



**Admissions Assessment Protocol for the Primary International Section at L'école élémentaire Simone Veil, Colomiers.**

The existing assessment protocol is based on the official legislation and text published by Education Nationale <https://www.education.gouv.fr/les-sections-internationales-l-ecole-primaire-12443>.

The objective of this assessment process is to identify among all the students who wish to apply, those who have (whatever their specific needs) the adequate linguistic level and the motivation to succeed in the bilingual course (French/English) offered by International Sections.

**All** new and returning CP to CM2 candidates are assessed on their level of English. The latter should reflect native to near-native speaker fluency for a child of a similar age.

**Before making an application, it is worth bearing in mind that the International Section's bi-lingual programme in the primary section is a challenging educational curriculum which requires academic ability, motivation and commitment.**

Following your initial application we make contact to organise the English based assessment test (see the dates for this academic year below). The rigorous assessments are carried out by Education Nationale and English31 teachers to ensure fairness and total transparency throughout the process .

We carry out the assessment onsite whenever possible; however, remote assessments are available via Zoom for candidates abroad. As this selection process is an Education Nationale protocol, places are assigned by the Rectorat which does not communicate class list or examination ranking to families. Please be aware that all candidates must have a good level of French to access the French curriculum successfully. Be aware that a short informal French chat will take place at the start of onsite and online assessments.

Candidates coming from non-francophone families must be assessed by EANA and will be assigned a local school which offers UPE2A (French as a Foreign Language classes). Should an EANA test be required, families need to organise it directly in liaison with Colomiers Mairie and the Rectorat. Please refer to the 'Note de Service Spécifique' section provided with the Dossier of Inscription for further details.

**Primary International Section Class sizes:**

- 14 children per class maximum in CP, CE1
- 16 children per class in CE2
- 18 children per class in CM1 and CM2

## **The assessment process for students in France:**

The test date for the 2026-2027 academic year for **CP to CM2** is : **Wednesday 8th April 2026**

## **The onsite assessment format**

### **For a place in CP and CE1**

The test involves a 15 minute oral assessment with a Section teacher and will consist of looking at and discussing books from the reading scheme. The aim will be to check that the child understands and can answer questions about the story, the characters and can talk in more detail about the main themes in the text. A reading check will be made but the ability to read already will not be expected.

**For a place in CE2 to CM2** – There will be two parts to the assessment process:

- Reading and comprehension - Each child will be given a piece of text to read, differentiated for the different year groups. (20 minutes)
- Oral Interview with a Section teacher - During the discussion the candidate will be expected to answer questions about the text and complimentary questions related to the subject matter. (20 minutes)

## **Assessment for prospective students living abroad**

The test date for the 2025-2026 academic year for **CP to CM2** is : **Thursday 9th April 2026**

- CE2, CM1 and CM2 Students wishing to sit the test remotely will be invited to attend a Zoom interview which will involve two sections:
  1. Reading and comprehension - each candidate will be given a piece of text to read, differentiated for each year group. (20 minutes)
  2. Oral interview with a Section teacher - During the discussion the candidate will be expected to answer questions about the text and complimentary questions related to the subject matter. (20 minutes)
- Applicants for CP/CE1 will have an oral test as highlighted above via video conferencing (15 minutes).
- Be aware that these tests may be recorded to allow moderation and ensure continuity and consistency across all year groups.

## Year groups in France run from January to December

Equivalent year groups:

<b>French Year</b>	<b>UK Equivalent</b>	<b>US Equivalent</b>
CP	Year 2	Grade 1
CE1	Year 3	Grade 2
CE2	Year 4	Grade 3
CM1	Year 5	Grade 4
CM2	Year 6	Grade 5

## The communication of results for the integrated scheme

Recruitment depends on the result of the formal oral entrance test organised jointly by Education Nationale and English 31 staff. Further details of the process are highlighted in the 'Assessment Process' section above. All the results of the assessments are passed on to the Simone Veil headteacher as well as the "inspection d'académie" for validation. A commission composed of the school's headteacher, Education Nationale, English 31 & Colomiers local representatives agrees on the final list of successful candidates. This list is then submitted for approval by the DASEN (Directeur académique des services de l'Education Nationale), who is responsible for validating the official admissions and waiting lists.

A copy of the registration dossier can be obtained from the English31 website: [English 31 - Home](#)

A copy of the dossier must be returned to the following email address [scolomiers@ac-toulouse.fr](mailto:scolomiers@ac-toulouse.fr) by **13/02/2026**.

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