

PARENTS AND PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

YOUR CONCERNS :

QUALITY OF EDUCATION, REPLACEMENT OF TEACHER ABSENCES

FAIR ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT WORK BASED ON CLEARLY DEFINED OBJECTIVES AND TEST CONTENT (CONTRAT DE CONFIANCE)

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT CULTIVATES STUDENTS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL GUIDANCE AND UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS AND DIPLOMAS

TIMELY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AND REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHING AND SUPERVISORY STAFF MEMBERS

TUITION FEES

SCHOOL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PARENT PARTICIPATION IN KEY DECISIONS RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS INVOLVEMENT IN DAILY SCHOOL LIFE

INFORMING ADMINISTRATIVE INSTITUTIONS IN FRANCE OF LOCAL ISSUES

INVESTMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING PROJECTS

TERMS OF CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AEFÉ AND PRIVATE FRENCH SCHOOLS ABROAD



What makes FAPEE unique ?

Far removed from the divisive debates that arise at a national level, FAPEE works to provide constructive proposals and initiatives to promote and improve French education abroad in close partnership with the supervisory authorities (AEFE, MLF).

OUR AIMS :

SECURE THE FUTURE OF FRENCH SCHOOLS ABROAD

- * Keep increases in tuition fees at a moderate rate
- * Boost the network's budget for grants for students of French nationality
- * Ensure that AEFÉ has the resources necessary to fulfill its missions
- * Secure funds for building and renovation projects

PROMOTE A CHALLENGING AND DYNAMIC MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION OPEN TO THE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE OF HOST COUNTRIES

- * Maintain a high percentage of teachers certified by the French Ministry of Education
- * Continued training and satisfactory remuneration for locally recruited staff
- * Innovative teaching methods, emphasising a project-oriented approach
- * Competence-based evaluations, in line with those of other major education systems
- * Bilingual education beginning in primary school; creation of sections for the baccalaureate's International Option (OIB)
- * Academic success for all students, taking into account individualised instruction and students with special needs
- * Proactive school and career orientation
- * Recognition of qualifications and diplomas by local and international universities

INVOLVE ALL PARENTS AS COMMITTED PARTNERS IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SCHOOL

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FAPEE

Federation of Parent Associations of schools in the French Education Abroad network

FAPEE is the only federation that deals exclusively with issues relating to French education abroad. Founded in 1980 by elected representatives and parents of all nationalities, FAPEE brings together parent associations from schools around the world in which the French curriculum is taught: those managed directly by the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE), establishments under contract with the AEFE, and approved partner schools.

FAPEE is a non-profit organisation, independent of any political, trade union or religious affiliation, which actively contributes to the administrative and advisory bodies of the French Education Abroad network.

FAPEE has professionalised parents' representation in schools abroad and encourages parents to be actively involved in the network's strategic orientation and pedagogical evolution.

FAPEE sits on the board of the AEFE, on the French Commission for Scholarships and, through its president, on the board of the MLF (French Secular Mission).

FAPEE unites independent parent associations from more than 160 schools across all continents and provides information to many more !



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At the core of FAPEE's action is the promotion of a strong partnership between involved parents and schools attentive to their concerns.

The family-school relationship is a collaborative partnership based on mutual trust and respect.

* FAPEE ENCOURAGES EACH SCHOOL TO:

- ➔ Develop school policies and procedures which clearly state and incorporate the principles and practices of effective partnership with parents
- ➔ Promote parental involvement and encourage a culture of participation and a school community spirit
- ➔ Improve communication with parents and transparency in financial issues
- ➔ Consult parent representatives on school policy and educational projects
- ➔ Consult parent representatives on building and renovation projects
- ➔ Organise a "back to school" informational meeting for all teachers and parents
- ➔ Formalise the presentation of course content and the evaluation process (syllabi)
- ➔ Expand admission counselling for French/Local/Foreign universities
- ➔ Create opportunities for extracurricular activities, promote student involvement and personal development
- ➔ Develop community service skills as a curriculum requirement for students
- ➔ Encourage innovative teaching practices, with a focus on positive feedback and students' multilingualism
- ➔ **Keep middle class families in network schools by maintaining reasonable tuition fees**



PARENTS AND PARENT ASSOCIATIONS' COMMITMENTS

- Each child's education is shared between parents and the school
- Parental involvement implies an active role in school life, attending school and Parent association meetings and taking part in wider school issues and various activities or projects
- Parent associations are inclusive and involve any parents interested in participating

* THE FAPEE FEDERATION:

- ➔ **Provides information and support** to parents, including informational meetings and discussions with AEFÉ and MLF education specialists and managing directors
- ➔ **Assists FAPEE members** in their requests and concerns with the AEFÉ and MLF
- ➔ **Ensures that parents' concerns are fully considered in official and non official forums and committees** regarding the network's strategic and educational orientation (such as the AEFÉ and MLF Strategic Orientation Plans)
- ➔ **Develops and supports networks**, to enable parents to share ideas, issues and best practices



- ➔ **Edits newsletters and handbooks** ("*Understand and Get Involved*" guide for parents), assists in the drafting of bylaws for parental Boards of Directors as well as for parent associations in schools run directly by the AEFÉ or MLF
- ➔ **Organises regional meetings** with representatives from school Boards and parent associations, **forums et thematic conferences** (including conferences on the teaching of Arabic in network schools, guidance on higher education choices, instruction in an international context, systems of evaluation...), an **annual General Assembly** during which participants engage in open discussions on all subjects pertaining to French education abroad and the management of network schools

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FAPEE offers :

- ▶ **Help and advice to all parents from network schools**
- ▶ **Regional online forums to share your experiences, concerns and best practices**
- ▶ **A regular newsletter**

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