



FRENCH STREAM Assessment Format

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No preparation needed



At FIS, we have designed our assessments to be as stress-free as possible. Our aim is to get to know students and understand how they learn. We do not hold formal interviews. Our team is on hand to encourage and support children throughout the assessment and to put them at ease.

The dedicated assessment team will determine whether applicants are a good fit for the curriculum as well as whether they have any specific needs and to what extent the school can meet them.

We will assess applicants' ability to understand the school curriculum, taking into account their age, their academic results (where relevant) and their potential to thrive in and contribute to the school's diverse international community.

Entry requirements & expectations



We do not normally ask applicants for the French stream to sit an assessment. However, a test may be required for students who have not attended a French state school or a school in the AEFE (Agency for French Education Abroad) network, so that we can place them in the correct year group.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY

We ask parents to explain why they would like their children to enrol in the French stream. We ask children to express themselves through various activities (artistic, fun and recreational) with an assessor. The format is adapted to suit the child's age and we assess their abilities in speaking, listening, reading, writing in French and mathematics (numbers, arithmetic and geometry). Since French is the language of instruction, we offer tailored courses to help with language acquisition and make the transition to the French Stream easier. However, from 6ème onwards, a good command of French is essential.

ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT FOR SECONDARY

To successfully continue their schooling, students must have the knowledge and skills defined in the common curriculum set by the French Ministry of Education. Since the primary language of instruction is French, proficiency in French is essential. We are looking for well-rounded individuals who want to develop their critical thinking and decision-making skills and form their own opinions.

Assessment format for Early Years classes (PS/MS/GS)

- For non-French children, an interview of the parents and the registered child will be conducted with the Deputy Director of the campus lasting approximately 30 minutes
- A reference form completed by the school in which the child is currently enrolled may also be required
- For all future PS, MS and GS students, an observation session in the classroom will be organised in May/June. Your child will participate in various activities in French and English, with the opportunity to interact with the teaching staff. Future students who are not yet in Hong Kong will be met during the pre-school meetings in the same format.

Assessment format for Primary classes (CP - CM2)

Approximate time: 1 hour one-to-one
assessment

- Written and oral assessment in French with opportunities to talk with the assessment team
- Assessment of applicants' ability to read and understand a document, write a text, solve a problem, demonstrate creativity (through idea generation, art or drawing) and explain their reasoning
- A reference form completed by the school in which the child is currently enrolled may also be required
- For non-French students, an interview of the parents and the registered child with the Deputy Director of the campus may be required

Assessment format for Secondary classes (6ème - 1ère)

*Due to the recent reform of the French Baccalauréat, students who have not attended a French state school or a school in the AEFE (Agency for French Education Abroad) network cannot enter directly into Terminale, as their results from Première need to be taken into account.

Approximate time:

- **Entry in 6ème, 5ème, 4ème** : 1.5 hours
- **Entry in 3ème**: 2 hours
- **Entry in 2nde, 1ère**: 2.5 hours

Age-appropriate written and oral assessment :

- **Entry in 6ème, 5ème and 4ème** : French language skills, mathematics and English
- **Entry in 3ème and 2nde** : French language skills, mathematics, English and history & geography
- **Entry in 1ère** : French language skills and specialty courses

A meeting between the applicant, parents and the campus head or deputy head may be arranged in order to discuss the applicant's strengths, interests and aspirations.

Fees, required documents



FEES

- HK\$1,000 per assessment
- Non refundable, non-transferable regardless of outcome.
- Must be paid before the assessment day
- The assessment fee is only valid for one school year. If an applicant does not receive an offer of admission and applies for the following year, the fee must be paid again if invited for an assessment.

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE BEFORE THE ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENT

- Applicant's Hong Kong Permanent ID or passport.
- Two latest school reports (if available).
- FIS Educational Details form & Reference Form (if required), complete with current teacher's contact details.
- Assessment fee payment receipt.
- Parents and legal guardians confirm that all information provided by them or on their behalf to FIS relating to the admissions process is true and accurate. FIS reserves the right to cancel a student's place or offer of admission if any information provided turns out to be incorrect or misleads the school, or if information was deliberately omitted or withheld at any stage in the admissions process.

Other details



NO GUARANTEE OF INVITATION FOR ASSESSMENT

- We aim to meet with as many applicants as possible during the assessment period. However, while we guarantee assessment for siblings and debenture holders, the large number of applications we receive means we are unable to invite all applicants to an assessment.
- When a place becomes available, FIS will contact parents by email. If they do not reply, the applicant will be removed from the application list or waitpool and the place will be offered to another applicant.
- If you have not received an invitation for assessment, we will automatically defer the application to the following school year. However, if a place becomes available in the second or third term, we will contact applicants according to the waiting list priority system in place.

INVITATION FOR ASSESSMENT FROM ABROAD

- All admissions assessments take place on our campuses in Hong Kong. If your child is asked to sit an assessment but you do not expect to arrive in Hong Kong before the year begins, please contact the admissions team to discuss your options.

PRIVACY POLICY

- Any notes taken as part of the assessment are kept confidential. They remain the property of FIS and will not be released to any third party. No examples of assessment activities are available.

Have a question ?
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