

Family, schooling and language learning

Childcare and early years

For pregnancy and childcare matters, the relevant public body in French-speaking Belgium is [ONE \(Office de la Naissance et de l'Enfance\)](#). ONE supports families from pregnancy through childhood and oversees recognised childcare services in Wallonia and French-speaking Brussels. Its website provides information on nurseries and registered childminders, finding and choosing childcare, prenatal support, child-health consultations, vaccinations, developmental monitoring, parenting support and local ONE services.

The website of the [Municipality of Libin](#) also provides information on local French-speaking nursery and primary schools, childcare services and family support.

Le Bilboquet – approved childminders

The Municipality of Libin participates in [Le Bilboquet](#), an accredited childcare service for children from birth to six years old whose parents are working, looking for work or otherwise unavailable.

Children are cared for in the childminder's home in a small-scale family environment. Childminders are authorised by ONE, supported by a professional social team and receive continued training in areas such as child development, health, safety and psychology.



Parents receive details of available childminders and can choose the person who best fits their family's needs. Fees are calculated according to household income, eligible childcare expenses may qualify for tax relief, and the care schedule is agreed directly with the childminder.

After-school and holiday care

The [Municipality of Libin](#) provides before- and after-school care for children attending its municipal schools. Care is available from early morning until classes begin and again after school until the early evening. Similar arrangements may be available at other local schools.

The municipal A.T.L. service also organises activities during several school holidays, including the autumn, winter, spring and summer breaks. These include sport, crafts, cooking, music, outdoor activities and excursions. Also outside of the holidays, there are clubs, activities, events and camps organised for children and teenagers by the municipality of Libin, MCFA and Cotylédon. There are also youth groups, such as MJ Lib'inspire and Patro Ochamps. They can be found in the municipality of Libin's activities guide ([Guide des activités pour enfants et adultes](#)) on their website.

Schools

Local French-speaking schools

The Municipality of Libin has municipal [nursery and primary schools](#) in Anloy, Libin, Ochamps, Transinne and Villance. These schools are generally small-scale village schools and teach in French. Local schools follow the curriculum of the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. Attending a local school can help children become part of the community and develop French naturally, particularly at nursery and primary-school age.

Contact the school directly to discuss available places, admission requirements, school transport, before- and after-school care, meal arrangements and support for children who are still learning French.

[Additional language support](#) is available to help pupils enter the French-speaking school system. Children with insufficient French may be eligible for additional support through [FLA - Français langue d'apprentissage](#) or, for pupils who have been living in Belgium for less than half a year, a customised [DASPA](#) newcomer programme.

English-language and international schools

The available options for English-taught schools include private international schools, Luxembourg public international schools, official European Schools and international schools. These offer the International Baccalaureate, British, Cambridge or European curricula. They can be found in the wider Brussels and Waterloo area or in Luxembourg.

A detailed list of English-language, international and European schools, including their locations, age ranges, curricula and contact details, can be found below.

[Luxembourg's public international schools](#) can be especially relevant because they operate within a state-funded system. The schools offer English, French or German sections using the European Schools curriculum. Some also offer an English Cambridge curriculum. However, families living across the border in Belgium should confirm admission conditions, available places and whether the daily commute is realistic. The closest public international school in Luxembourg is [Lycée Edward Steichen Clervaux \(LESC\)](#), with early-age and primary education being taught in Reuler, a little over an hour away.

Official European Schools, such as European School [Luxembourg I](#) and [II](#), have separate admission rules. Priority is generally linked to employment with eligible European institutions, agencies or organisations. Admission criteria should be checked directly with the school.

[École Internationale Mersch Anne Beffort](#) offers supervised weekly boarding from Sunday evening until Friday evening, which could be useful when a daily commute to Luxembourg cannot be made.

Secondary education

Secondary education can be found in the larger towns such as Libramont-Chevigny, Bertrix, Neufchâteau, Saint-Hubert, Bouillon, Beauraing, Dinant, Marche-en-Famenne or Arlon. The most suitable option will depend on the pupil's age, academic pathway, language needs and preferred type of education. Families should also check whether school transport is available from their chosen village.

Immersion schools

At an immersion school, part of the curriculum is taught in French, and another part is taught in a second language, such as English, Dutch or German. Children therefore continue to follow the Belgian school curriculum while learning some subjects through another language.

Immersion can be a useful option for families who want their children to attend a local Belgian school while developing strong skills in another language. However, the amount of teaching provided in the immersion language differs between schools and age groups. Parents should ask each school which subjects are taught in the second language, when the immersion programme begins, what level of French is expected.

