



FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

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COLLÈGE
SAINT-CHARLES-GARNIER
QUÉBEC, CANADA



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WHY CHOSING COLLÈGE SAINT-CHARLES-GARNIER

- Over **50 years** of offering international programs tailored to teenagers.
- A **dedicated team** only for international students, available **24/7**.
- **Committed teachers** who cultivate the pleasure of learning around **innovative projects**.
- **Personalized** services with exceptional **support and follow-up**.
- A **true immersion program**: 20 international students integrated to 850 local students into the regular classes in French.
- We personally select and manage our **host families**.
- A unique living environment blending **historic charm with modern facilities**.
- **12 academic concentrations** during the school year, allowing students to explore their passions.
- A rich **student life** with over 80 extracurricular activities.
- **Great location**: 15 minutes from downtown and shopping malls.
- Québec City is a **safe, easy-to-navigate city**, perfect for student exploration.

WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

Founded in 1635, Collège Saint-Charles-Garnier is a **prestigious private high school**, home to approximately **850** local students and 20 international students each semester.

Our French High School program offers full French immersion, both in the classroom and with **host families**, fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment. **Students do not need to be fully bilingual**; a minimum A2 level of French is required to participate.

Located in the **heart of the city**, our campus offers a great environment and an ideal location.



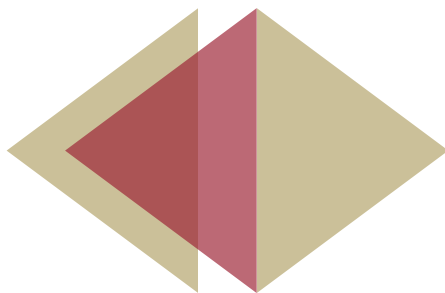


WHERE IT ALL HAPPENS

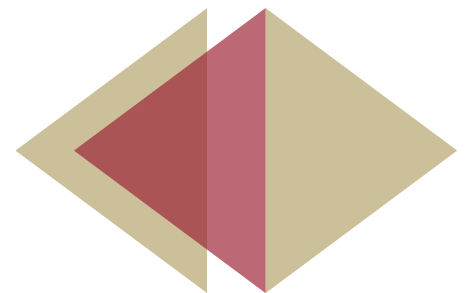


We are located on one of the most important avenues in the City.

- 3.8km from the school to downtown
- 3.5km from the school to the shopping centers



FACILITIES



- 3 indoor gymnasiums
- 1 training room (gym)
- A large sports area with 2 soccer fields, a football field and a 100 meter runway
- 5 well equipped science laboratories, including 1 robotics laboratory
- 2 plastic arts rooms

- 1 classroom specialized for dance and interpretation
- 1 classroom specialized for music (and 7 other classrooms for practice)
- 1 library
- 1 cafeteria with affordable prices
- 1 auditorium



QUÉBEC CITY



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Recognized by UNESCO
- Renowned for being a safe, friendly and *pittoresque* city
- Capital of the province of Quebec
- Population : 530 000
- 100% French environment
- Weather in winter is between -10 to -20 degrees and between 20 to 35 degrees in the summer.
- 275 km from Montreal, 800 km from Toronto and 875 km from New York

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

- Château Frontenac
- Old Quebec
- Plains of Abraham
- Museums, historical and cultural sites
- 3 ski resorts such as Stoneham and Le Relais
- Montmorency Falls and a lot of outdoor facilities near by (kayak, hiking, rafting, treetop trekking, etc.)
- Ice Hotel, Winter Carnaval, snowshoeing and snow tubing slide park
- Summer Music Festival (FEQ)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Frequent and reliable bus service
- Direct bus lines between the school and downtown (frequency every 10-15 minutes)
- Student monthly pass (+/- \$65.00)

HOST FAMILIES

SUPPORTING STUDENTS SUCCESS AND WELLBEING

Living with a French speaking host family offers a true immersion experience, as the French environment extends beyond the classroom, making everyday moments an opportunity to live and engage in French.



“We select and manage our host families directly”

We have a various range of profiles: families with young children or teenagers, young couples, retired couples, single parent families, etc.

Despite the different profiles and compositions of our host families, all of them embody the values of our program and respect our policies.

The role of the families is to support all the aspects of the students' life in Quebec (the language, needs/health, the city, the weather, social practices, among others). Students are members of the family.

The families are in touch with the school in order to discuss the students development.

We place 1 or 2 international students per family.



The host families live in safe neighborhoods, easily accessible from the school by bus, bike, or by foot.



How do we chose the host families?



- We manage the matching process ourselves, without involving agencies.
- We make interviews with the families, visit their homes, and verify criminal records and references.
- We organize a family meeting at the beginning of each semester.
- Personal profiles of students are matched directly with host families' profiles.
- Students receive details about their host family before arriving in Quebec.
- Regular follow-ups are conducted by the host family coordinator with both the student and host parents.



