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French after school program



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Our mission

EFBA, "Education Française" in the Bay Area, is a local non-profit organization founded by a group of French, French-speaking (Francophone) and Francophile volunteers in 2009.

Our goal is to offer the French language instruction and cultural opportunities in neighborhood schools, to our French speaking children and others in our communities by providing education options that are high quality and affordable. We share our heritage with our neighbors by offering beginning French classes for non-French speakers as well.

In the Fall of 2009 EFBA launched an after school program in eleven sites throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. In the 2010 back to school, we will be adding 8 sites.

Our teachers

Our teachers are chosen by the EFBA selection committee based on their personality, teaching experience, quality of their native French, and ability to help students progress in an environment conducive to learning.

They are experienced, hold a minimum of a college degree from a French-speaking country, or the United States. They either have taken a special training to teach French as a foreign language (course for english-speakers), or are aware of matters related to bilingualism (course for French-speakers).

The teachers work in teams, and meet periodically under the leadership of a teaching coordinator.

Our class levels

Students are generally grouped by age and their speaking and writing proficiency.

Younger French-speakers

These children speak French with their families but have yet to learn how to write. In these courses, we focus on building confidence in the children's spoken French, expanding vocabulary, encouraging their identity as French-speakers.

Older French-speaking students

These children can speak and write in French, but their knowledge of grammatical rules and their vocabulary may be delayed, relative to their knowledge and use of English.

For English speakers, both younger & older

These children have an affinity for the French language (or at least their parents do!) but nobody speaks French at home. The methods used with these students are primarily those of teaching a foreign language.

FLAM program in middle school

In the case of the FLAM program in middle school, we encounter two very different situations.

1st case: Children approaching their pre-teen years may have very poor written French if they have not had the opportunity to learn their maternal language in an academic setting.

2nd case: Other children attended French schools for several years, then for financial, geographic, or other reasons, were taken out of the French school system and enrolled in public American schools.



Helping us

If you would like to volunteer and/or join our organization, please contact us. Your help is most welcome.

We also need French books and other reading materials in French.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to EFBA, we would be most grateful. All our parent coordinators at the local schools are unpaid volunteers, but our organization obviously requires money for operating expenses, such as insurance, student scholarships, website and classroom rentals, teacher salaries, etc. Your donation may be partially tax-deductible, we are a 501(c)3 organization.

