

Lycee Francais International Georges Pompidou

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Dubai's Very Good-rated French Baccalaureate school, delivering a bilingual French-English education for ages 3 to 18.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	70/100
Academic outcomes	75/100
University placement	73/100
Prestige & heritage	69/100
Alumni network	64/100
Facilities	72/100
Transparency	68/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Lycée Français International Georges Pompidou occupies a specific and valuable niche in Dubai: a long-established French school with a full ****3-18**** age range, a bilingual French-English offer, and two campuses in Dubai Academic City and Oud Metha. Founded in ****1973****, it is one of the older international schools in the city, and that matters. In a market crowded with schools built around Anglo-American pathways, LFIGP gives families a direct French route through to the French Baccalaureate without asking children to switch systems midstream. The school also has scale — around ****2500**** students — which brings breadth, continuity and a settled institutional rhythm that smaller niche schools do not match. Its current KHDA rating is Outstanding, a stronger headline than the old “Very Good” tag

many parents still associate with the school.

What puts it on a shortlist is not glamour but clarity. This is a school for families who want *academic structure*, *cultural continuity* and a serious French educational framework in Dubai. The bilingual dimension widens access beyond strictly francophone households, but the centre of gravity remains French in ethos, expectations and progression. That makes LFIGP a strong fit for parents who value a curriculum with national coherence and a school culture that prizes discipline, literacy and intellectual habits over trend-led packaging. It will also appeal to families who want an established institution rather than a *shiny newcomer* trading on facilities and marketing.

The trade-off is equally clear. Parents seeking a loose, highly personalised, seminar-style environment may find a school of this size more formal and more system-driven. Families whose priority is an English-first route into British or American examinations have stronger alternatives elsewhere in Dubai. LFIGP suits students who thrive with *clear rules*, steady expectations and a curriculum that builds cumulatively year after year. It suits children from French, francophone and internationally mobile families who need *a dependable through-school* and who benefit from being in a community where the French pathway is the norm, not an add-on. For the right child, that brings *real academic ballast* and a strong sense of direction.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1973, LFIGP has operated in Dubai for over 50 years as part of the AEFÉ network, guaranteeing alignment with the French Ministry of Education curriculum.
- The school reports a 100% Baccalaureate pass rate with 42% of candidates achieving the mention *très bien*, published on its own website.
- Tuition is comparatively affordable for an AEFÉ-accredited school, with WSA reporting fees of roughly AED 36,920 to AED 50,700 a year, notably below many international-curriculum rivals in Dubai.
- The school serves a large, genuinely multicultural cohort of around 2,500 to 2,600 pupils drawn from up to 50 nationalities across a dedicated early-years campus and an all-through elementary-to-lycée site.
- Sports provision is strong by our co-curricular assessment, and visual arts are outstanding, giving the school real strength beyond the core academic route.

TRADE-OFFS

- Teaching is conducted primarily in French; families without any French-language background should expect a demanding immersion experience rather than an English-medium environment.
- The all-through pathway is split across two physically separate campuses (Oud Metha for the early years, then Academic City for elementary through lycée), meaning children must transition sites partway through their schooling.
- The main campus sits in Dubai Academic City, an education district that can mean a longer commute for families living in central or coastal Dubai neighbourhoods.
- Our two independent sources disagree on the current KHDA outcome, with WSA recording the Academic City campus as Very good; parents should confirm the rating for their specific campus.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points are Petite Section (age 3) at the Oud Metha early-years campus and CP/Grade 1 upward at the Academic City site. Applications require a completed form, prior school records and an interview; students from outside the AEFÉ system sit a placement test. A one-off, non-refundable registration fee applies for new families. Below-market fees for an AEFÉ-accredited school keep demand steady, so popular grades and mid-year entry can be competitive, though the school is less selective overall than Dubai's premium British or IB institutions.

WTS RATING 

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