ENSR – Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande

A school which has been preparing students for the future for over 100 years

Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande is a private coeducational school for students from 3 to 18 years of age, offering classes from pre-school to preparation for the Swiss Maturity or International Baccalaureate exams. The school has a comfortable, homelike boarding section which provides students with supervision and guidance.

The school – located in Lausanne, in the heart of Europe – enjoys an exceptional location and an idyllic setting. Though a relatively big school – we have about 600 day students and 40 boarders – ENSR has managed to preserve the welcoming atmosphere of a school centred on the individual child.

For more than one hundred years, Ecole Nouvelle has remained faithful to its founding principals while anticipating new needs and methods. It is on the foundations of effective teaching methods and the commitment of its teachers that its reputation has been built.

From its founding in 1906 by Edouard Vittoz, ENSR has distinguished itself with an innovative educational approach that aims "better to prepare youth for life by offering them a less artificial existence and by not limiting their activities to books and abstract speculation."

Today the school continues to emphasise the acquisition of diversified and balanced tools. Its surroundings, its supervision and its programmes come together to create a climate of success for each student. The students of Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande obtain excellent results in their exams.

Respecting individuality and valuing diversity, privileging experience and developing knowledge, Ecole Nouvelle prepares for life and for exams.

If the primary role of a school is to offer relevant teaching, Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande succeeds in this mission by offering each student a stimulating environment which allows them to develop fully.

A place for learning but also for living, the school is situated in a green, wooded area overlooking Lake Geneva. Younger children explore their safe, agreeable environment with joy, while older students appreciate spaces suitable for study or physical activity.

Openness Because our students and teachers come from so many different countries, Ecole Nouvelle is a forum for cultural exchange. It is in the spirit of openness that the school is affiliated with the Associated Schools Project (ASP) of UNESCO, which works for education based on peace and tolerance.

Multilingualism plays an important role in the school programme. English is introduced in kindergarten. It is used daily in the primary school and is taught in standard and accelerated groups from grades 5 to 12. Students begin German in 4th grade. In 9th grade, courses in Italian and Spanish give students the opportunity to broaden their linguistic and cultural horizons.

Ecole Nouvelle was one of the very first schools to offer the International Baccalaureate. The I.B. diploma (we offer French, English and bilingual English-French medium) is accepted by universities around the world. The school offers FLE (French as a foreign language) courses for non-French-speaking students, the goal of which is their rapid integration into the regular programme.

Individuality Students at Ecole Nouvelle are not programmed, far from it. Our teaching methods are individualised so that each student has the opportunity to realise their potential. The experience of more than a century of innovative teaching and the active involvement of the teaching staff give each student the opportunity to follow a curriculum adapted to their aptitudes and interests.

Teaching to learn Rather than the accumulation of facts, the school fosters the pleasure to be had from curiosity and learning. Our essential objective is to provide our students with a solid general culture which will help them live in a world of constant change and face their future with confidence.

co-ed school with small, homey boarding section
child-centred education

education

regular personalised reports
solutions adapted to the needs of each student

encouragement

an agreeable, secure environment
sports grounds

environment

students from around the world
multilingualism from kindergarten towards the International Baccalaureate
FLE (French as a foreign language) courses

exchanges

Learning to learn ; step by step

From pre-school to prep school, Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande accompanies the student on the various stages of discovery and development.

I.B. 2 / grade 12
I.B. 1 / grade 11
grade 10
grade 9
grade 8
grade 7
grade 6
grade 5
grade 4
grade 3
grade 2
grade 1

success

Last success rate for the **Swiss Maturity**: 100%
Last success rate for the **I.B.**: 97%

language tests and examinations

Young Learners Test – English
Cambridge First Certificate in English
Cambridge Advanced Certificate in English
Cambridge Proficiency in English
TOEFL – English
Instituto Cervantes – Español
Goethe-Institut – Deutsch
DELF – Français Langue Etrangère
Istituto Dante Alighieri – Italiano

International Baccalaureate – I.B.
Choice: English or French emphasis
Subjects: 3 at higher level / 3 at standard level
Theory of knowledge
Extended essay
CAS activities (creativity, action, service)

Swiss Maturity
13 major disciplines, among which:
1 specific option
1 complementary option
+1 research work

International Baccalaureate – I.B.

