow in a caring, well-structured environment designed to help them feel safe, confident and ready to learn.

The year is shaped by a rhythm of artistic, cultural, linguistic, musical and sports projects that give meaning to everyday learning.



Children progress through small-group workshops, guided activities and independent exploration, supported by a close adult presence: each teacher works alongside a dedicated preschool assistant.

Because play is essential to development, it remains central indoors and outdoors, in the classroom, the motor skills room and the library.



Early multilingual immersion

Early multilingual immersion means children don't just hear three languages—they start using them quickly and naturally. From preschool, they are introduced to French, Greek and English every day in meaningful situations, and it is always striking to see how fast they develop confidence and integrate into this trilingual environment, moving from one language to another with ease as they grow.



Learning through key experiences

Language: speaking, listening, enriching vocabulary, discovering stories and sounds.

Movement: communicating and understanding through physical activity and motor skills.

Thinking tools: learning to structure ideas, observe, classify, and solve problems.

Arts: expressing emotions and ideas through visual arts, music and creative projects.

Exploring the world: discovering nature, time, space, and everyday life through hands-on activities.



Excellence

«Excellence, for us, means giving every student the strongest academic pathway and the results to prove it.»

Two diplomas, one pathway

All students prepare both the Cypriot Apolytirion and the **French Baccalauréat**, following programmes recognised by both education systems.

Proven results

100% pass rate in the Brevet (middle school diploma) and the Baccalauréat (final diploma).

The strongest route to top higher education

Our graduates move on to prestigious further studies, in France and internationally, supported by structured guidance throughout high school.



EFC SUCCESS

WHERE DO OUR STUDENTS GO?



58% France

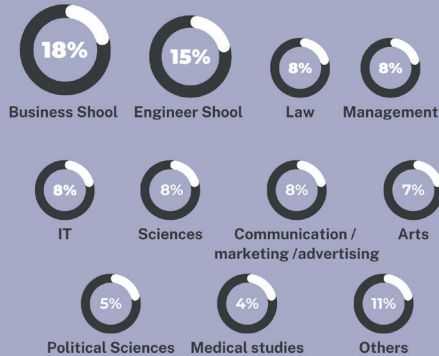
14% Cyprus

8% UK

6% Canada

14% others : Italy, Spain, Lebanon, USA, Belgium...

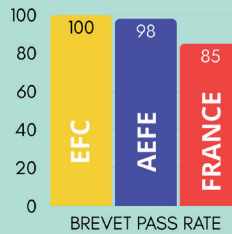
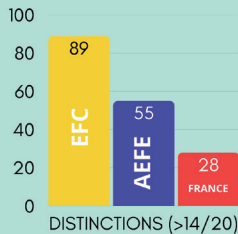
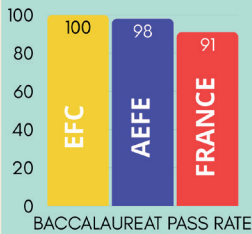
WHAT DO THEY STUDY ?



TOP SCHOOLS

- Polytechnic School
- Sciences Po - Bordeaux
- La Sorbonne University
- INSA
- King's College
- Imperial College
- EDHEC
- Cours Florent

EXAM PASS RATES AND DISTINCTIONS



Strong outcomes, ambitious futures: 100% pass rates and admissions to top schools worldwide.



A strong network

The French-Cypriot School is part of the AEFÉ, the French public agency that coordinates the worldwide network of French education abroad. It brings together 612 schools in 138 countries, educating 400,000+ students of many nationalities. For families who move, it ensures academic continuity from preschool to the Baccalauréat, with shared standards and a strong and recognized educational framework across the world.

It also gives students access to international programmes and cross-network projects, such as ADN Mobilité (international exchanges program in high school) and other cultural initiatives within the network and connects students to a global alumni community.



In Cyprus, our school is rooted in a vibrant French-speaking community.

Through close links with the French Embassy in Cyprus, the Institut Français, the Alliance Française of Limassol, and Nicosie Accueil - Vivre à Chypre (french speaking association in Cyprus) our students benefit from an enriching cultural and community network. These partnerships create concrete opportunities to take part in cultural events, educational initiatives, sports activities and community projects, strengthening students' connection to the French language and to a wider international environment.



Extracurricular life & student engagement

School life at the [French-Cypriot School](#) extends well beyond the classroom. Students build confidence, teamwork and leadership through sport, projects, clubs, trips and artistic practice—supported by a structured framework for student voice and initiative.





Sports

A Sports Association allows students to practice basketball or table tennis. All students take part in cross-country and can represent the school in races and competitions. Students may also access international meetings and tournaments such as the International Youth Games (IJG) and inter-league competitions.



Trips & outings

A programme of trips and outings complements learning by connecting students to culture, nature, heritage and real-world experiences.



Clubs and activities

A varied offer allows students to explore interests and talents: pottery, yoga, chess, crochet, dance, piano, and more.

Student councils: CVC & CVL

In middle school and high school, the CVC and CVL are spaces for dialogue, student expression, proposals and concrete projects that improve daily school life and support collective initiatives, including charity actions.

Choir & Orchestra

Develop artistic expression, discipline and collective achievement, while giving students a strong sense of belonging through performance and shared projects.

Student protection & wellbeing

Student wellbeing is a core priority. We create a safe, respectful environment where students feel listened to, supported, and protected every day.

Anti-bullying policy

A clear prevention approach, with dedicated awareness programmes throughout the year and a focus moment on Anti-Bullying Day.

A defined protocol to identify, report, assess, and address bullying situations quickly and consistently, in close coordination with families.

Support for students with special educational needs

An identified staff member coordinates support for students who require specific accommodations and designs a personalised plan, tailored to each student's needs, and ensures regular follow-up.

This plan is developed and adjusted in close collaboration with the teaching team and families, to be aligned with the student's needs and progress.





Guidance and future pathways

A dedicated teacher oversees high school guidance, supporting students throughout their years in lycée as they shape their academic and career plans. Through regular guidance sessions and targeted activities—such as the Careers Forum (Forum des métiers)—students explore professions, meet professionals, and gain a clear understanding of higher education pathways in France and internationally, so they can enter post-secondary studies with confidence.



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