

## FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are the hours of courses in CIFS?

#### Kindergarten and elementary school

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Classes begin	8h30	8h30	8h30	8h30	8h30
Classes finish	16h00	16h00	12h30	16h00	12h30

#### Collège (Middle school)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Classes begin	8h30	8h30	8h30	8h30	8h30
Classes finish	16h/17h	16h/17h	12h30/16h	16h/17h	12h30/16h

### 2. At what age can I enroll my child in CIFS?

From two and a half years on condition of cleanliness (no diapers) during the daytime.

### 3. What differentiates the French kindergarten (preschool) from the Bosnian preschool?

#### Weekly hours of schooling

The children attend school **26 hours per week**, long lasting linguistic experience and an enriched social life.

#### The objectives of the kindergarten enrollment and schooling

**Socialisation**, learning community life from an early age.

**Learning**, all the time, through games, observations, stories, rhymes, coasting all art forms, using an early age IT support, participating in daily sports ....

#### Teachers

- Kindergarten is a school, not a daycare. Teachers have clear and specific objectives that guide the implementation of various activities throughout the day.
- At the end of kindergarten children must have attained all pre-reading, counting, classifying, sorting, fine motor skills ... which will allow them to enter elementary school with all opportunity to succeed.

#### 4. What are the working hours for daycare?

The school offers a childcare from 7.30am until the start of classes: free of charge

A daycare is held daily until 5.30pm.

- On daily basis: 3KM50 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) or 10 KM (Wednesday and Friday)
- On monthly basis : flat rate of 50 KM per child.

#### 5. I do not speak French. Is this a problem?

Knowledge of French by parents is not necessary. Children learn most of the lessons in school.

Homework help is offered three times a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday) after school for children of CP(first grade) and CE1 (second grade) (learning to read) and for new pupils whose parents do not speak French.

#### 6. My child does not speak French. Is this a problem?

- **At kindergarten**, your child will benefit from support by teachers and assistants who speak French, Bosnian and / or English. Children never feel isolated and can still speak and be heard. The environment of kindergarten will help your child to quickly acquire the foundations of the French language. "Language" workshops are organized daily according to children's skills level, enabling targeted learning and progression.
- **In elementary school**, hours of tutoring are introduced in order to upgrade the children with difficulties in language. 'Language' workshops are targeted (in small groups) and they are introduced as needed.
- **In college**, a minimum level of knowledge of French is required to be registered: level A2 of the Common European Framework for languages. This is the second level on a scale of 6, which corresponds to a volume of about 150 hours of learning. Tests are given before enrollment. If successful, the student follows a year of French as a foreign language at school, every day, while being part of a group class for other subjects.

#### 7. Are religion courses taught in CIFS?

No. The CIFS is a secular school who takes special care to respect the values of freedom of belief of each and equality for all.

## 8. After a few years in CIFS, can my child be reintegrated in the Bosnian school system?

At all levels of schooling, your child may return to the Bosnian education system because students receive more than just French lessons, they have 2, 3 or 4 hours of instructions in Bosnian and Bosnian lessons, following ages. These are taught by Bosnian teachers from a local Bosnian school. The teachers attest the individual level of the students in their native language twice a year.

## 9. What are the connections between the level of Bosnian and French school systems?

Age of enrollment	FRENCH system	BOSNIAN SYSTEM
3 yaers	Maternelle - Petite section (PS)	Vrtic
4 years	Maternelle - Moyenne section (MS)	Vrtic
5 years	Maternelle - Grande section (GS)	Predskola
6 years	Cours préparatoire (CP)	1
7 years	Cours élémentaire 1 <sup>e</sup> année (CE1)	2
8 years	Cours élémentaire 2 <sup>e</sup> année (CE2)	3
9 years	Cours moyen 1 <sup>e</sup> année (CM1)	4
10 years	Cours moyen 2 <sup>e</sup> année (CM2)	5
11 years	6e	6
12 years	5e	7
13 years	4e	8
14 years	3e	9
15 years	2e	1
16 years	1e	2
17 years	Terminale	3
18 years	-	4

Legend :

Ecole maternelle – KINDERGATEN
Ecole élémentaire – PRIMARY SCHOOL
Collège MIDDLE (secondary) SCHOOL
Lycée High school
Osnovna Skola
Gimnazija

**Note:** Primary school in the French system includes Kindergarten and the first five grades of primary school.

## 10. Are there additional costs not included in the tuition fees?

For new entrants a first registration fee of 600 KM per child (paid at registration).

The canteen, per meal (1KM if the meal is brought by the child from home) (paid monthly)

The school bus (defined at the beginning of school year) when using the school bus (paid monthly)

**At the beginning of the school year**, a fixed rate payment is requested for **supplies**: 100 KM for kindergarten equipment, 175 KM in primary and elementary / Collège and High school for books, rent for books and files.

## 11. What degree can my child get along with his schooling in CIFS?

« **Baccalauréat** » French Baccalaureate Diploma which is the matriculation issued at the end of high school by the French Ministry of Education and gives access to universities in the European Union in particular.

## 12. Are all teachers in CIFS French?

The vast majority of teachers are French. Others have lived and been educated in France.

## 13. How many nationalities do CIFS students represent?

Our school currently has about fifteen nationalities and a dozen native languages.

## 14. Besides French, what other languages are taught in CIFS?

Language courses are taught by native speakers.

### **Bosnian**

- Kindergarten: strengthening of the mother tongue (skill groups)
- Elementary school: systematic study of language

For foreigners, Bosnian as a Foreign Language is taught.

### **English**

- Kindergarten: funny introduction
- Elementary: systematic teaching of 1h30 per week
- Middle school: systematic instruction of 3 or 4 hours per week depending on age.

### **Spanish and German**

These two languages are taught in middle school and high school in the traditional syllabus.