

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL YEARS IN FRANCE

AGE*	FRANCE	UK	USA
	MATERNELLE	INFANT SCHOOL	PRE-SCHOOL
3-4	Petite Section	Nursery	Nursery
4-5	Moyenne Section	Reception	Pre-K
5-6	Grande Section	Year 1	Kindergarten
	ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE	PRIMARY SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6-7	CP	Year 2	1st grade
7-8	CE1	Year 3	2nd grade
8-9	CE2	Year 4	3rd grade
9-10	CM1	Year 5	4th grade
10-11	CM2	Year 6	5th grade
	COLLÈGE	SECONDARY SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
11-12	6ème	Year 7	6th grade
12-13	5ème	Year 8	7th grade
13-14	4ème	Year 9	8th grade
14-15	3ème	Year 10	9th grade
	LYCÉE	SECONDARY SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
15-16	Seconde	Year 11	10th grade
16-17	Première	Year 12	11th grade
17-18	Terminale	Year 13	12th grade

* The age bracket is by calendar year, meaning that children entering Petite Section in September 2026 will have been born in 2023.