Meals and snacks are provided by the host family



- Breakfast is taken at home with the family.
- Students bring lunch to the school
- Dinner is taken at home with the host family.
- Families will take into consideration allergies, and special diets like glutenfree, lactose, etc.



Living with a host family in an immersion program enhances cultural integration and language skills while providing personal support and local insights.

GARNIER INTERNATIONAL STAFF

DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Supporting students success and wellbeing

Collège Saint-Charles-Garnier has always prioritized creating a healthy, inclusive, and welcoming environment. Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff collaborates to help students navigate the challenges of adolescence, guide their personal growth, and support their learning. International students also benefit from the expertise and care of a multilingual team exclusively dedicated to them.



Martine Watine
Coordinator of the host families



Fanny Raymond
Director of the international programs



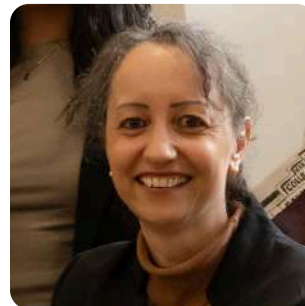
Michaël Gauthier
Tutor and teacher of the international students



Maude-Émillie Têtu
Coordinator of Customized Short-Term French Immersion Programs and Language Courses



Maria Morales Gama
Coordinator of Development and Promotion



Isabelle Badie
Coordinator of the "English in Victoria" Program



Virginie Daoust
Coordinator of Customized Short-Term French Immersion Programs



Tutor of International Students

An experienced counselor oversees all aspects of international students' experiences, including academic performance, attendance, behavior, adaptation, personal development, etc.

As a direct **point of contact** between parents, agents, and the College, the tutor ensures smooth **communication** with a personal touch. Additionally, as the international students' teacher, he plans French classes and lessons to support their integration, improve language skills, and help them navigate their new life in French.

12 CONCENTRATIONS FOR GRADE 7 TO GRADE 10 + INTENSIVE ENGLISH

**Concentrations are mandatory; fees are added to the tuition fees; estimated rates.*



SCIENTIFIC PROFILES

1) SCIENCE OR 2) ROBOTICS

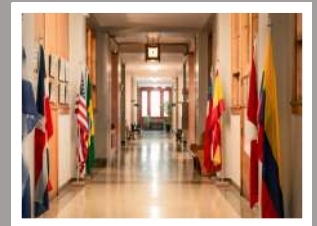
These two profiles will please those who like to discover about the universe surrounding them, those who wish to understand everything.

1) \$100 2) \$225

WORLD AND CULTURE PROFILE

This profile gives more opportunities to students to discover new cultures and enrich their view of the world.

\$80



ARTISTIC PROFILES

1) VISUAL ARTS - 2) SINGING AND MUSIC - 3) THEATRE - 4) DANCE

Burn the dancefloor, expose your creations and become an accomplished artist!

These profiles offer a dynamic and creative way of learning and developing self confidence, concentration, perseverance and imagination.

1) \$80 2) \$100 3) \$100 4) \$590

ATHLETIC PROFILES

1) BASKETBALL - 2) GOLF - 3) SOCCER - 4) MULTISPORTS 5) VOLLEYBALL

Improve your athletic and tactical skills et live to the rythm of sports thanks to our various athletic profiles.

1) \$375 2) \$2,600 3) \$450 4) 225 5) \$400



**INTENSIVE
ENGLISH**

- Choose between immersion or advanced English in grade 7th to 10th
 - Immersion: 1 full day of English immersion activities per cycle of 10 days, extra hours of English
 - Advanced: Highest level of English as a second language classes in the province
- Grade 11th:
 - Advanced English or ELA (English language acquisition)



7TH & 8TH GRADE

9TH GRADE

10TH GRADE

COMMON CORE

- French (oral and written) - FSL
- Mathematics
- Ethics and culture
- History
- Geography
- Sciences and technology
- Physical Education

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- Spanish

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- Mathematics
- Ethics and culture
- History
- Science and technology
- Physical Education
- Methodology
- Spanish

ENGLISH

Immersion or
Advanced English +
journalism

Immersion for all

Immersion or
Advanced English

ARTS

One option must be selected : dramatic art, plastic arts or music

CONCENTRATION

Students must select one of 12 concentrations. See next page for more details.

11TH GRADE

COMMON CORE

- French (oral and written) - FSL
- Mathematics
- Ethics and culture
- English
- Global Issues
- Financial Education
- Physical Education

OPTIONS*

Three options must be selected among:

- English immersion
- Journalism
- Arts and culture
- Chemistry
- Multisport
- Geography
- Physics
- History
- Spanish
- Cinema

ARTS

One option must be selected : dramatic art, plastic arts or music

MORE DETAILS

Concentration, arts, English and options: subject to availability at the time of registration. The selection of a concentration is mandatory (7th to 10th grade). An extra cost will be applied to the tuition fees depending on the concentration choice. **All the main common core and optional subjects are mandatory and recognized abroad for the validation of studies.**

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

More than 80 extracurricular activities offered!
The variety of activities changes from year to year
Activities offered by semester
Schedule of activities: at lunch time or after school
All the activities are taught in the College facilities
Registration and payment during the school year
Costs vary from \$0.00 to \$500

STUDENTS COMMITTEES

Intercultural week,
Environment, Student journal,
and more.

