



## Elementary School Life

A full-time elementary program through grade 6, our curriculum offers a multicultural education taught through the immersion approach. At this level of our program, students learn to read and write in French and are encouraged to speak French exclusively in the classroom. The immersion experience leads children to a more flexible way of thinking, and gives them an appreciation for nuances of meaning. As a result, our students experience success in all subject areas. The areas of concentration below outline the subjects our Elementary Students study. A complete curriculum schedule is available through the school.

### English Language Arts

English Language Arts studies begin in second grade, one period per day. Because the same concepts are taught at an earlier age in the French curriculum than they are in English-speaking schools, English class then becomes a means of confirming concepts and usage, drawing parallels and identifying contrasts. As a result, concepts in language formation are reinforced from both the French and English curriculum and studies, providing children with a steady foundation for language creation.

Our English teacher coordinates closely with the classroom teachers to ensure all content is covered, without duplication. In addition to reading and writing, our English Language Arts content includes: spelling, math terminology, American money, Measurements (British system), long division, U.S. History and Maine history.

### Multimedia

We believe it is vital to expose our children to technological resources where they are age-appropriate. Because we are a French school amidst a predominantly English resource area, online educational resources become invaluable tools for our older elementary students. We endeavor to provide a laptop for each student's use in the upper elementary years, however, computer use is limited to specific projects and acquisition of skills. At L'Ecole Française du Maine, we recognize that our students have access to technology at home and our primary focus is always on personal interaction amongst teachers and students.

### Music Arts and Suzuki

At its inception, the school's vision centered upon the relationship between music education and the immersion process of learning a second language. They are partners in a full education. Though the national trend is to reduce this component of education, we believe that a strong music art curriculum lays the foundation for strong mathematical and scientific intelligence. All grade levels at L'Ecole Française du Maine are immersed in our Music Arts Program, which includes Music Mind Games, the Choral Program and an opportunity for private Suzuki lessons.

**Music Mind Games:** This is a method of teaching music theory and appreciation through non-competitive, imaginative games. Starting in Pre-K, weekly instruction teaches beginning to advanced music theory concepts, including the musical alphabet, intervals, reading rhythms, rhythm math, dictation, the grand staff, musical symbols, tempos, scales, key signatures and chords. Innate in the Music Mind Games method is a duel respect for student's intelligence and the logical organization of music theory.

**Suzuki Program:** The immersion method is Listen and Learn. The Suzuki method is the same. We're proud to work in collaboration with the Maine Suzuki Association to offer our students private, on-site Suzuki lessons in piano, guitar, violin and cello. Parent involvement is encouraged for private lessons.

**Choral Program:** Our school "Chorale," comprised of all students, practices weekly with our Chorus leaders and accompanist. The "Chorale" often performs during our monthly school community events, which are a key component of the music program. These community performances may also include musical pieces from Suzuki students, and general songs, dances and skits.

## **Physical Education**

L'Ecole Française du Maine incorporates the benefits of our natural setting into the fabric of our students' education. The playground and outdoor campus are as much a part of the learning environment as are the indoor classrooms. We put a high value on the play experience and the multiple benefits of daily exercise, and we recognize that the socialization of recess and shared activity teaches important life lessons about respecting and supporting one another.

Throughout the school year, all students participate in activities such as soccer, cross-country skiing, Alpine skiing, snowshoeing, orienteering, yoga, dance, track, mountain biking, YMCA swim program, and of course, recess. Best of all, the surrounding woods and nearby nature preserves and seashore provide opportunities for impromptu explorations.

## **Visual Arts**

Our school views the arts as a fundamental part of cultural and language education. Integrated with the curriculum, visual arts projects and techniques are discovered in concert with what are typically seen as academic subjects.

In the elementary years, our goals are for the children to be capable of expression through a variety of techniques in drawing, as well as in other two- and three-dimensional media. They learn the experience of creating, reflecting upon others' images, exploring the differences and similarities between works, and discussing their personal point of view.

