



Below is a list of questions most frequently asked by new families when joining EIBA.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly and we will be happy to answer them.

What are the EIBA timetables?

The International School of Arcachon Bay opens every morning at 8:30 am and closes its doors at 6:00 pm (except on Friday with a closure at 5:00pm).

Classes start at 8.45 a.m. and end at 4.30 p.m.

The evening daycare takes place from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m (except on Friday with a closure at 5:00pm).

The school is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

We offering Kids Club every Wednesday and during holidays.

What levels does your school currently offer?

We welcome students from 2 and a half to 11 years old.

Here is the correspondence table of ages, classes and cycles of our school

(Data for information only - It is the skills and maturity of the student that determine his level)

Age moyen des élèves		Système EIBA	Système français	English System	American System	German System
2-3 ans	OUVERTURE	Maternelle 1/4	Maternelle TPS		Nursery	Kindergarten
3-4 ans		Maternelle 2/4	Maternelle PS	Foundation stage 1		
4-5 ans		Maternelle 3/4	Maternelle MS	Foundation stage 2		
5-6 ans		Maternelle 4/4	Maternelle GS	Grade 1	Kindergarten	
6-7 ans	OUVERTURE	Cycle 2 (1/3)	Primaire CP - Cycle 2	Grade 2	Grade 1	Klasse 1
7-8 ans		Cycle 2 (2/3)	Primaire CE1 - Cycle 2	Grade 3	Grade 2	Klasse 2
8-9 ans		Cycle 2 (3/3)	Primaire CE2 - Cycle 2	Grade 4	Grade 3	Klasse 3
9-10 ans	OUVERTURE	Cycle 3 (1/3)	Primaire CM1 - Cycle 3	Grade 5	Grade 4	Klasse 4
10-11 ans		Cycle 3 (2/3)	Primaire CM2 - Cycle 3	Grade 6	Grade 5	Klasse 5
11-12 ans		Cycle 3 (3/3)	Collège 6ème - Cycle 3	Grade 7 (1st Year)	Grade 6	Klasse 6
12-13 ans	OUVERTURE DU COLLEGE EIBA PREVUE POUR 2021	Cycle 4 (1/3)	Collège 5ème - Cycle 4	Grade 8 (2nd Year)	Grade 7	Klasse 7
13-14 ans		Cycle 4 (2/3)	Collège 4ème - Cycle 4	Grade 9 (3rd Year)	Grade 8	Klasse 8
14-15 ans		Cycle 4 (3/3)	Collège 3ème - Cycle 4	Grade 10 (4th Year)	Grade 9	Klasse 9
15-16 ans	OUVERTURE DU LYCEE EIBA PREVUE POUR 2025	Lycée (1/3)	Lycée 2nde	Grade 11 (5th Year)	Grade 10	Klasse 10
16-17 ans		Lycée (2/3)	Lycée 1ère	Grade 12 (Lower 6th)	Grade 11	Klasse 11
17-18 ans		Lycée (3/3)	Lycée Terminale	Grade 13 (Upper 6th)	Grade 12	Klasse 12



What is your annual calendar?

We follow the calendar of French school holidays and public holidays in zone A.

Is EIBA linked to national education?

Like all private schools, the opening of our school was subject to the agreement of the Directorate of National Education Services.

Our establishment depends on the Bordeaux Academic Inspectorate.

Our establishment is said to be out of contract, that is to say that it does not have an agreement with the state obliging it to follow the national school programs. Our establishment is obliged to follow the base of skills and the expected end of the cycle of national education, but it has the freedom to choose the methods and work progressions most appropriate to the level and pace of each of its students. This independence allows us to offer individual support and use the most innovative pedagogies.

Who controls EIBA?

Each year, our school is inspected by the DSDEN of the French Gironde Department.

The inspector controls the educational programs and progress of each class, he controls the methodologies and preparation of sessions for each teacher, he controls the attendance of all students and his commission ensures compliance with health and safety standards of the establishment.

The security of buildings is checked each year by an expert from a Bureau Veritas firm for electrical systems, and by the inter-municipal security commission of COBAS against the fire risks of ERP public reception buildings.

Where do EIBA students come from?

We welcome children of all nationalities.

This year, our families are mainly French-speaking; these are families open to the world who have moved to the Basin, or who are currently working abroad, or who regularly travel with their families around the world.

A third of our families are multinational and come from Great Britain, U.S.A., Morocco, Madagascar, Canada, Indonesia, China, Japan, Singapore ...

For the next school year, it is mainly expatriate families who will join our school.

My child has never been to an international school before - Will it be difficult for him to adapt?

Rest assured, children have incredible adaptability and cognitive flexibility! We have noticed that our students take approximately 1 period, or 5 weeks, to adapt to the functioning of our school, in terms of academic rhythm, methodology, bilingual system and autonomy.

And it does not matter their background, whether they are French-speaking or English-speaking, whether they come from a public or private, international or alternative school or from the I.E.F.

Our team supports all of its new students with great care and kindness for a smooth adaptation. We set up a "test day" when necessary.

My child does not speak French or English, will it be difficult for him to adapt?

Bilingualism is the ability of an individual to alternate between two languages according to their needs.

Language immersion learning provides a daily language bath that makes it easy for all children to learn a foreign language.

We are a bilingual school and we welcome children of all levels in French and English, from beginners to experts.

Our job is to lead them towards mastering both languages up to the baccalaureate, so that they are able to continue with an academic and professional career in France and abroad.

What assessment system do you use to track children's progress?

To know the details of our evaluation system, we invite you to download the document "Success Project" on our school website.

What methodology do you use for teaching the fundamentals?

To know the details of our methodology, we invite you to download the document "Educational project" on the website of our school.

How is teaching in a multi-level classroom organized?

In a multi-level class, the student alternates between independent work (manipulation, personal project, challenges and exercises) with challenges adapted to his level by a personalized work plan during which the teacher is available to answer questions, and group activities (interdisciplinary projects and experiences).

We have planned to stay only 2 or 3 years in France before leaving for abroad, will my child be able to easily integrate another school? If my child has to return to a regular school one day, won't it be too difficult for him to adapt?

We have noticed that our students take approximately 1 period, or approximately 5 weeks, to adapt to the functioning of our school, in terms of academic rhythm, methodology, bilingual system and autonomy.

And it does not matter their background, whether they are French-speaking or English-speaking, whether they come from a public or private, international or alternative school or from Homeschooling.

On what criteria are teachers recruited?

The members of the teaching team are recruited according to their level of education, their teaching and interpersonal skills, their experience with children and their motivation.

They are selected on interview and join the team after a trial period.

How is lunch? Is there a canteen?

Lunches take place every day between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. There is no canteen. Parents are responsible for preparing a lunch box for their children either a cold meal or a meal in a heated lunch box. Parents can choose the Catering Option.

Do the students wear a uniform?

Students do not wear a uniform, but proper attire is required within the school. In addition, as part of our overall peace education project, our rules of procedure require all parents to choose neutral outfits, without a cartoon image.

We invite you to download our document "rules of procedure" to know how the school works in detail.

How many students are there per class?

There are 15 to 20 students per class.

How can parents get involved in school life?

The parents community are always warmly welcome to suggest or organize cultural events or projects.

When can I register my child?

The admission process takes place throughout the school year, depending on the places available. Do not hesitate to contact us.