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EFIS

Ecole Française Internationale de Skopje
Француско Интернационално Училиште

A MULTILINGUAL AND INTERCULTURAL FRENCH EDUCATION

WHY EFI SKOPJE?

Recognized for its educational philosophy, **EFIS** is one of the most prestigious French schools in Macedonia combining high standards of education and the well-being of our students.

Choosing to join our school means choosing an **international education** in which French educational excellence is honored. The teaching programs are guaranteed by the partnership with the **AEFE** and the pedagogical approach allows our students to gravitate toward success.

Indeed, EFIS offers a multilingual curriculum from kindergarten onwards where lessons are given in three languages: **French/English (bilingual system) and Macedonian**. The school's mission is to help students develop with self-confidence and respect for others. This is achieved through a pedagogical organization adapted to the needs of our students and the requirements of the programs.

5 GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE EFIS

1 A French education of excellence

2 An international education

3 A personalized support

4 A fulfilling education

5 A global learning networks

"EFIS offers the opportunity for your children to acquire the values of respect, solidarity, open-mindedness, and a taste for effort. In addition to this, we strive for excellence which will enable your children to obtain future French diplomas recognized throughout the world.

Kindness, high standards, excellence: fostering the conditions for the success and fulfillment of all our students, without exception, remains the foundation of our action to make them future citizens of the world, free, fulfilled, and enlightened"



Pierre GIMENEZ
EFIS Director

OUR SCHOOL

Founded in 1999, the French International School of Skopje, today welcomes 96 students from kindergarten to high school.

The school has an ideal location in an urban environment, close to the center of the city of Skopje, in the district of Karposh where all the international schools of Macedonia are located, and which offers an environment conducive to the learning and development of everyone. The campus is steeped in history and today is full of innovative facilities and equipment.

With its dynamic and committed teaching staff, the school aims to offer each student solid knowledge and skills and education open to Europe and the world.

It contributes to the dissemination of French and international language and culture in a secular, multilingual, and intercultural educational framework.

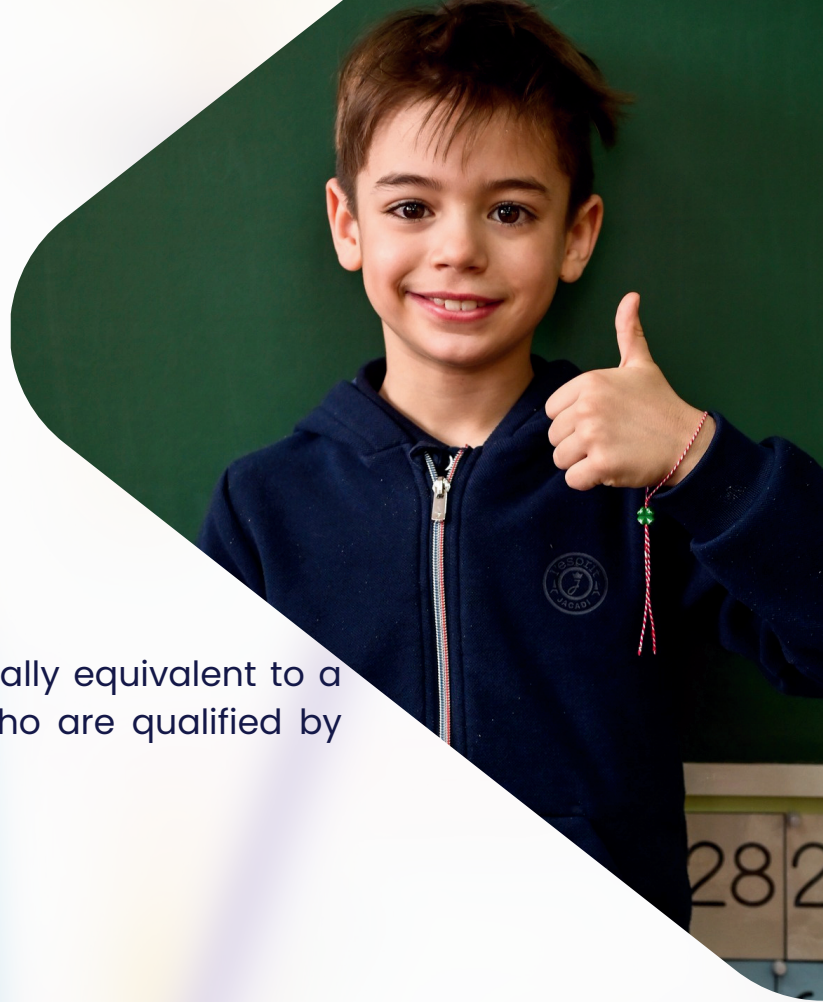
EFIS is accredited by the French Ministry of Education up to the middle school level.

Therefore, all EFIS students can continue their education in an ODYSSEY school abroad or in the AEFÉ's worldwide network without an entrance exam.



EDUCATIONAL PATTERN

Our school offers an education that is totally equivalent to a school in France, assured by teachers who are qualified by the French Ministry of National Education.



1. An international school

The school is open to all nationalities, regardless of whether their mother language is French or not. This very international environment makes the students aware of the world and its diversity.

2. An innovative pedagogical approach

EFIS offers its students an education that combines the "best of both worlds", i.e. education that combines French-style teaching with the strengths of international schooling. Our teachers use methods that are based on personalization and active pedagogy.

3. Multilingual education

English and Macedonian are taught at EFIS from kindergarten for two hours per week. From primary school, students at EFIS have 3 hours of English and 3 hours of the local language (Macedonian or Albanian). At this point, students have a more systemic approach to the language studied.

PEDAGOGICAL PROGRAM

From preschool through high school, our students receive a rigorous education that follows the curriculum established by the French Ministry of Education, leading to the "Diplôme national du brevet".

