

Lycée français René-Descartes – Phnom Penh – Cambodia



A HIGH-QUALITY ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ 6,470 qualified staff members on transfer from the French Ministry of Education to the AEFE
- ◆ 20,000 locally recruited staff members
- ◆ A targeted and selective recruitment policy
- ◆ An effective assessment system
- ◆ An ambitious training program: 850 training sessions for 30,000 trainees per year

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SCHOOL ACCREDITATION
A SEAL OF QUALITY

Accreditation by the French Ministry of Education certifies that the teaching provided by the school complies with the demands, curricula, teaching objectives and organizational rules of the French education system. All students from accredited schools can pursue their education in another French school without having to take an entry examination.

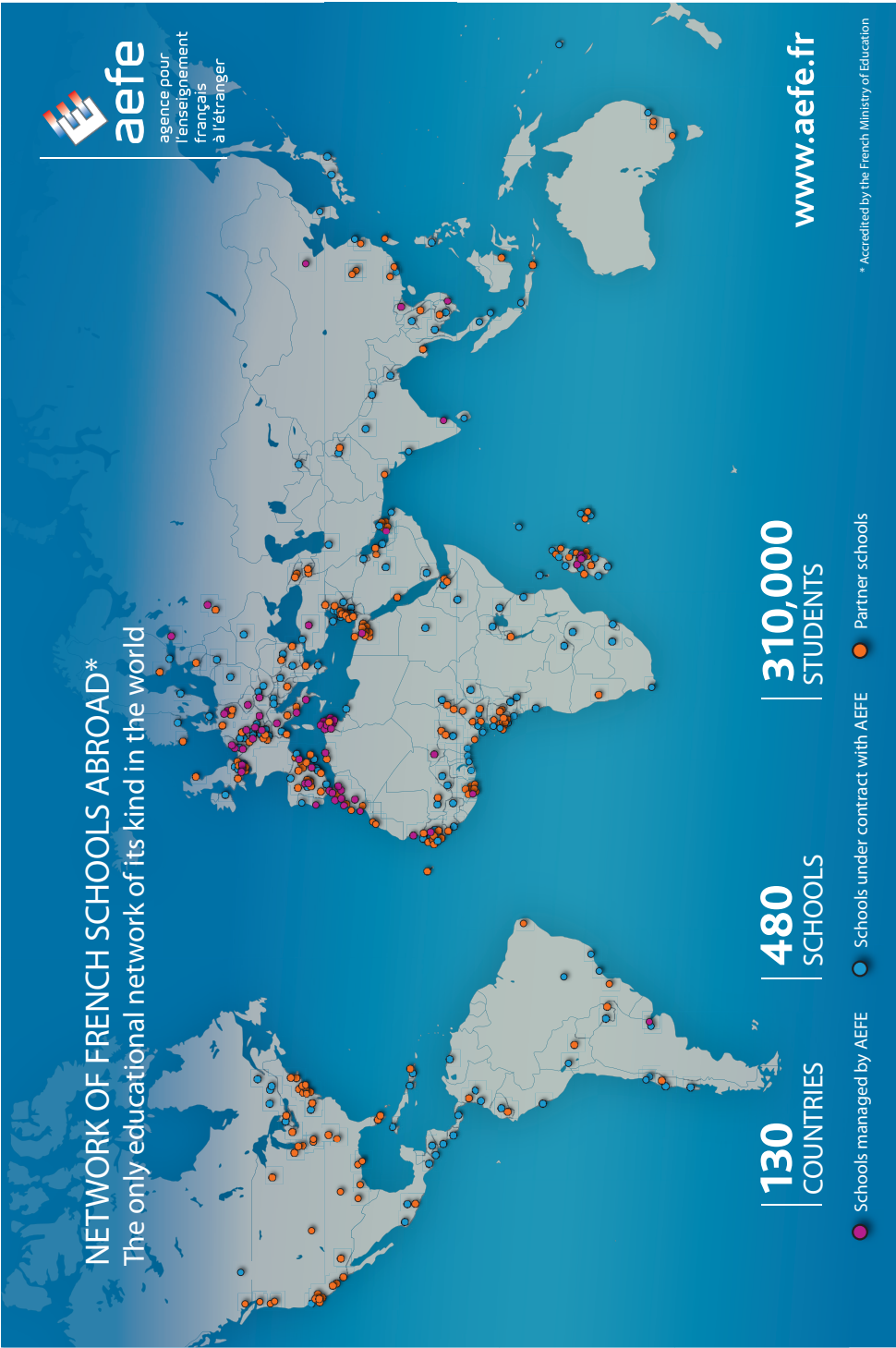
Schools are required to periodically prove that they meet accreditation criteria (acceptance of both French and foreign nationals, preparation for French examinations, employment of qualified French staff).

A PRINCIPLE OF CO-FINANCING

The overall 2012 budget for AEFE schools was 1.133 billion euros. The budget is based on the principle of co-financing, with tuition fees paid by families and subsidies provided by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. France is the only country with an overseas education system of this size, largely subsidized by public funds.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
TUITION

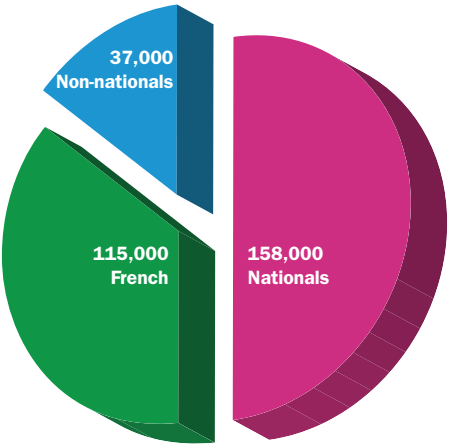
Means-tested scholarships are available to help families fund their children's tuition. This assistance is reserved for French schoolchildren aged 3 or more enrolled on the Register of French Nationals Living Abroad and attending a French School.



