

European Schools network

While the schools differ in size and number of language sections, they share several key features:

- a common European curriculum;
- education in the mother tongue (or dominant language), with some subjects gradually taught in a second language in secondary school;
- shared educational standards across the system;
- cooperation across the network, including exchanges, mobility and inter-school events.



European Baccalaureate

- Prestigious multilingual graduation diploma with subjects examined in 2 languages plus 2 optional foreign languages.
- Recognised in all EU Member States and internationally.



European Schools in numbers (2025–2026)

Traditional European Schools

- 13 schools (*) in 6 countries.
- All official languages taught with 22 of them offered as the main language of education.

Accredited European Schools

- 24 schools in 14 countries.

Timeline

- 1953** First European School (Luxembourg)
- 1957** Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools
- 1959** First European Baccalaureate
- 2007** First Accredited European Schools
- **Today: 37 schools** across Europe with over **46 000 pupils** and **5000 teachers**.

(*) **Traditional European Schools locations:** Alicante, Bergen, Brussels (4 schools), Frankfurt am Main, Karlsruhe, Luxembourg (2 schools), Mol, Munich, Varese
Accredited Schools locations: Bad Vilbel, Brindisi, Clervaux, The Hague, Differdange / Esch-sur-Alzette, Dunshaughlin, Helsinki, Heraklion, Innsbruck, Junglinster, Copenhagen, Lille, Ljubljana, Luxembourg-Merl, Manosque, Mersch, Mondorf-les-Bains, Paris, Parma, Saarbrücken, Strasbourg, Tallinn, Waterloo, Warsaw

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European Schools

A unique multilingual education in Europe



- Nursery
- Primary
- Secondary
- European Baccalaureate



Mission

The European Schools provide high-quality, multilingual, multicultural and inclusive education from nursery to the end of secondary education. European Schools equip pupils with the competencies necessary to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Rooted in European values, the system promotes:

- intercultural understanding and cooperation;
- responsible European citizenship.



Values

The European Schools reflect the following values.

European identity

- Human dignity, freedom, democracy and equality.
- Rule of law and respect for human rights.
- Education in all **EU official languages** reflects the linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe.

Collaboration

Teachers and inspectors from across EU Member States contribute to the system sharing best practices, ensuring high educational standards.

Inclusion

European Schools support the well-being and development of every pupil, helping all learners reach their full potential.



Vision

Empowering curious, creative and resilient learners to shape a shared European future.

Pillars of development

Education for tomorrow

Enhancing teaching, learning and the curriculum so pupils develop the competencies and skills needed for the challenges of the future.

Important role in education in Europe

Expanding the cooperation, visibility and influence of the European Schools as a leading model of multilingual, value-based education in Europe.



Bridging cultures



Empowering learners

Shaping European education