Swiss Maturity **15–18**

senior school
orientation years

13 subjects
multilingualism
successful exam preparation

middle school **11–14**

10 subjects / after-school activities
solid general culture
advanced English
continuing German
small group study periods
various extracurricular activities

primary school **7–10**

7 subjects / after-school activities
4 periods of English per week in small classes
introduction to German in 4th grade
artistic and athletic activities
use of multimedia tools
sports nights from 3rd grade
sports half-days

kindergarten

big section / medium section / little section
morning or day programme
learning activities
early English learning
bus service

montessori **3–6**

4 years / up to 1st grade
morning or day programme
learning activities
early English learning
bus service

Between 3 and 6 years of age the child, bursting with energy and curiosity, discovers the world around them. They need well-defined boundaries, but these limits must be flexible enough to allow them to develop their autonomy.

- *pre-school/Kindergarten or Montessori*
- *morning or day programme*
- *learning activities*
- *early English learning*
- *bus service*

pre-school 3–6 years

Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande accepts children from the age of three. Parents can choose between two programmes, **Kindergarten** and the **Montessori** section. The traditional Kindergarten programme offers the first fundamental learning experiences, progressive socialisation, and graduated motor activities. The Montessori section, for children from 3 up to first grade, pays particular attention to the rhythm and personality of each student. It helps the child develop autonomy, self-discipline and psychomotor skills using didactic materials specific to the method. To prepare for this important stage in their children's education, parents meet with the direction and teachers.

Goals To make these years a time of positive experiences, serving as a solid basis for future learning.

Individual supervision An evaluation report dealing with all the goals for the year is drawn up each semester. There is an information evening for parents at the beginning of the school year.

Child Care Each morning, from 8:00 to 8:45 (when classes begin), the children can start their day good-naturedly in the ENSR day-care centre.

Extracurricular activities In order to offer the children a stimulating environment throughout the day, the school offers various after-class activities encouraging them to express themselves.

Bus service Our bus service picks up the children in the morning and takes them home again in the afternoon.

English Four times a week, the children have introductory English lessons.

awakening
wonder
exploration

Between 7 and 10 years of age the child is ready to bring all their new, rich knowledge to fruition. They want to understand and experience everything. They are confident about their academic life.

- *individualised teaching and regular reports*
- *4 periods of English in small groups from 1st grade*
- *German from 4th grade*
- *artistic and athletic activities*
- *use of multimedia in lessons*
- *sports night from 3rd grade*
- *sports half-days*

primary school 7 – 10 years

Ecole Nouvelle offers a varied dynamic programme to students in the primary classes in order to stimulate their desire to learn. Little by little they will master oral and written French as well as arithmetic. Other subjects are introduced into the programme which favours intellectual, creative and physical development.

Goals To offer activities which favour learning in every subject. To help students face new challenges with confidence.

