



FASRI welcomes non-French speaking children up to and including Kindergarten. From 1st Grade and up, FASRI accepts children from accredited French schools only.

Parents/guardians who wish to apply for admission to FASRI should:

1. Complete an application form and return it with a \$75 non-refundable application fee by January 31.
2. Schedule a parent meeting with the Director of Admissions (can be combined with a school tour when possible).
3. Schedule a student evaluation.
4. For Preschool, Pre-K and K applicants: where applicable, FASRI requires the child's current preschool or daycare program to complete an evaluation form (provided by FASRI) to be returned by February 28. For G1-8 applicants: provide a copy of the last three report cards from the current school. All relevant materials must be received by FASRI by February 28 at the latest. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Admissions Committee.
5. Upon notification of acceptance in mid March, first time registration is secured by a non-refundable tuition deposit (\$1,000 Preschool to G5 and \$1,250 G6-8), required within 8 days or by the date indicated on the contract as appropriate.

Application deadline: January 31, 2012 for entry in September 2012. We encourage you to send in your application as early as possible to aid the administrative process. After January 31, new applications will be considered according to availability of space.

The Admissions Committee meets in early March to review applications and determine admissions decisions. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Decision letters are sent out to families by March 15. Families will be notified of one of three decisions:

- **Accept:** the applicant has qualified for admission and is invited to FASRI. Families confirm the place by remitting a non-refundable tuition deposit (\$1,000 Preschool to G5 and \$1,250 G6-8) by the date on the contract.
- **Waitpool:** the applicant has qualified for admission but there is not a place available at this time. When a space becomes available, the most suitable candidate for the place is selected from the waitpool. Families must confirm enrollment within 8 days by submitting a non-refundable tuition deposit (\$1,000 Preschool to G5 and \$1,250 G6-8).
- **Decline:** the Admissions Committee has determined that FASRI's program is not the appropriate educational fit for the applicant at this time. The school recognizes that recommendations for admission may be revised from one year to the next because children's skills and readiness change as they continue to grow and develop.

Applications and waiting pools are not carried over from one year to the next.

FASRI generally receives more applications than there are places available and may not be able to accept all qualified candidates, including French nationals, francophone, and sibling applicants. The admissions process is a competitive one, and we strongly recommend that parents make alternative arrangements in case their child is not admitted. The Admissions Committee's decision is final.

Please contact Louise Jakobson, Director of Admissions & Development, with any questions. Call 401 274 3325 or email ljakobson@fasri.org.

VISITING FASRI

Open House: Attending an Open House is a great way to visit FASRI. Open House dates are Saturday November 5, 2011 and January 7, 2012. You will be able to tour the building and see the classrooms, as well as meet the Head of School, teachers, students and the Parents' Association.

Individual Visit: If you are unable to attend an Open House, please call 401 274 3325 to make an appointment to visit the school. We usually schedule visits at 9am but will accommodate individual schedules whenever possible.

Classroom Observation: We strongly recommend that prospective parents observe a class in session. Please contact the school for available dates. To minimize disruption to the class, FASRI schedules group observations on set dates in the late fall and early new year.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

FASRI strives to match its academic program with the applicant's current skills, maturity and needs, and to offer enrollment to a new student who has a good chance of being successful and happy in the program.

MATERNELLE (*Pre-school, Pre-K, K*)

FASRI welcomes non-French speaking children up to and including Kindergarten.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: FASRI's cut-off date will be September 1 from 2012/13 onward. Applicants must have turned the required age by that date (i.e. their birthday must be August 31 or earlier). Children coming from a French school or an international French program usually stay in the grade they were in the French system should their birthday be after the cut-off date. However, FASRI reserves the right to place students in the grade it considers most appropriate for the child.

Our key entry point is at the Petite Section / Pre-school (3 year-old) level. There are a limited number of new openings at the pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten levels. Children must be fully potty trained and emotionally able to separate from their parents for the school day.

