



International School Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

(For IO & DA Staffs only)

Overview

The International School Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur was founded for the children of ITER employees as part of France's obligations under the ITER Agreement. It is a French public school with multiple language sections based on the French education system.

The School comprises: Kindergarten and Elementary school (*Maternelle* and *Primaire*), Middle school (*College*) and Secondary/high school (*Lycée*).

Since its opening in September 2007, the International School PACA enrolls most children from ITER families, as well as many local children, in a bilingual educational program; 51% of students are from ITER families and 49% from the local area.

Enrolment is currently around 700, representing 41 nationalities.

Age	Degree	Level	Classe		
3	1st Degree	Nursery School ("Ecole Maternelle")	Petite Section (PS)		
4			Moyenne section (MS)		
5			Grande Section (GS)		
6		Elementary School ("Ecole Elementaire")	Cours Préparatoire (CP)		
7			Cours Élémentaire 1ère année (CE1)		
8			Cours Élémentaire 2ème année (CE2)		
9			Cours Moyen 1ère année (CM1)		
10			Cours Moyen 2ème année (CM2)		
11		2nd Degree	Junior High School ("Collège")	6ème	S1
12				5ème	S2
13	4ème			S3	
14	3ème			S4	
15	Senior High School ("Lycée")		2nde	S5	
16			1ère	S6	
17			Terminale	S7	

Pedagogical approaches

In the Elementary school classes are taught 50% in French and 50% in the second (native) language. At the Middle school level (*College*), student may opt to continue this approach towards one of several French international baccalaureate degrees (see below) or, with sufficient competence in English, may choose the European baccalaureate track, where 80% of the coursework is taught in English.

Presently, six language sections are offered: **English, German, Spanish, Italian, Chinese and Japanese.**

If the student's native language is not offered, parents may choose either English or another language in which the child has competence.

Baccalaureate Degrees

Baccalaureate International Option

Students of the International Sections English, Italian, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese.

Abibac

students from the International Section German

Bachibac

students from the International Section Spanish

European Baccalaureate

students to European education

Teaching Staff

Around 100 teachers from 16 countries provide teaching in the school. They meet requirements in terms of skills and cultural and linguistic criteria of French education ministry.

Extracurricular activities from the City of Manosque

- **Daycare service** is offered at the International School before and after the school day to children in the nursery and primary sections. This service is from 7:30 to 8:15 AM and from 4:40 to 6:15 PM. There are two specifically designated rooms where the children can participate in extracurricular and recreational activities, as well as play outside in the Elementary school courtyard, weather permitting. This daycare service is managed by the Town Hall of Manosque in collaboration with the school.
- **TAPs (Temps Activites Periscolaires):** One afternoon per week, the city of Manosque organizes extracurricular activities from 14:30 to 16:30 (Tuesday for 2016-2017). The activities fall into three major categories: creativity and discovery, childhood development and sports, books and games. Participation is optional.

Admission rules effective from May 2015:

The International school formally undertakes to admit all children of the ITER Organization staff.

In agreement with the Director of the School, the IO is responsible to decide upon the eligibility of ITER Rights Holders to ISPACA, and the issuance of the required certificate. In case of eligibility, the child(ren) concerned are accepted by the School **at any period of the year**.

The curriculum must be taught in two working languages, French and the language of the chosen language section; the students must be able to follow the curriculum in the non-French language section for which they have applied. These conditions will respect the educational needs for both the student as an individual and the group as a whole.

Enrolment is subject to passing a language test in the section applied for.

If the student cannot be admitted in his/her mother tongue language section or for a language he/she masters at a level corresponding to the requirements set by the academic organization, and if he/she possesses the required abilities to follow a French education, he/she will be directed to another school establishment near his/her place of residence in France, in compliance with the applicable terms of French common law. If he/she does not possess the abilities to follow a French education, he/she will be admitted to the International School, in principle, in the English section.

For more detail of ITER right holder certificate, please contact
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www.ac-aix-marseille.fr

www.education.gouv.fr

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www.cg04.fr

www.regionpaca.fr

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