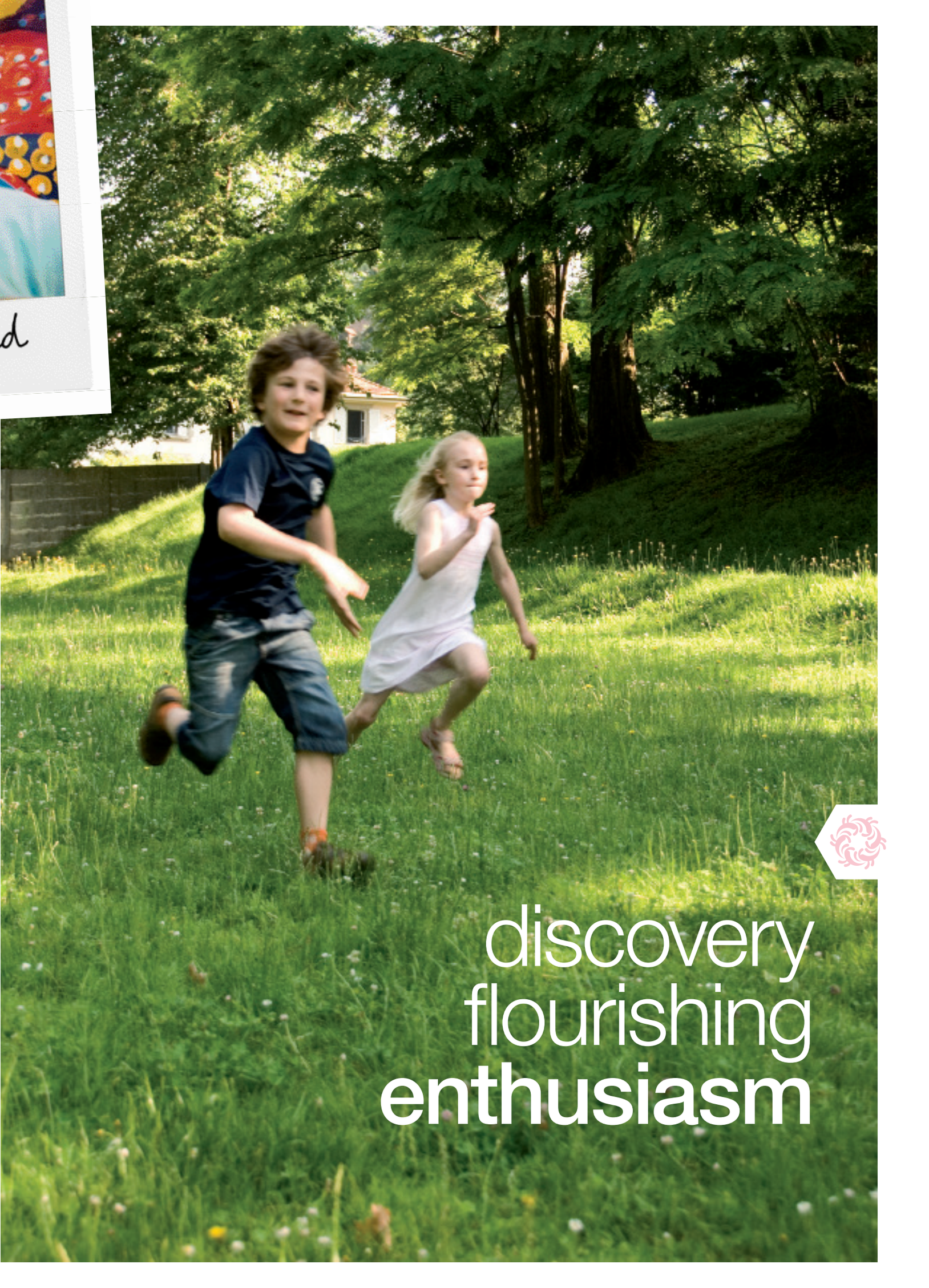
Foreign languages English learning is maintained at four lessons a week. German begins in 4th grade.

Individualised teaching Parents receive a report every two months as well as an evaluation dealing with all the goals for the year each semester. Parents are invited to a parent-teacher evening at the beginning of the school year.

Extracurricular activities The programme of extracurricular activities reflects the spirit of ENSR. Comprising numerous after-lunch and after-school artistic and athletic activities, the programme aids in the total development of each child. Twice a year the workshops welcome parents during open-door weeks.

Admission Before the child is admitted, the parents and direction meet so that any questions the parents might have can be answered. The educational level of the child is then evaluated so that they can be assigned to the class which is best adapted to their level and needs.