THE FRENCH EDUCATIONAL NETWORK
ABROAD

THE WORLD'S LARGEST EDUCATIONAL NETWORK

- 480** Schools
- 130** Countries
- 310,000** Students



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THE AGENCY FOR FRENCH EDUCATION ABROAD (AEFE)

A GOVERNMENT AGENCY

The Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE) is a government institution supervised by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Founded in 1990, it is responsible for monitoring and managing the network of French schools abroad.

The AEFE is the guarantor of the French education system abroad. It plays a key role in expanding France's cultural and linguistic influence throughout the world and serves to boost the appeal of French higher education.

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STEERING, SUPPORTING, ADVISING

The AEFE has two offices, in Paris and Nantes, and coordinates relationships with the 480 accredited schools in the network:

- ◆ 75 schools managed directly, which are branches of the AEFE
- ◆ 159 schools **under contract** with AEFE and managed by associations or foundations
- ◆ 246 **partner** schools

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OUR MISSIONS

- ◆ Ensuring the **continuity of French government education** for children living abroad with their families
- ◆ Taking part in **educational cooperation** by nurturing special relations with the culture, language and educational system in the host country
- ◆ Broadening the **influence of French language and culture** by taking in foreign students
- ◆ Helping families **pay tuition fees** while endeavoring to keep costs to a minimum
- ◆ Awarding **grants** to students of French nationality attending one of the network's schools

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OUR ACTIONS

- ◆ Managing the **human resources and financial aid** provided by the government for French schools abroad
- ◆ **Recruiting, assigning and remunerating** qualified teaching staff, coordination and inspection staff, and managerial staff
- ◆ **Assessing** teachers and teaching methods, as well as non-teaching staff
- ◆ Steering and managing **staff training**
- ◆ **Awarding grants** for the management of schools, investments, equipment and teaching aids
- ◆ Helping French students with **scholarships**
- ◆ Offering **merit scholarships** to the most successful foreign students seeking to pursue their higher education in France

As part of its educational cooperation remit, the AEFE manages two additional programs alongside its network of accredited schools.

FLAM (French as a native language): The AEFE provides financial aid to local associations seeking to maintain the French skills of French children who do not attend an accredited school.

LabelFrancÉducation : Founded in 2012 as part of the development plan for French teaching abroad designed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in conjunction with the French Ministry of Education. It identifies, recognizes and promotes high-quality foreign educational systems with national programs that contribute to the development of the French language and Francophone cultures.

HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

The AEFE leads an innovative teaching approach for the schools in the network. The approach respects the French national curriculum while remaining open to the language and culture of the host country.

OPEN-MINDED

- ◆ Embracing the **cultural diversity** of students who attend AEFE schools
- ◆ Providing special **French lessons for foreign students** to ensure they feel comfortable in classes
- ◆ **Adapting** courses to the realities of the host country
- ◆ Taking advantage of the grassroots presence of schools in the **host country** by developing local-flavor sports and cultural activities

INNOVATIVE METHODS FOR TEACHING LANGUAGES

- ◆ Teaching and perfecting French language **skills using innovative** methods adapted to specific groups
- ◆ Teaching **the host-country** language to French and foreign students
- ◆ Promoting the **use of English** in an international context
- ◆ Offering **modern languages** right from elementary school

HIGH-QUALITY TEACHING

- ◆ Achieving **excellence for all students**, an aim reflected in the results achieved in 2012 by students in the network, including a 95 % Baccalauréat pass rate (nearly two-thirds with merit), 9 winners in France's *Concours Général* national competitive examination, 8 awards in the national mathematics competition, and 4 in the national geosciences competition
- ◆ Offering students a **well-rounded education**, including sports, culture and the arts
- ◆ Giving each pupil the right to **high-quality education** and school life
- ◆ Managing the transition to **higher education**
- ◆ Setting students on the **path towards excellence**

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PARTNERS FOR FRENCH EDUCATION ABROAD

- ◆ Cultural services departments (**SCAC**), which work with embassies and the **AEFE** to ensure implementation of the strategy set out by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ◆ The assembly for French citizens abroad (**APE**), comprising the Members of Parliament representing French citizens abroad (11 representatives and 12 senators), 155 councillors elected directly by French expatriates and 12 qualified persons appointed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ◆ **Parents' associations** and financial administration committees of the network schools
- ◆ Staff **representatives**
- ◆ The Mission Laïque Française (**MLF**), a government-accredited association that manages 82 government-accredited schools in 34 countries, some of which also have contracts with the AEFE

- ◆ The **French Ministry of Education** in its entirety
- ◆ Centre national d'enseignement à distance (**CNED**) (National Centre for Distance Learning)
- ◆ Centre international d'études pédagogiques (**CIEP**) (National Centre for Teaching Studies)
- ◆ The **ANEF**, a government-accredited association that awards government-insured loans to French schools overseas to buy, build or equip school premises

THE ALFM, AN ALUMNI NETWORK

Founded in 2010, the ALFM (Anciens des Lycées Français du Monde) is an alumni association of students having attended schools in the network. Alumni include well-known artists, entrepreneurs, politicians and designers, whose success demonstrates the high-quality, open-minded education they received in the network.



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