

American School of Paris

Saint-Cloud, France



A founding IB school since 1946, this Saint-Cloud campus is the only Paris-area school offering a dual-track IB and AP curriculum.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	73/100
Academic outcomes	72/100
University placement	73/100
Prestige & heritage	74/100
Alumni network	70/100
Facilities	82/100
Transparency	80/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The American School of Paris occupies a rare niche in the French capital's international market: it is a day school in Saint-Cloud for ages 3 to 18 that combines an American curriculum with both the IB Diploma and Advanced Placement. That dual-track sixth-form offer gives it a *clear strategic advantage* over schools that force a choice between a wholly American or wholly IB route from the outset. For internationally mobile families, that matters. So does the fact that instruction is in English throughout, and that the school has operated since 1946, which gives it institutional depth that newer Paris entrants do not match. ASP also trades on scale: the school states that it has the largest international school campus in the Paris region, set on more than **12 acres**.

This is not a low-cost option. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **€35,241**, which places ASP firmly in the premium bracket for a non-boarding school. Parents paying that level need breadth, flexibility and a campus that can absorb the full life of a child from nursery to graduation; ASP’s age range and facilities support that case. Its accreditations matter too: MSA, CIS and IB World School status give it external validation across both American and international frameworks. The school’s public case rests heavily on *academic range*, experienced faculty and support services, and those claims fit the profile of a long-established expatriate school serving families who move between countries and school systems.

What makes ASP shortlist-worthy is not mystique but fit. This is a strong option for families who want an American educational base in France without shutting off the IB, and for students whose university ambitions span the US, the UK and other international destinations. It suits children who benefit from a *large, established community* rather than a boutique setting, and who want access to arts, activities and a full campus infrastructure rather than a compact urban campus. It also suits parents who value continuity: if a posting changes, an American-style school with AP, college preparatory classes and the IB offers more transfer resilience than a single-track local model.

The trade-off is equally plain. Families looking for a small, intimate school or a deeply French educational experience should look elsewhere. ASP is *decidedly international*, *expatriate-facing* and built for mobility. The student who thrives here wants breadth, options and an English-medium education with multiple senior pathways. The student who wants a narrowly defined national system, or a school organised around one academic philosophy, will find the menu too wide. For the right family, that breadth is the point.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1946 as one of the first international schools in Europe, giving it long institutional continuity in the Paris expat community.
- Upper School students can choose between the IB Diploma and AP courses, a dual-track flexibility rare among Paris-area international schools.
- Class of 2024 IB Diploma results were strong, with a 100% pass rate and an average score of 34.6.
- Student-teacher ratio is 8:1 with an average class size of 18, supporting individual attention across grades.
- 12-acre campus in Saint-Cloud includes a 350-seat Performing Arts Center and dedicated STEM/design labs with 3D printers and robotics.

TRADE-OFFS

- Annual tuition runs from roughly EUR 25,000 to over EUR 41,000 depending on grade, placing it among the costliest schools in the Paris region.
- A one-time, non-refundable Capital Assessment fee of EUR 12,200 per child is charged on top of tuition and a EUR 1,450 application fee.
- Campus sits in Saint-Cloud, outside central Paris, meaning many families rely on the school's private bus network rather than walking or short transit.
- Additional annual charges apply for English as an Additional Language (EUR 5,490) or learning support (EUR 6,695) if a child is assessed as needing them.

ADMISSIONS

Applications are submitted online for entry at any grade from K3 to Grade 12, with a non-refundable EUR 1,450 fee (refundable only if no place is offered). Required documents include two years of prior school reports, current-year reports, student and parent questionnaires, teacher/counselor forms, and a passport copy. Applicants in Grades 6-12 may sit an English-language assessment to determine EAL support needs. With roughly 800 students across all ages, places in popular year groups can be competitive, particularly for families arriving outside the normal admissions cycle.

NOTABLE ALUMNI (6)

MUSIC: Candice Parise

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VISUAL_ARTS: Suzanne Alaywan

LETTERS: Suzanne Alaywan, Virginia Feito

POLITICS: Wooyong Han

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