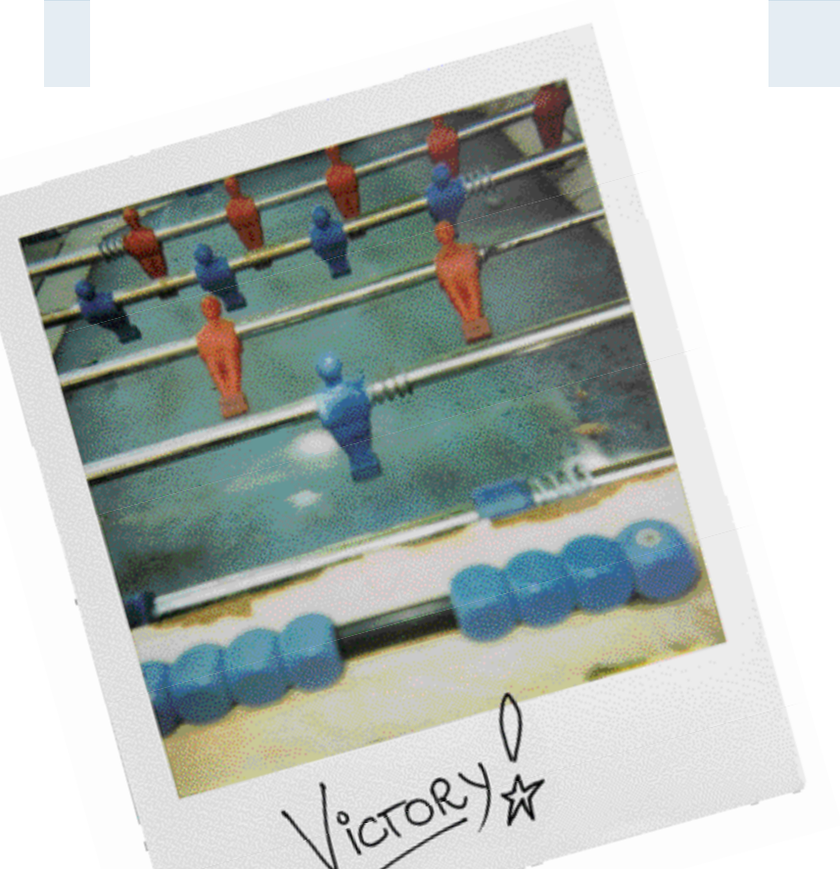
New technologies From 1st grade the children explore new technologies in regular workshops during which they learn to use multimedia tools.


discovery
flourishing
enthusiasm

- *solid general culture*
- *advanced English*
- *continuing German*
- *small group study period*
- *structured learning with regular reviews*
- *various extracurricular activities*

Between 11 and 14, the child's personality begins to assert itself. They come to grips with their ideas and knowledge. They commit to friendships and to daring deeds.

middle school 11 – 14 years



Goals To accompany the children on this important stage of their passage from childhood to adolescence; to assure constant and attentive support; to motivate and listen to the students and to guide them towards success of which they learn to be proud.

Common Stream The children develop a solid general culture thanks to a common stream of basic subjects such as French, mathematics, history, geography, science, sports, drawing and music.

English To build upon what the children have learned in primary school, English – as well as geography – is taught by native speakers, which allows the child to acquire a rich and varied vocabulary.

Other languages German courses continue. In 7th grade, students have an obligatory introduction to Latin. They may take Ancient Greek from 8th grade on. Both classical languages can be studied in Senior School.

Supervision and support Children are admitted to the appropriate grade – determined by transcripts and tests to determine their level in French and maths – after an interview with the Direction and teachers. Teachers follow each student closely. Every four weeks parents receive a report with grades and observations. There is regular contact between teachers, parents and the Direction. We offer teacher-directed after-school study periods for small groups of students.