Nearby immersion schools include options in Beauraing, Dinant, Onhaye, Neufchâteau and Arlon. A list of the details can be found below.

Higher education

The wider region offers several higher-education options, although teaching is mainly in French. Relevant institutions include [HENALLUX](#) (Haute École de Namur-Liège-Luxembourg), [Pierrard - Arts](#)

[et Métiers](#) in Virton, [ULiège Arlon Campus Environnement](#) and [UCLouvain](#) in Louvain-la-Neuve. These institutions offer a mix of professional, technical and university-level programmes. More options for English programmes are available in Brussels or Leuven, such as the [KU Leuven](#), and the [Vrije Universiteit in Brussel \(VUB\)](#).

Learning French

Several adult-education providers in the wider region offer French as a foreign language. Nearby options include [EAF Centre Ardenne in Libramont](#), [EAFC Famenne-Ardenne](#), with sites including Marche-en-Famenne, Jemelle and Bastogne, and [CEPPST](#), which offers French programmes for adults in Libramont and Arlon. Universities also offer language courses, and you can also learn online via various websites or Duolingo.

Appendix – Education

Private international schools in Luxembourg

International School of Luxembourg

Location: Luxembourg City
Address: 36 Boulevard Pierre Dupong, L-1430 Luxembourg
Language: English
Age range: 3-18
Curriculum: International Baccalaureate
School type: Private international school
Website: [International School of Luxembourg](#)
Phone: +352 26 04 4500

St George's International School Luxembourg

Location: Luxembourg-Hamm
Address: 11 Rue des Peupliers, L-2328 Luxembourg
Language: English
Age range: 3-18
Curriculum: British curriculum
School type: Private international school
Website: [St George's International School Luxembourg](#)
Phone: +352 42 32 24

Luxembourg public international schools

École Internationale Edward Steichen

Location: Clervaux, Luxembourg
Address: 1 Rue Edward Steichen, L-9707 Clervaux
Languages: English, French and German sections
Age range: Nursery, primary and secondary
Curriculum: European Schools curriculum
Qualification: European Baccalaureate
School type: Public accredited European School
Tuition: No tuition fees
Website: [École Internationale Edward Steichen](#)
Phone: +352 206 007 1
International-pupil secretariat: +352 206 007 211
Email: info@lesc.lu

International School Michel Lucius

Location: Luxembourg City
Address: 157 Avenue Pasteur, L-2311 Luxembourg
Language: English
Age range: Primary and secondary
Curriculum: Cambridge international curriculum, including IGCSE and A-level pathways
School type: Public international school
Website: [International School Michel Lucius](#)

École Internationale Mersch Anne Beffort

Location: Mersch, Luxembourg

Address: Square Princesse Marie-Astrid, L-7523 Mersch

Languages: English and French primary sections; additional language pathways at secondary level

Age range: Primary and secondary

Curriculum: European Schools curriculum

School type: Public international school

Tuition: No registration fees for the public international programme

Website: [École Internationale Mersch Anne Beffort](http://ecoleinternationalemerschannebeffort.lu)

Phone: +352 28 338 100

Email: contact@eimab.lu

École Internationale Mersch Anne Beffort

offers a boarding school option for pupils in primary, secondary or vocational education attending Luxembourg state, European or international schools. Here, pupils are internally placed from Sunday 20:00 to Friday 18:00 during the school year.

Official European Schools in Luxembourg

It is important to note that official European Schools primarily serve children whose parents work for eligible European institutions and organisations. Other applicants may be admitted only under specific conditions.

European School Luxembourg I

Location: Kirchberg, Luxembourg City

Address: 23 Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, L-1115 Luxembourg

Languages: Multilingual, including English and Dutch sections

Age range: Nursery, primary and secondary

Curriculum: European Schools curriculum

Qualification: European Baccalaureate

School type: Official European School

Website: [European School Luxembourg I](http://european-school-luxembourg.lu)

European School Luxembourg II

Location: Mamer/Bertrange, Luxembourg

Address: 6 Rue Gaston Thorn, L-8268 Bertrange

Languages: Multilingual, including English

Age range: 4-18

Curriculum: European Schools curriculum

Qualification: European Baccalaureate

School type: Official European School

Website: [European School Luxembourg II](http://european-school-luxembourg.lu)

Phone: +352 273 224 5001

International schools in Belgium

St John's International School

Location: Waterloo
Address: Drève Richelle 146, 1410 Waterloo
Language: English
Age range: 2-18
Curriculum: International Baccalaureate
School type: Private international school
Website: [St John's International School](#)