We teach skills such as choosing and mixing materials, mediums and subjects, utilizing the tools available, and synthesizing instructions with personal methods. To put techniques into a historical context, we investigate great works through trips to museums, visiting artists and events in the arts world. We teach the children to look for commonalities and differences between the practical experiences of the classroom and the varied approaches of artists.



# L'Ecole Française du Maine

## Preschool School Life

La Maternelle is the preschool/kindergarten program of L'Ecole Française du Maine. Instruction occurs completely in French, and the curriculum follows the model of the world-renowned Ecoles Maternelles of France. Because we believe the blossoming of each child happens by developing his/her strengths and creativity, La Maternelle combines song, play, art, and movement with structured learning in the classroom. Through activities that challenge and captivate young children, we instill a life-long desire to learn and create.

The areas of concentration below outline the subjects our Maternelle students will study. A detailed curriculum schedule for Petite Section (3 years old), Moyenne Section (4 years old) and Grande Section (Kindergarten) is available through the school.

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### **Physical Education – Gross Motor Development**

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Throughout the school year, all preschool students participate in gross motor development activities daily, such as our YMCA swim program, gym, creative movement/dance, yoga, and of course, recess. Best of all, the surrounding woods and nearby nature preserves and seashore provide opportunities for impromptu explorations.

### **Visual Arts**

Our school views the arts as a fundamental part of cultural and language education. Integrated with the curriculum, visual arts projects and techniques are discovered in concert with what are typically seen as academic subjects.

In La Maternelle, playful hands-on exploration through the visual arts is emphasized. Concepts of colors, black and white, three-dimensional creations, lines, forms, textures and a wide range of media are explored each year with specific educational goals for the progression of their skills. We encourage free creativity without strict guidance, giving children the opportunity for their own discoveries in the context of art.



# L'Ecole Française du Maine

## Advanced Middle and High School After School French Classes

L'Ecole Française du Maine offers Advanced French Classes for its students who wish to keep up their French after completing their immersion education at the School. We offer this class primarily to meet our former school students' needs, to keep challenging them, and to help them reach a higher level of fluency in French. Many of these students were enrolled in our French immersion program for many years or have demonstrated interest in the French language and culture. We also welcome outside students who have had a French experience at some point and who are looking to improve their proficiency in the French language.

The goal of the afterschool program is to provide an opportunity for our graduates and other advanced French students to converse in French on a regular basis, and to keep up with written skills in a fun and challenging atmosphere. Regular attendance will be required to participate and benefit from the program. While there will be much to learn, there will be limited out of classroom assignments. We understand that students will already be carrying full academic loads in their current middle and high schools.

The classes prepare the students for the DELF exams. The Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française (DELF) (English: Diploma in French Studies) is a certification of French-language abilities for non-native speakers of French, administered by the International Centre for French Studies (*Centre international d'études pédagogiques*, or CIEP) for France's Ministry of Education.

### **DELF Exams**

The DELF Exam (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française), designed by the CIEP (Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques), is an official qualification awarded by the French Ministry of Education certifying a level of fluency in French. Such certifications are useful for school records, as well as college and job applications.

### **Scores are valid for life.**

The entire program includes six different units. Each unit leads to an exam and, if successfully passed, to a French diploma. The last levels of the program can give access to French universities without having to take another proficiency test before enrolling in a class.

Typically, French majors in college seek the DELF at the university level, but thanks to their immersion education, our students will be positioned to pass this exam prior to attending university. This is an impressive accomplishment that could exempt the students from foreign language requirements, or allow them to be accepted into higher-level classes sooner than is typical. The institution itself will make the determination, but the DELF will provide the students with an official record of their advanced proficiency in French. Passing the B2/ C1 level should waive language proficiency exam if attending a French higher education institution.

Classes run by 10-week sessions per Semester on Wednesday afternoons: Middle / High School level classes: DELF Preparation from 4:00-5:30. Fees for the course are: \$375 per semester / session.

No classes will be held during the school vacation weeks or on holidays or snow days.

Test fees are in addition to the class fees and are to be determined.