Various activities Besides daily sports activities, students participate in intra- and inter-mural extra-scholastic competitions. There are numerous other extracurricular activities.

complicity
team
exchanges

Swiss Maturity or International Baccalaureate for the final 2 years
multilingualism
regular personalised supervision
effective exam and university preparation

Between 15 and 18 years of age, the high-school student takes a stand, brims over with ideas, sharpens their reflections and prepares for their future as an adult. Scientist or poet, they envision their future but think about their exams.

senior school 15–18 years

The Senior School is comprised of a 2 year orientation cycle, with 13 subjects, including three or four foreign languages (English, German, Italian, Spanish, Latin, Greek) at the end of which students opt for either the Swiss Maturity or the International Baccalaureate. During the last 2 years students prepare themselves for the official Maturity or I.B. exams.

Goals To help the student develop the ability to reason independently and to deepen and structure the knowledge which will allow them to go on to higher studies.

Swiss Maturity The Swiss Maturity is accepted by all Swiss centres of higher education (universities, polytechnics and specialised institutions).

International Baccalaureate – I.B. The International Baccalaureate diploma is accepted by universities all over the world.

Multilingualism Fluency in several languages is highly valued in the Senior School, so we offer English, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian classes. Courses in "rare" languages can be organised.

Maturity exams are in French. The I.B. diploma exams can be taken in French, in the bilingual option (French and English) or entirely in English. A student may study their mother tongue as one of their options.

Personalised supervision Before a student is admitted, there is an interview with the class teacher or the director of studies, evaluation of transcripts, and tests in maths and French. Students are regularly tested. There are six report cards during the school year, as well as two semester reports.

Exam preparation There are three exam sessions each year which help students become familiar with exam situations. ENSR also organises exam-training classes before the Maturity and I.B. final exams.

Complementary international diplomas The school also prepares students for the following optional exams: Cambridge, TOEFL, Goethe Institute, Alliance française, Cervantes, Dante Alighieri, DELF and DALF, SAT.

acuteness
synthesis
expectations

agreeable, secure environment
admission of students from the age of 13
two boarding plans (5 or 7 days)
small groups
a large choice of cultural and recreational activities
sports infrastructure
weekend activities and cultural trips

When a child lives far from their family, they need to find their bearings in a healthy, stimulating, safe, friendly environment.

boarding school 13–18 years

Goals To offer a safe, agreeable environment with the kind of supervision which – while guiding them – gives the student enough room to develop.

5 or 7 days The school offers two boarding plans: 7-day and 5-day. Students can stay the entire week or from Monday to Friday.

Supervision The children are assigned to small groups according to age. They are under the supervision of educators and boarding-school teachers who are responsible for their physical, emotional and academic well-being.

Living space The Boarding School is situated in a historic renovated building at the heart of the campus. Rooms accommodate one to three children. Students have access to a TV room and secure WiFi Internet connections. The school restaurant serves three balanced meals a day.

Studies The progress of each child is followed closely. The boarding-school teachers – all of whom also teach in the Senior School – provide a family atmosphere which guarantees close supervision. The regular contact they have with the other teachers is of great benefit to the children under their care.

Leisure and free time Boarding students have a large choice of sports, cultural and recreational activities during their free time: tennis training, athletics, basketball, volleyball, soccer and visits to expositions, museums and galleries. Boarders also have at their disposal the school's sports equipment, gym, tennis court and sports field. Cultural visits, ski days and longer trips are organised during the weekend.

supervision
family spirit
environment

recreation
enrichment

Sensitive to the development of the whole person, Ecole Nouvelle offers its students a wide choice of athletic, cultural and recreational activities.

- *numerous extracurricular activities*
- *various athletic activities*
- *summer and winter camps*
- *music and art workshops*
- *sports games*
- *computer and multimedia workshops*
- *directed study periods*
- *various outings, visits to art exhibitions, laboratories and theatres*

Goals To round off the educational programme; to permit both younger and older students to discover new interests, to improve, to compete with other students in a positive way.