International School of Brussels

Location: Watermael-Boitsfort, Brussels
Address: Kattenberg 19, 1170 Brussels
Language: English
Age range: 2-18
Curriculum: International Baccalaureate and international curriculum
School type: Private international school
Website: [International School of Brussels](#)
Phone: +32 2 661 42 11

European School of Brussels-Argenteuil

Location: Waterloo
Address: Square d'Argenteuil 5, 1410 Waterloo
Languages: Multilingual, including English and French
Age range: Approximately 2.5-18
Curriculum: European and international pathways
School type: Private accredited European/international school
Website: [European School of Brussels-Argenteuil](#)
Phone: +32 2 357 06 70
Email: info@eeba.be

Unlike the official European Schools, this school is privately operated and is open to families outside the European-institution admission categories.

Belgian immersion schools

Institut Notre-Dame du Sacré-Cœur

Location: Beauraing
Address: Rue de Rochefort 92, 5570 Beauraing
Language of education: French
Immersion languages: English and Dutch
Age range: Secondary, approximately 12-18
Website: [Institut Notre-Dame du Sacré-Cœur](#)
Phone: +32 82 71 17 97
Email: secondaire@indsc.be

Collège Notre-Dame de Bellevue

Location: Dinant
Address: Rue de Bonsecours 2, 5500 Dinant
Language of education: French
Immersion languages: English and Dutch
Age range: Secondary, approximately 12-18
Website: [Collège Notre-Dame de Bellevue](#)
Phone: +32 82 21 30 40
Email: accueil.bellevue@cnddinant.be

École fondamentale Notre-Dame de Bellevue

Location: Dinant

Address: Rue de Bonsecours 2, 5500 Dinant

Language of education: French

Potential immersion language: English

Age range: Nursery and primary, approximately 2.5-12

Website: [École de Bellevue](#)

Phone: +32 82 22 59 66

Email: ec002818@adm.cfwb.be

École communale de Sommière

Location: Sommière, Municipality of Onhaye

Address: Rue du Bouchat 18, 5523 Onhaye

Language of education: French

Potential immersion language: English

Age range: Nursery and primary

Website: [Municipality of Onhaye](#)

Athénée Royal de Neufchâteau-Bertrix

Location: Neufchâteau and/or Bertrix campuses

Address: Avenue de la Victoire 28, 6840 Neufchâteau

Language of education: French

Age range: Secondary

Website: [Athénée Royal Neufchâteau-Bertrix](#)

Phone: +32 61 27 72 02

Institut Notre-Dame d'Arlon

Location: Arlon

Address: Rue Joseph Netzer 21, 6700 Arlon

Language of education: French

Age range: Nursery and primary for the fundamental-school campus

Website: [Institut Notre-Dame d'Arlon](#)

Phone: +32 63 24 52 10

Athénée Royal Marche-Barvaux-Bomal

Location: Marche-en-Famenne, Barvaux and Bomal

Language of education: French

Age range: Secondary

Website: [Athénée Royal Marche-Barvaux-Bomal](#)

Higher-education institutions

ULiège - Arlon Campus Environnement

Location: Arlon

Address: Avenue de Longwy 185, 6700 Arlon

Teaching language: Mainly French; verify individual programmes

Academic focus: Environmental sciences and environmental management

Level: Mainly master's, advanced master's and doctoral education

Website: Arlon Campus Environnement

Phone: +32 63 230 811

Email: arlon.accueil@uliege.be

Pierrard - Arts et Métiers

Location: Virton

Address: Rue d'Arlon 112, 6760 Virton

Teaching language: Mainly French

Academic focus: Engineering, technology and applied technical education

Website: Pierrard - Arts et Métiers

Phone: +32 63 58 89 20

Email: direction@pierrard.be

HENALLUX - Haute École de Namur-Liège-Luxembourg

Locations: Multiple campuses, including Namur and locations elsewhere in the provinces of Namur, Liège and Luxembourg

Head-office address: Rue Saint-Donat 130, 5002 Namur

Teaching language: Mainly French

Academic focus: Professional bachelor's and master's programmes across several disciplines

Website: HENALLUX

Phone: +32 81 46 85 00

Email: info@henallux.be

UCLouvain

Main relevant location: Louvain-la-Neuve, with additional campuses in Brussels, Mons, Charleroi, Tournai and Namur

Main address: Place de l'Université 1, 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve

Teaching language: Mainly French

Academic focus: Professional bachelor's and master's programmes across several disciplines

Website: UCLouvain

Enrolment contact: inscription-
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