Maternelle (*Pre-school through K*) candidates are evaluated for language proficiency and social maturity by a team of Maternelle teachers and experienced staff. Evaluations take place in January and February as follows:

Pre-school and Pre-K candidates: applicants are evaluated in small groups of children of similar age. FASRI faculty and staff observe the children, play and interact with the children. The evaluation usually takes about 20-30 minutes.

K candidates: Children are evaluated individually or in a small group. They are asked to carry out age-appropriate tasks such as puzzles, counting, reading, drawing, using stickers and scissors. The evaluation usually takes 30-40 minutes. If the school considers it necessary, this may be followed by a classroom visit in order to complete the evaluation.

Admissions decisions criteria include the following:

- Language proficiency in the native tongue
- Social and cognitive skills
- Current preschool/daycare program records or evaluation
- French speaker
- French nationality
- Attending accredited French school
- Motivation and interest in bilingual program (child and parents)
- Sibling status
- Diversity and gender

Sibling applicants receive special consideration at the key entry point of Petite Section/Pre-School level only, but are not guaranteed admission. French nationals and francophone applicants receive special consideration at all grade levels but are not guaranteed admission.

ELEMENTAIRE / COLLEGE (*Elementary and Middle School*)

From 1st grade and up, FASRI only accepts children attending an accredited French program or equivalent. G1-8 candidates are evaluated in French and in English at their current grade level. They must provide report cards and transcripts from previous schools.

Admissions decisions criteria include:

- Attending an accredited French school
- Language proficiency in French
- Academic achievement
- Social achievement (age, maturity, emotional, relational)
- French nationality
- Motivation (child and parents)
- Sibling status
- Diversity and gender

When possible, students are evaluated in the classroom in French and English by FASRI teachers and spend a full day at their current grade. Candidates attending an accredited French school who are living abroad or at a great distance will be evaluated on the basis of their report cards and the recommendation of their current school.

GRADE STRUCTURE

Our overall goal is to configure classes that will work well socially and academically, adding new students to each and creating classes or sections roughly equal to one another in terms of considerations which include gender, language proficiency, achievement level and diversity.

In 2011/12, class sizes in Pre-elementary are 20 maximum (child to adult ratio of 10:1). In the Elementary grades, class sizes average 15-18 students, in Middle School 7-9 students. Grade organization is subject to change, and may include dual grade classrooms at maternelle, elementary, and middle school levels.

MATERNELLE • PRE-ELEMENTARY		
GRADE	AGE	% FRENCH / % ENGLISH*
Petite Section / Preschool	3	100% French
Moyenne Section / Pre-Kindergarten	4	90% French / 10% English
Grande Section / Kindergarten	5	90% French / 10% English
ELEMENTAIRE • ELEMENTARY		
GRADE	AGE	% FRENCH / % ENGLISH*
Cours Préparatoire (CP) / 1 st grade	6	80% French / 20% English
Cours Élémentaire 1 (CE1) / 2 nd grade	7	80% French / 20% English
Cours Élémentaire 2 (CE2) / 3 rd grade	8	55% French / 45% English
Cours Moyen 1 (CM1) / 4 th grade	9	55% French / 45% English
Cours Moyen 2 (CM2) / 5 th grade	10	55% French / 45% English
COLLEGE • MIDDLE SCHOOL		
GRADE	AGE	% FRENCH / % ENGLISH*
6 ^{ème} / 6 th grade	11	50% French / 50% English (+ Spanish)
5 ^{ème} / 7 th grade	12	50% French / 50% English (+ Spanish)
4 ^{ème} / 8 th grade	13	50% French / 50% English (+ Spanish)

*Percentages are approximate

2012/13 ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

Important dates in the admissions calendar:

Date	Event and Time	Comments
Saturday, November 5, 2011	Open House 10am to 1pm	No registration required
Nov-Jan: contact FASRI for dates	Classroom observation 8.45 to 9.20am	Registration required
September-February	Parent meeting with administration	By appointment, application for admission required
Saturday, January 7, 2012	Open House 10am to 1pm.	No registration required
January/February	Prospective student evaluations for Pre-school, Pre-K and K	By appointment, application for admission required
March 1, 2012	Deadline for current FASRI families to confirm re-enrollment	
Early March 2012	Admissions Committee meets	
March 15, 2012	Decision letters mailed from school to applicants by this date	
Late March 2012	Deadline for receipt of enrollment contract and deposit for new families	

2011/12 TUITION

Full day tuition:	\$11,224 (Pre-school through Elementary) \$13,627 (Middle School)
Half Day Tuition:	\$ 8,980 (Preschool only)
Book & Supplies Fee:	\$ 250 (Pre-school through Elementary) \$ 325 (Middle School)

Tuition Refund Plan

Participation in the Tuition Refund Plan is required unless the entire tuition amount due is received by September 1. For details of the Plan's coverage and benefits, please contact the office.

Cancellation

Enrollment in the School may be cancelled by written notification on or before April 15 prior to the start of the school year, in which case the School shall retain the tuition deposit. In the absence of a cancellation at that date, parents/guardians are liable for the full tuition and other fees for the entire academic year.

Capital Fee

All new students entering FASRI will be subject to a one-time capital fee of \$500 per child. This fee supports FASRI's capital improvement needs. Enrolled students returning from a sabbatical of 10 months or less will not be charged the Capital Fee a second time. Families enrolled for less than one full academic year may apply for a waiver of the Capital Fee. If this waiver is granted, but the family re-enrolls for a second year, the Capital Fee will be applied. Families who withdraw their children and re-enroll at a future date will be charged the capital fee.

Tuition Payment Options

FASRI offers three payment options:

- One payment, payable by May 15 before the start of the academic year
- Two payments, payable April 15 and August 15 prior to the start of the academic year
- 9 monthly payments between April 10 and December 10 prior to the start of the academic year

FINANCIAL AID

In order to apply for FASRI Financial Aid or French Government Scholarships, students must be currently enrolled in the school or have formally applied for admission. Please contact Louise Jakobson, Director of Admissions & Development, for complete information. Call 401 274 3325 or email ljakobson@fasri.org.

FASRI Financial Aid: limited financial aid funded by the school is available to qualified families who are not eligible to apply for French government scholarships. To be eligible for financial aid, students must be in Kindergarten and above, show consistent academic proficiency, positive behavior, and respect for the school's mission and values. Families who wish to apply must send a letter formally requesting aid with their W2 and federal and state tax returns to FASRI by the deadline. FASRI uses a third party service to help determine each family's need, and applications are submitted online only. The application deadline is February 28, 2012. The Financial Aid Committee meets in mid-March to determine financial aid awards, and families are informed of the Committee's decision by mid-March. Applications received after the deadline will be considered if there are funds available and in the order they were received. All details are available at www.fasri.org.

French Government Scholarships (Bourses Scolaires): families with children of French nationality may apply for French Government Scholarships. Information and application forms are available on the French Consulate in Boston's website www.consulfrance-boston.org. Applications must be returned directly to the Consulate by the stated deadline, usually by the end of February. Children applying for Bourses must be enrolled at or have formally applied for admission to FASRI. The Commission des Bourses meets in April and families are usually informed of the Commission's decision by May/June. For families arriving after the deadline, there is a second Commission des Bourses in October. Decisions are communicated in December.

For more information, please contact:

Louise Jakobson, Director of Admissions and Development at ljakobson@fasri.org or 401 274 3325.

The French-American School of Rhode Island is committed as a matter of principle to providing equality of opportunity to all members of the school community. In conformance with Federal and State law, the French-American School shall not discriminate against any person because of race/ethnicity, nationality and culture, language and faith, socio-economics, gender and sexual orientation, and physical challenges.