Sports Sport is an important aspect of life at Ecole Nouvelle de la Suisse Romande. Physical activity and competitions help children develop team spirit and extend their limits. To achieve this, ENSR offers a wide range of activities. Besides the sports activities of the regular school programme, students may also participate in ski camps, summer camps, windsurfing camps and special afternoon training periods for athletics, skiing, football, volleyball, basketball or rugby competitions. Several times a year the school holds "Nuits du sport", during which students from Primary School to Senior School compete in an atmosphere of enthusiasm, friendliness and fair play. From 3rd grade, students may compete with children from other schools during ADISR tournaments in different disciplines.

Grand Jeu The "Grand Jeu", which tests the creativity, orienteering skills and endurance of students from 7th to 12th grades over two days and one night, has been a tradition at Ecole Nouvelle for decades. Whether they are on the winning or losing team, participants never forget their "Grand Jeu".

Théâtrale Another school tradition is the "Théâtrale", which gives students the chance to show off to their parents and friends the musical and acting talents they have acquired or developed during after-school workshops.

space energy

The campus is situated in a green, wooded area, perfect for study, physical activity and intellectual awakening.

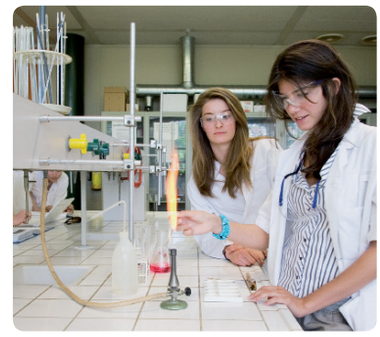
Besides classrooms and well-equipped auditoriums, the campus has all the equipment necessary for the physical and intellectual development of the students: tennis court, gym, sports fields, multimedia halls, library, workshops, laboratories…

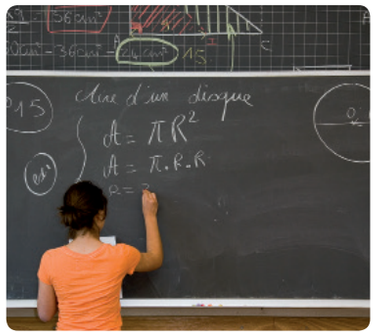
ENSR is divided into sectors each under the responsibility of a dean. A clear division of responsibilities between the Board and the Direction have ensured the smooth running of the school for over a century. ENSR benefits from the active participation of two other groups: the Association des Anciens (Alumni Association) and the Association des Parents d'Elèves.

Association des Anciens Founded in 1909, the Association des Anciens is an active network of alumni of Ecole Nouvelle present all over the world. Faithful to its initial mission, the Association participates actively in the life of the school and ensures continuity between the various generations of "nouvelliens".
www.ensranciens.ch

Association des Parents d'Elèves APE was set up to encourage and facilitate communication and exchanges between parents, the Administration and the teaching staff of ENSR. The members of the Association participate in various events and organise get-togethers during the school year.
www.ape-ensr.ch

1. Boarding School and restaurant
2. Gymnasium
3. Middle School, Montessori and library
4. Direction and administration
5. Pre-school / Kindergarten
6. Pre-school / Kindergarten
7. Playground
8. Primary School
9. Senior School
10. Tennis court
11. Multi-sports field





general information

Location

Ecole Nouvelle is located in Lausanne, in the western, French speaking region of Switzerland, in the heart of Europe. The school is only 60 km from Geneva's international airport and approximately 200 km from Zurich and Basel and so easily accessible by car or by train.

Restaurant

The goal of the restaurant is to offer nutritious, tasty food, and to teach healthy eating. As evidence of the excellent produce it uses and its impeccable service, the restaurant has received the *Fourchette verte* label.

Bus Service

The school has a bus service for the convenience of parents.

Child-care

Our child-care centre is available for children from the age of three to the end of Primary School.
It is open from 8:00 am to the beginning of lessons.

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