



Highgate School Enrolment Policy FBBP

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Purpose

Enrolments into Highgate School are zoned as per the Department for Education procedure. Entry into the French Bilingual and Binational Program has established criteria and evidence requirements while remaining subject to the DfE School and preschool enrolment policy.

Rationale

Highgate School hosts a French Bilingual and Binational Program (FBBP) which is recognised by the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE) under Label FrancEducation. Students in the program are taught using a harmonised curriculum and are assessed towards the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards.

As all students need to be able to access the curriculum successfully, there is a requirement for all students beginning in the program after the Reception year, which is the first formal year of schooling in South Australia, to be assessed in French.

Aims

The aim of this policy is to outline the eligibility and evidence criteria required for entry into and withdrawal from the FBBP.

Implementation

In zone families can choose to enrol into the FBBP for Reception. At other year levels, entry is contingent on students meeting the language requirements of the bilingual and binational program.

Year 1 – 6 students are eligible to enrol following an interview and an assessment if they can demonstrate they meet at least one of the French language evidence criteria, as set out in the below table.

If enrolment demand exceeds available places, the following criteria will apply for students who have demonstrated an appropriate level of French for the year level:

- Applicants who have siblings currently enrolled at Highgate.
- Commitment to a French / English bilingual education at Highgate School, considered through an interview with the student and family.

The final decision to accept or refuse a child's enrolment is at the discretion of the Principal, having considered a child's circumstances.

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Eligibility

[Department for education Enrolment Policy](#)

For the Reception year level:

Compulsory school age:

All children in SA must be enrolled and attend a school from the age of six until they turn 16 years of age under the Education and Children's Services Act 2019 (SA).

Eligibility for enrolment at school:

All compulsory school age children or young people can enrol in a government school provided the child or young person lives in SA, and:

- has Australian citizenship or permanent residency, or
- a student with a relevant specified visa or Immicard. Enrolment is subject to certain conditions, which may include payment of student fees. Refer to [international student program website](#)

Starting school

January intake - A child who turns 5 years of age before 1 May can start primary school at the beginning of the year.

July (mid-year) intake - A child who turns 5 years of age on or after 1 May and before 31 October can start primary school in July. Eligible students will have to do 2 terms in a mainstream class and 4 terms in a bilingual class.

Children are eligible to be enrolled in the Reception FBBP at Highgate School if they:

- Are French Nationals, Binationals and Francophones.
OR
- Live in the Highgate School Zone.
OR
- Have a sibling currently enrolled at Highgate School.

In addition to the above, other situations may be considered by the Principal.

For other year level:

Entry is contingent on students meeting the language requirements of a bilingual and binational program through an interview and an assessment.

Evidence required

Criteria	Evidence Required
Live in the Highgate School Zone Information on School Zones	Two items with proof of residence (rates, tenancy agreement, utilities bill, etc.)



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<p>French language experience (In-Country)</p> <p>Child and / or parent has lived in a Francophone country for a minimum period of six consecutive months.</p>	<p>One item with proof of residence (rates, tenancy agreement, utilities bill, employment contract, drivers' licence, etc.).</p>
<p>French language experience (Schooling)</p> <p>Child enrolled in an AEFÉ Network School</p> <p>AND / OR</p> <p>Child enrolled in a Francophone school</p> <p>AND / OR</p> <p>Child enrolled in an International School with a French Language Program</p>	<p>Proof of enrolment</p>
<p>French language experience (family)</p> <p>French-speaking parent(s) at home.</p>	<p>Proof of High School certificate or University degree from a Francophone country.</p> <p>Proof of completion of French studies at Secondary school certificate level or French language major at university level.</p>
<p>Commitment to learning languages</p> <p>Child speak a language other than English or French at home</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Family demonstrates a strong interest in French language and culture.</p>	<p>Anecdotal evidence</p>

Withdrawal Process

Advice from the school:

A commitment to the FBBP is required while understanding that the development of Literacy Skills may be delayed for some students until the end of Year 3. Potential withdrawal from the program is at the discretion of the Principal and will be considered in partnership with families. Further documentation around reasons for withdrawal may be required.