



FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

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SAINT-CHARLES-GARNIER
QUÉBEC, CANADA



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WHY CHOOSE 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 with 850 local students in regular French-speaking classes.
- We personally select and manage our **host families**.
- A unique living environment blending **historic charm with modern facilities**.
- **11 academic concentrations** during the school year, allowing students to explore their passions.
- A rich and diverse **student life** with over 80 extracurricular activities.
- **Great location**: 15 minutes from downtown and shopping malls.
- Québec City is perfect for exploration, as a **safe and easy-to-navigate city**.

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 out of it with **host families**, fostering an inclusive and welcoming household. **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 setting and an ideal location to live in.





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 visual arts rooms

- 1 classroom specialized for dance and interpretation
- 1 classroom specialized for music (and 7 other classrooms for rehearsing)
- 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 : 600 000
- 100% French environment
- Weather in winter is between -10° to -20°C and between 20° to 35°C in the summer.
- 275 km from Montreal, 800 km from Toronto and 875 km from New York City.

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

- Château Frontenac
- Old Quebec
- Plains of Abraham
- Museums, historical and cultural sites
- 3 ski resorts in proximity, such as Stoneham and Le Relais
- Montmorency Falls and a lot of outdoor facilities nearby (kayak, hiking, rafting, treetop trekking, etc.)
- Ice Hotel, Winter Carnaval, Christmas Markets, 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 (every 10-15 minutes)
- Student monthly bus pass (+/- 70\$)

HOST FAMILIES

SUPPORTING STUDENTS SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING

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



“Students are welcomed as full members of the family!”

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

Regardless of their different compositions, all our host families share a commitment to the values of our program and adhere to our policies.

Students are welcomed as full members of the family. The role of the host family is to support every aspects of the students' new life in Quebec-from the language learning and culture adaptation to health needs, seasonal clothing, and everyday social practices.

Host families maintain regular contact with the school to help ensure the student's well-being and personal growth.

Each household hosts 1 or 2 International students per year, creating a personalized and enriching experience for everyone involved.



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



How do we choose host families?



- We manage the matching process ourselves, without involving agencies.
- We interview 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 eaten at home with the family.
- Lunch is brought from home. It can also be bought at the schools' cafeteria.
- Dinner is enjoyed at home with the host family.
- Families will take into consideration allergies, intolerances, and special diets such as gluten free, lactose, vegetarian, 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 for all. Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff collaborates to help students navigate the challenges of adolescence, to guide their personal growth, and to 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



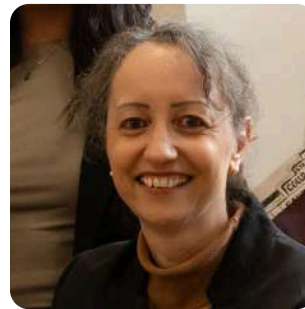
Michaël Gauthier
Tutor and teacher of the international students



Maude-Émillie Têtu
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Maria Morales Gama
Coordinator of Development and Promotion



Isabelle Badie
Coordinator of the program "English in Victoria"



Virginie Daoust
Coordinator of Customized 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.

11 CONCENTRATIONS FOR GRADE 8TH TO GRADE 10TH + INTENSIVE ENGLISH

**Concentrations are mandatory; fees are added to the tuition fees; estimated rates. Availability may be limited.*



SCIENTIFIC PROFILES

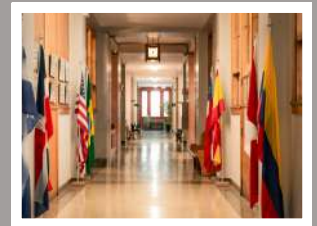
1) SCIENCES - 2) ROBOTICS

These two profiles will please those who like to learn about the universe that surrounds them, those who wish to understand everything there is to know.

1) 100\$ - 2) 225\$

WORLD AND CULTURE PROFILE

This profile provides students more opportunities to discover new cultures and to enrich their worldview.
\$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) 605\$

ATHLETIC PROFILES

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

Improve your athletic and tactical skills and embrace the fast-paced sports life through our various athletic profiles.

1) 375\$ - 2) \$450 - 3) 225 - 4) \$400



- Choose between immersion or advanced English in grade 8th to 10th
 - Immersion: 1 full day of English immersion activities per cycle of 10 days, extra hours of English classes
 - Advanced: Highest level of English as a second language classes in the province
- Grade 11th:
 - Advanced English or ELA (English language acquisition)

	8TH GRADE	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE
COMMON CORE	• French (oral and written) - FSL • Mathematics • Ethics and culture • History • Geography • Sciencies and technology • Physical Education	• French (oral and written) - FSL • Mathematics • History • Science and technology • Physical Education • Spanish	• French (oral and written) - FSL • 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 arts, visual arts or music		
CONCENTRATION	Students must select one of 11 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 arts, visual 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

Most of the activities are taught in the College facilities

Registration and payment during the school year

Costs vary from 0\$ to 500\$

STUDENTS COMMITTEES

Intercultural week,
Environment, School's
newspaper, and more.

SPORTS

Athletics, Badminton,
Basketball, Cross-country,
Football, Rugby, 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, Japanese,
Spanish, Sign Language
classes; and more.

ARTS

Theater, Drama,
Improv, Dance,
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 service trip, they are a great opportunity to enrich even more their cultural knowledge.

Cost from 950\$ to 4 500\$

Some cities we have visited in the past:

North America: Toronto, Niagara, Washington D.C., Chicago, New York, Boston, as well as 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. Here are some places we have visited in the past:

Montreal, Ottawa or Charlevoix.
Cost from 400\$ to 1 000\$



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





UNIFORM



International students, like all College students, must wear the official uniform (known as "**The Collection**") and comply with the related dress code policies established. They may combine different pieces from the collection to reflect their individual fashion preferences.

UNIFORM POLICY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

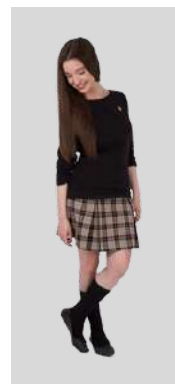
Considering that their stay is for a short period, some exceptions are authorized to international students.

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 approximate.
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 3:32pm
- Some days, International students might have French classes during lunch time or after school, from 3:45pm 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.

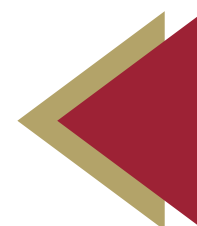
USEFUL LINKS



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 8th 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	70\$
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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