

# FRANCE HIGHSCHOOL



**Euro** Languages

## THE SCHOOL

In all cases you will go to school five days a week, except in some schools where they have one half day. Lessons start around 8:30 in the morning and finish by 16:30, depending on the school. The school year starts at the beginning of September. Fall term is from September until December and spring semester from January until June.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full application
- Good health
- Good knowledge of French
- Good grades

## THE CULTURE

Prepare to be awestruck by the timeless beauty of art and architecture that adorn the cities and towns. Paris, a living art gallery, showcases a breath taking array of cultural and architectural styles, each reflecting a different chapter in the nation's history. Marvel at the soaring Gothic cathedrals that touch the heavens, their majestic spires reaching for the divine.

## HOST FAMILY

Most host families live in small communities near a bigger city or town. Host families in France are voluntarily hosting a student. French towns are very picturesque and often feel somewhat small compared to other European cities. Many host parents work, therefore the students should be mature enough to prepare their own lunch or warm up food. Normally the family eats together in the evening.

## SPORTS

In schools you can join sport activities, and for students with an interest in music, different musical activities are offered. Every school arranges trips, sport or cultural and language activities. The trips are a lot of fun to take part in, but not included in the programme fee.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All exchange students to Ireland are invited to participate in several excursions during the year. The excursions give students the opportunity to make friends from all over the world while experiencing new and exciting parts of the country. The excursions vary from year to year, e.g. a visit to the south of France and the prices depend on what is included. Information and invitations will be sent by WhatsApp after arrival in the host country.

## COUNTRY INFORMATION

France, in Western Europe, encompasses medieval cities, alpine villages and Mediterranean beaches. Paris, its capital, is famed for its fashion houses, classical art museums including the Louvre and monuments like the Eiffel Tower. The country is also renowned for its wines and sophisticated cuisine. Lascaux's ancient cave drawings, Lyon's Roman theater and the vast Palace of Versailles attest to its rich history.

**Area:**  
70,273 square kilometres

**Population:**  
Approximately 5.2 million

**Capital:**  
Dublin

**Language:** English

**National holiday:**  
17th February



**Age criteria:**  
14-18 years old

**Starting months:**  
January / August

**Language requirements:**  
Good French Skills.

**Visa:**  
Mandatory - if outside EU  
- extra fees apply

**Area choice:**  
No

**Preparation course:**  
Arrival camp

**School year:**  
September - June

**School day:**  
8:30 - 16:30

**Subjects:**  
Mandatory and optional subjects

**Grades:**  
Not guaranteed

**Optional trips:**  
Options to join trips during the year