# L'Ecole Française du Maine

## Enrollment Application

### Student Information:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Applying for:  3-Day Early Childhood, Preferred Days: M Tu W Th F  
 4-Day Early Childhood, Preferred Days: M Tu W Th F  
 5-Day Early Childhood  
 5-Day Kindergarten  
 Elementary Grades 1-6

School currently attending (if any) or Previous Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) Spoken by Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks about your child's exposure to another language than his or her own mother tongue: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sibling Information:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

### Family Information:

Mother/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about L'Ecole Française du Maine?

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Why do you wish to have your child attend L'Ecole Française du Maine?

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Additional information or comments about your child:

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Who has financial responsibility for the applicant?

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I/We hereby apply for admission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
to L'Ecole Française du Maine and authorize the school to request and receive confidential information regarding this applicant  
from current or previous schools.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

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Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Please return this application to the school with a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00.**



# L'Ecole Française du Maine

## 2017-2018 Enrollment Contract

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

3-Day Early Childhood  4-Day Early Childhood  5-Day Early Childhood  5-Day Kindergarten

Elementary / Middle School Grades 1-6, Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read this entire contract carefully and return it to the address below.**

**This registration is subject to the following conditions:**

1. I understand that the student must maintain a satisfactory academic performance and meet the School's behavioral expectations through the current school year if they are currently attending EFDM or if they are currently attending another school.
2. I understand that a non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$1,000 is due with the Enrollment Contract which must be returned to EFDM no later than February 17, 2017 for priority reenrollment or March 17, 2017 for first-time enrollment.
3. I agree to pay the tuition and activity fee pursuant to the schedule of payments attached hereto as Exhibit A for the program in which the student is enrolled.
4. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and I accept the terms of the Enrollment Tuition and Fee Payment and Withdrawal Policies of EFDM which are attached hereto as Exhibit B.
5. **I UNDERSTAND THIS IS A FULL-YEAR TUITION COMMITMENT; THERE WILL BE NO RELEASE OF PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS, OR REDUCTION OR REFUND OF TUITION OR FEES FOR WITHDRAWAL, DISENROLLMENT, OR ABSENCE AFTER APRIL 1, 2017 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED EXPRESSLY IN EXHIBIT B.**  
I also understand and agree that in the event of default on any outstanding amounts due under this contract, I will be responsible for the reasonable costs of collections including attorney's fees.

**THE PERSON(S) FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF THIS STUDENT'S EXPENSES MUST SIGN THIS ENROLLMENT CONTRACT. ALL PERSONS SIGNING WILL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR FULL TUITIONS AND OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (INCLUDING ALL EXHIBITS) OF THIS CONTRACT.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# L'Ecole Française du Maine

## Exhibit A: Tuition and Fees for the 2017-2018 School Year

Please see our Tuition Schedule below for amounts. Totals vary, depending on the grade or the number of days enrolled per week. In addition, fees may include YMCA instruction, yearbook, certain field trips and activities. We try to keep tuition as low as possible, as well as consistent with the programs we are offering.

**Tuition is due either paid in full to the school by June 1, 2017 or collected according to the quarterly tuition payment schedule below through FACTS Tuition Management Services.** To enroll in the quarterly payment plan with FACTS, please go to the School's website: [www.efdm.org](http://www.efdm.org). A link to FACTS is found under Admissions- Pay Tuition