It currently has 96 students aged 2 to 15, representing several nationalities (Macedonian, French, Belgian, Swiss, American, Italian, Greek, Spanish, and Ukrainian).

Kindergarten

The early learning cycle

Class/French grade	Age	School Year 23/24	School Year 24/25
Pre-kindergarten	1,5 to 3 years	Children born in 2021	Children born in 2022
Petite Section	3 to 4 years	Children born in 2020	Children born in 2021
Moyenne Section	4 to 5 years	Children born in 2019	Children born in 2020
Grande Section	5 to 6 years	Children born in 2018	Children born in 2019



Kindergarten prepares children for the basic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Its essential objectives are socialization, the establishment of language, numbers and graphic gestures, the development of sensitivity, and the personality of each student. Its methods favor manipulation, discovery, and experimentation in various fields: artistic, cultural, physical, and scientific.

Kindergarten is based on a pedagogical approach, rather than a social or hygienic one. It is the stage of early learning that will allow students to build a solid foundation that will be extended in elementary classes and that will allow students to become trilingual at the end of elementary education.

It has a teaching program (curriculum) defined by the Ministry of National Education in preparation for elementary school where one learns to "become a student" and to develop and structure one's language (oral in priority, but also to enter the written word, to think about the world and to begin to analyze language).

The French kindergarten programs are developed around **5 areas/disciplines:**

- 1 Mobilize language in all its dimensions (both oral and written)**
- 2 Act, express themselves, and understand through physical activities (sports, games...)**
- 3 Act, express themselves, and understand through artistic activities (painting, drawing...)**
- 4 Build the first tools to structure their thinking (counting, comparing, organizing...)**
- 5 Explore the world (discovering science, the passing of time, the world around us...)**



Elementary School

Basic learning cycle from 1st Grade to 3rd Grade

Consolidation cycle from 4th Grade to 6th Grade

Class	Age
1st Grade	6 to 7 years old
2nd Grade	7 to 8 years old
3rd Grade	8 to 9 years old
4th Grade	9 to 10 years old
5th Grade	10 to 11 years old

The programs are national and compulsory for all students.

The school considers the plurality and diversity of each student's aptitudes. In addition to reasoning and intellectual reflection, the sense of observation, the taste for experimentation, sensitivity, motor skills, and creative imagination are developed.

The teaching is done in French in accordance with the French National Education programs, but from the primary cycle onwards, the teaching of contemporary languages is a priority, to give the students, from their earliest years, the keys to the international environment in which they evolve.

Thus, students are required to have 3 hours of Macedonian or Albanian language classes per week, starting in the first grade, taught by a native Macedonian or Albanian teacher. From the middle section onwards, English is added, which is practiced uninterruptedly until the end of the school year.



The learning areas are based on:

- 1 French
- 2 Mathematics
- 3 Modern languages
- 4 Physical education and sports
- 5 Art education
- 6 Moral and civic education
- 7 History and geography
- 8 Science

In addition, we have introduced **FLE groups** (linguistic support for teaching French as a foreign language), which are intended to give local mother-language students a gradual start to French language immersion.

Indeed, deprived of their mother tongue and the reassuring references of their cultural environment, children, plunged into a linguistically foreign world, can be strongly destabilized, and find themselves in a situation of failure. Hence the implementation of the FLE program, involves the intervention of a bilingual teacher, in support of the class teacher.



Middle school

Advanced cycle from 7th to 9th grade

Class	Age
6th Grade	11 to 12 years old
5th Grade	12 to 13 years old
4th Grade	13 to 14 years old
3th Grade	14 to 15 years old



The purpose of middle school is to reinforce the acquisition of fundamental knowledge by combining theoretical and practical learning while considering the specificities of each student to allow for the success of all. Our goal is to provide students with new skills adapted to today's world and to make middle school a place of fulfillment and citizenship building, a community where individual experience and collective activity are privileged.

It brings together five areas of expertise:

- 1. Language for reflection and communication** (French, foreign and local languages, mathematical language...)
- 2. Methods and tools for learning** (digital tools, projects, organization...)
- 3. The development of the individual and the citizen** (ethical development, life in society, responsibility...)
- 4. Natural systems and technical systems** (science, curiosity, problem-solving...)
- 5. Representations of the world and human activity** (history, culture, geography...)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Daycare



The daycare is open from 7:30 am to 8:30 am (beginning of classes) and from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm (after classes).

School transport



The EFIS offers school transport.

School Canteen



The school allows all students to eat in the school restaurant. The EFIS offers the possibility of:

- Breakfast every morning at 8 a.m.
- A lunch consisting of salad or soup and a main dish and dessert

Extra curricular activities



The EFIS offers extracurricular activities.

Holiday Camps



A leisure center is offered during the school holidays.

During the school holidays, our educational teams create and develop sessions. The sessions are in French or Macedonian Language.

The activities offered to depend on the numbers and the season to be done either indoors or outdoors.

APPLICATIONS

Application process

The school welcomes students of all nationalities by the rules governing French schools abroad.

LA PROCÉDURE DE L'ADMISSION COMPREND 3 ÉTAPES:



1. Processing of the application & pedagogical interview

Once the application is submitted and processed by the admissions department, an educational interview will be scheduled for your application within 5 working days.



2. Admission decision

The admission committee will notify you by email of your child's admission within 2 - 3 days and additional documents will be requested.



3. Payment of tuition fees

Once we have confirmed your admission, we invite you to pay the first registration fee. The first registration fee is 300 €. In case of withdrawal, the 1st registration fee will not be refunded. Your child's final registration will be confirmed by email within 7 days of payment.

Admission is confirmed only after the first registration fee has been paid.



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