SPORTS

Athletics, Badminton,
Basketball, Cross-country,
Football, Rudby, Soccer,
Volleyball, and more.

SCIENCE

Various mathematics contests,
Science Challenges,
Creative engineering
challenge, and more.

WORKSHOPS

Photo , Robotics, Young
Entrepreneurs, and more.

LINGUISTIC

Creative writing;
Italian, Japonese,
Portuguese, Sign
Language classes;
and more.

ARTS

Theater, Musical comedy
"Improvisation", Dancing,
Cinema, Harmony,
Drumline and more.

SOCIOCULTURAL

School radio, Board
games, Role playing
game club, Budding
geniuses and Chess.



**BE PART OF THE
"EXPRESS"
OUR SCHOOL
TEAM**

RICH AND EXCITING STUDENT LIFE!



TRIPS



The international students can also participate to the trips that the Collège organizes each year.

Whether it is to discover a new culture or society, to do sports or for humanitarian aid, they are a great opportunity to enrich even more their cultural knowledge.

Cost from \$450 to \$4,500

Some places we have visited in the past:
North America: Cities like Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Niagara, Washington, Chicago, New York, Boston, the state of Vermont.

Europe: Italy, Spain, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, England, Portugal.

Other destinations: Costa Rica, Peru.

Once per semester, the international students' tutor organizes a short trip for them. Some places we have visited in the past:

Montreal, Ottawa or Charlevoix.

Cost from \$ 400 to \$ 1000



ACTIVITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ACTIVITIES, OUTINGS AND TRIPS WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY (1 PER MONTH).

DISCOVER SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS, HAVE FUN, GET TO KNOW QUÉBEC'S SURROUNDINGS AND OTHER CITIES!

EXAMPLE OF ACTIVITIES

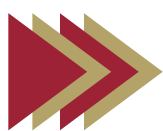
ICE HOTEL
RAFTING
TREETOP TREKKING
HIKING
SNOWSHOEING
CIRCUS SCHOOL
ESCAPE GAME
SUGARSHACK



EXAMPLE OF TRIPS

MONTREAL
OTTAWA
CHARLEVOIX





UNIFORM



International students, such as regular students of the College, must wear the uniform (also known as "**The Collection**") and comply with the rules established in this regard. Students have the liberty to mix and match items from the collection.

UNIFORM POLICY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Considering that their stay is for a short period, some exceptions are authorized to international students.

Top of the Uniform: White or black polos and shirts not from the collection are permitted if worn under the official school sweater.

Bottom of the Uniform: Beige pants and skirts must be from the school collection. Black pants not in the collection may be worn if they meet certain specifications.

Shoes: Tennis shoes are only allowed for Physical Education class. Regular shoes must be black, leather or suede, with a black or gray sole.

Physical Education Uniform: Students are provided with shorts and a t-shirt for sports class, which should be worn exclusively during those sessions.



CREATE YOUR OWN STYLE WITH THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS OF "THE COLLECTION"



UNIFORM PRICES

Prices showed are an average price. Complete information will be provided once registered to our program.

Polo	\$36
White shirt	\$43
Skirt	\$70
Pants	\$65
Cardigan/sweater	\$60
Bermude shorts.....	\$52
Pants	\$64

FAQ'S

School schedule

- Regular classes start at 8:30am and finish at 3:30pm
- Some days international students might have French class during lunch time or from 3:30pm to 5pm.

Do I have to be bilingual to participate to the program?

- No, we ask for a A2 level minimum. Students do a placement test online to see if they have the minimum of French required.

How do I get to the school everyday?

- Most of the students get to school by public bus or walking.

What do I do during the weekends and free time?

- Students spend time and do activities with their host family; but they also spend time with their friends as they do at their homeplace.

Who will pick me up at the airport?

- Your host family

When will I get the information about my host family?

- Fall semester students : by the end of June
- Winter semester students: by the end of November.

USEFUL LINKS



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

CLICK ON THE ICONS TO ACCESS THE WEBSITES

OTHER POSSIBLE EXPENSES



- All costs are approximate and subject to change.
- Sports and workshops are not related to the "concentration" chosen by students from 7th to 10th grade.
- Books are given by the school.

Extracurricular activity during fall season (sport, workshop, club, etc.)	\$250
Extracurricular activity during winter season (sport, workshop, club, etc.)	\$250
Monthly bus pass	\$65
Uniform (3 pieces).....	\$250
Fall festival and Winter festival	\$50
Trip (NYC)	\$950
10 activities with International students	\$550
School supplies.....	\$150
Concentrations are mandatory for students from 7th to 10th grade*.....	Starting at \$80
Study permit (Canadian embassy)*	\$150
CAQ (government of Quebec)*	\$128
Personal expenses (per week).....	\$120

*Mandatory

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