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
<p><b>3-Day Early Childhood Program - \$13,000.</b> 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM <b>(Offered only for 2.5 - 3 years old)</b></p>	<p><b>4-Day Early Childhood Program - \$13,500.</b> 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM <b>(Offered only for 2.5 - 4 years old)</b></p>	<p><b>5-Day Early Childhood Program - \$14,500.</b> 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM</p>	<p><b>5-Day Kindergarten Program -\$15,000.</b> 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Elementary Grades 1-6 \$16,000</b> 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM</p>
<p><b>Initial deposit: \$1,000</b> Due at time of enrollment. <b>June 1, 2017:</b> 1st Quarter Payment \$3,000 <b>September 1, 2017:</b> 2nd Quarter Payment \$3,000 Activity Fee \$350 Total: \$3,350 <b>December 1, 2017:</b> 3rd Quarter Payment \$3,000 <b>March 1, 2018:</b> 4th Quarter Payment \$3,000</p>	<p><b>Initial deposit: \$1,000</b> Due at time of enrollment. <b>June 1, 2017:</b> 1st Quarter Payment \$3,125 <b>September 1, 2017:</b> 2nd Quarter Payment \$3,125 Activity Fee \$350 Total: \$3,475 <b>December 1, 2017:</b> 3rd Quarter Payment \$3,125 <b>March 1, 2018:</b> 4th Quarter Payment \$3,125</p>	<p><b>Initial deposit: \$1,000</b> Due at time of enrollment. <b>June 1, 2017:</b> 1st Quarter Payment \$3,375 <b>September 1, 2017:</b> 2nd Quarter Payment \$3,375 Activity Fee \$350 Total: \$3,725 <b>December 1, 2017:</b> 3rd Quarter Payment \$3,375 <b>March 1, 2018:</b> 4th Quarter Payment \$3,375</p>	<p><b>Initial deposit: \$1,000</b> Due at time of enrollment. <b>June 1, 2017:</b> 1st Quarter Payment \$3,500 <b>September 1, 2017:</b> 2nd Quarter Payment \$3,500 Activity Fee \$350 Total: \$3,850 <b>December 1, 2017:</b> 3rd Quarter Payment \$3,500 <b>March 1, 2018:</b> 4th Quarter Payment \$3,500</p>	<p><b>Initial deposit: \$1,000</b> Due at time of enrollment. <b>June 1, 2017:</b> 1st Quarter Payment \$3,750 <b>September 1, 2017:</b> 2nd Quarter Payment \$3,750 Activity Fee \$350 Total: \$4,100 <b>December 1, 2017:</b> 3rd Quarter Payment \$3,750 <b>March 1, 2018:</b> 4th Quarter Payment \$3,750</p>

### Additional Fees

Please note: An annual activity fee of \$350 is due with the September tuition payment.

Private Suzuki lessons in piano, violin, cello and classical guitar are available on site and are payable directly to the teacher.

Fees for swim lessons at the YMCA are collected by the School in September.



# L'Ecole Française du Maine

## Exhibit B: Enrollment, Tuition and Fee Payment and Withdrawal Policies

### 1. Terms of Enrollment

- A. If you are seeking to reenroll your child, such reenrollment is conditional upon payment by March 1, 2017 of all outstanding balances due and owing to EFDM.
- B. Students whose accounts for the 2016-2017 school year are not paid in full will not be permitted to return in September 2017.
- C. A student may not begin classes in September 2017 unless an enrollment contract for the 2017-2018 school year has been received along with the non-refundable deposit and the payments for tuition and fees as set forth in Exhibit A.
- D. EFDM reserves the right to require payment of the tuition in full before the student starts school in September 2017 when EFDM decides, at its sole discretion, there is an unacceptable risk to the School of not receiving payment.

### 2. Withdrawal Policy

- A. Students may be withdrawn on or before April 1, 2017 without further financial obligation except for the non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$1000. After April 1, 2017 the parent(s)/guardian shall be unconditionally obligated to pay the full tuition for the 2017-18 school year.
- B. New students enrolled at EFDM for the first time after March 1, 2017 may be withdrawn within ten (10) days from the date the enrollment contract is received by EFDM without further financial obligation except for the non-refundable enrollment deposit of \$1000 provided EFDM receives the notice of withdrawal within the ten day period. After this ten (10) day period the parent(s)/guardian shall be unconditionally obligated to pay the full tuition for the 2017-2018 school year.
- C. Enrollment contract obligations to pay tuition and/or fees are not conditional on the enrollment at EFDM in any specific program or in the school as a whole. EFDM does not have a duty to mitigate its damages under the Enrollment Contract.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students: L'Ecole Française du Maine admits students of any race, color, 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, sexual orientation, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.