

# Notre Dame International High School

Verneuil-sur-Seine, France



*A US diploma and AP track unfold inside a 1929 French convent school on a 16th-century chateau estate, 35 minutes from Paris.*

## RANKING DIMENSIONS

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| Overall              | 67/100 |
| Academic outcomes    | 68/100 |
| University placement | 66/100 |
| Prestige & heritage  | 68/100 |
| Alumni network       | 67/100 |
| Facilities           | 71/100 |
| Transparency         | 61/100 |

## EDITOR'S VERDICT

The unusual draw here is not the curriculum but the setting: a US high school and AP track placed inside the Notre-Dame “Les Oiseaux” campus, a French school founded in 1929, on a 16th-century chateau estate in Verneuil-sur-Seine, **\*\*35 minutes\*\*** from Paris. That combination gives Notre Dame International High School a *\*distinct niche\** in the European market. Parents who want an English-medium American diploma in France do not have many options, and fewer still with boarding. The school is small, with a **\*\*7:1\*\*** student-teacher ratio and an average class size of **\*\*14\*\***. That matters. Small numbers can mean close academic attention; they can also mean a narrower social and co-curricular field. NDIHS is strongest as a focused, intimate sixth-form style environment for students who want direct teacher access

and do not need the scale, facilities or fixture list of a large British boarding school.

Its market position is clear. This is not a grand old standalone American school with vast alumni networks and published headline outcomes; it is a younger school, founded in 2004, with the US high school established on the campus in 2010, serving ages 11 to 18 in English with a declared US High School Diploma and AP pathway. The school points to **9 AP courses** and a student body drawn from 20-plus nationalities. That makes it *usefully international* without turning it into a mass-market global brand. The fees place it in an interesting bracket: an average annual day fee of **€21,320** and boarding of **€31,120** across the full ladder. For a boarding school within reach of Paris, that is *keenly priced*. The trade-off is opacity where discerning parents will want more. We have not seen published aggregate AP scores, university destination data, or the kind of hard outcome reporting that stronger academic operators now treat as standard.

Why shortlist it? Because it solves a specific problem well. Families relocating to France who want to keep a child on a US trajectory; international students who need boarding and an American diploma rather than A-levels or the IB; and teenagers who will benefit from a *small-scale, closely managed* school rather than a sprawling campus. It will suit self-directed, internationally minded students who are comfortable in a compact community and interested in living near Paris while studying in English. It is *not for families buying prestige by the hectare*. It is for families who value the US pathway, boarding access, and personal scale more than institutional heft.

#### STRENGTHS

- US High School Diploma with AP courses
- English-medium teaching suits mobile international families
- Boarding and day options broaden access
- 7:1 student-teacher ratio allows close oversight

#### TRADE-OFFS

- American diploma may not suit French curriculum seekers
- Founded 2004; shorter track record than older schools
- English-only instruction may limit French immersion

## ADMISSIONS

Notre Dame International High School is a small English-medium day and boarding school in Verneuil-sur-Seine offering an American high school diploma with AP courses. The school's own material points to entry in grades 10 to 12, broadly ages 15 to 18, rather than a full lower-secondary intake. It also states that non-French speakers can join French immersion classes from beginner to advanced level, which may matter for international applicants planning to live in France. The school appears to accept both day pupils and boarders, and presents itself as college preparatory.

Beyond that, the school does not publish much admissions detail in the material provided. There is an application process and an admissions team, but no public deadline, testing format, interview structure or selection criteria are set out here. Nor is there any mention of bursaries, scholarships or means-tested financial aid in the source extract. In practice, families should expect a standard private-school application with direct contact with admissions, but the exact assessment sequence and timeline are not publicly specified.

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