

Collège du Léman

Versoix, Switzerland



On the shores of Lake Geneva, Switzerland's largest K-12 campus threads five diploma pathways into one international community.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	56/100
Academic outcomes	64/100
University placement	62/100
Prestige & heritage	67/100
Alumni network	2/100
Facilities	72/100
Transparency	53/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The scale is the first thing that matters here. Collège du Léman runs from age 2 to 18 on what it states is Switzerland’s largest K-12 campus, and it draws a community of more than ****120 nationalities****. That breadth is not decorative. It underpins the school’s real selling point: unusual academic flexibility inside one institution. The editorial line points to five diploma pathways, while the verified curriculum base is British and IB, taught in English and French. For international families who do not want to lock a child into one national system too early, that range is **genuinely useful**. It gives CDL a different profile from the many polished but narrower Lake Geneva schools built around a single curriculum and a single social lane.

That same scale brings trade-offs. Big, all-through international schools can feel **institutional** if a child needs a very tight-knit setting or thrives on a sharper, more old-fashioned academic culture. CDL's pitch is breadth, movement and choice: preschool to high school, day and boarding, and boarding from age 10 to 18. Parents paying an average annual day fee of ****CHF 36,233**** or an average annual boarding fee of ****CHF 117,500**** are buying access to that ecosystem as much as to classroom teaching. The school sits inside the Nord Anglia network, which adds infrastructure and reach, but some families will prefer a smaller independent school with a more singular identity. CDL is expensive, and it knows exactly which market it serves.

Why shortlist it? Because few schools in Switzerland combine this level of international turnover, bilingual delivery, boarding, and multi-pathway academic design on one campus. It also has the institutional credibility that mobile families look for: founded in 1960, non-religious, and accredited by ECIS and NEASC. University destinations in the 2023 cohort were wide rather than headline-driven; the school lists ****215 leavers****, with named destinations including American University, Arizona State University and Babson College. That does not read as a hothouse for prestige-chasing families who want a page of Ivy and Oxbridge offers. It reads as a **broad-distribution international school** serving a large and varied cohort.

The pupil who fits CDL best is internationally mobile, socially confident and happy in a **large, mixed, high-cost environment** where many routes run in parallel. This is a strong option for children of diplomatic, executive and expatriate families who need continuity across moves, bilingual exposure, and the option of boarding without sacrificing curriculum choice. It is less compelling for families who want a small school, a single academic philosophy, or a relentlessly exam-driven culture. CDL belongs on a shortlist when flexibility, scale and international range matter more than intimacy or scholastic austerity.

STRENGTHS

- English-French teaching broadens daily language exposure
- Offers both IB and British curricula
- Boarding available from age 10
- 10:1 student-teacher ratio supports access

TRADE-OFFS

- Boarding fees reach 120000 CHF annually
- Day fees reach 55000 CHF annually
- Average class size is 18, not especially small

ADMISSIONS

Collège du Léman is a day and boarding school in Versoix, near Geneva, taking children from pre-school through high school. The published age bands are pre-school 2-6, primary 6-11, middle school/Secondaire I 11-14, high school/Secondaire II 14-18, with boarding from age 10. For admissions, these are the natural entry points, although the school presents itself as open to applications across the age range. It teaches in English and French and offers both British and IB pathways, which matters for families applying into the older years.

The school's website makes clear that admissions are open and lists enquiry, application, entry requirements and visits, including a virtual tour, but it does not publish, in the material provided here, specific assessment formats, fixed application deadlines, or a distinctive selection process beyond the standard admissions route. Likewise, no bursary or financial-aid scheme is stated in the source extract. Parents should assume that places, requirements and any testing are handled case by case and verify directly with the admissions team.

NOTABLE ALUMNI (12)

MUSIC: Daniel Lozakovich, Alexis Wilkins

DRAMA: Türker İnanoğlu, Rahayu Saraswati, Marina Rollman

LETTERS: Mobutu Sese Seko, Fred Mouawad

POLITICS: Mobutu Sese Seko, Rahayu Saraswati

SCIENCE: Pavan Sukhdev, Helena J Barr

BUSINESS: Türker İnanoğlu, Fred Mouawad, Prince Joel Dawit Makonnen

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