



Come, Explore & Develop Your Unique Gifts & Talents

Your International Bilingual
High School in the Heights of Jersey City

118 Ferry St, Jersey City, NJ 07307

Welcome to The FAA

At **The French American Academy (The FAA)**, we prepare our students to become confident, bilingual, and inclusive leaders in an interconnected world. With the launch of our International Baccalaureate (IB)-Candidate High School, we now offer a

comprehensive, bilingual education through Grade 12.

Our multi-cultural students thrive in an environment that fosters curiosity, critical thinking, and a strong work ethic, while also celebrating diversity, equity, and inclusion.



The limits of my language
mean the limits of my world.

Ludwig Wittgenstein, Philosopher



A High School Experience **Like No Other**

Our intimate classroom settings ensure every student is valued, supported, and engaged. At The FAA, **you're more than just a student; you're an individual with unique talents and strengths**, and we're here to help you develop them.

Why Choose The FAA High School?

- **Bilingual Excellence:** Master both English and French, preparing you for top universities worldwide. No prior experience in French is required as there are dual tracks for students with different language levels from beginner to advanced. We are selecting the best teachers from around the world.
- **Internationally Recognized Curriculum:** Our IB-focused program ensures a rigorous, globally focused education.
- **Personalized Success Plan:** Starting in 9th grade, every student receives individualized college and career counseling, ensuring pathways to success.
- **Leadership and Mentorship Focus:** The FAA experience builds confidence, empathy, and communication skills through structured mentorship programs and leadership development opportunities. This nurtures them into compassionate, responsible, and culturally aware global leaders.
- **Project-Based Learning:** Solve real-world problems and apply your knowledge through hands-on, meaningful projects.
- **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL):** Develop stress management and mindfulness skills essential for both career and personal growth.



Excellence in an IB-Candidate High School with a Bilingual Curriculum

Our Guiding Beliefs

We believe:

- Learning a second language at an early age is a lifelong advantage.
- A bilingual approach benefits students both academically and cognitively.
- Students learn best when they feel safe, supported and nurtured.
- Big things happen in small classes.
- In established traditions and the latest advances.
- In diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Every student has a potential for excellence.
- In educating the whole student.
- We are all citizens of the world.
- Passionately, in what we do.

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Culture makes people understand each other better. And if they understand each other better in their soul, it is easier to overcome the economic and political barriers.

Paulo Coelho, Author



See the World Differently, and **Let the World See You Differently**

At The FAA, students leave with more than just a diploma—they gain a stronger sense of self, an appreciation for diverse perspectives, and the tools needed to excel as **global citizens**.

Our New High School Campus in Jersey City offers:

- A **performing arts theater** and opportunities in music, drama, and visual arts
- A state-of-the-art **STEM maker space**
- **Access to sports facilities** including tennis courts, sport fields and swimming pool
- A large cafeteria and industrial kitchen for **hands-on exploration**
- **Student co-designed** flexible learning spaces
- **After-school clubs** including Model United Nations, Mandarin, Acting, Piano, Art, Chess, and more
- **Field trips** to the MET, MOMA, International Cinemas, Parks, local businesses are all included in your tuition
- The opportunity for **interstate and overseas travel** inclusive of Chicago, Montreal and more
- A focus on **community service and leadership**, helping students grow into compassionate, responsible individuals
- In Grade 10, **every student** completes a Personal Project with a mentor in an area of interest.

Join a school where **your unique talents are celebrated**, and your academic journey is designed to help you succeed.

Continuing The FAA core values

Bilingualism

- Co-teaching / explicit teaching
- International recruitment
- Increased exposure to languages
- Cultural and linguistic competence
- Academic excellence

Experiential Learning

- Hands-on learning experiences
- Applied projects putting theory into practice
- Industry visits and guests

Character Development

- Social skill development
- Accountable to each other and our planet

Wellbeing

- Responsive Classrooms
- Non-violent communication +
- Restorative Justice
- Intervention team: Psychologist,
- Clinical Social Worker, Speech Pathologist

What is the IB Middle Years Program for 9th & 10th grade

- 8 Subject Areas of Equal Importance taught through
- cross-disciplinary approach
- Approach to teaching:
 - Inquiry, applied learning, collaboration
- Links to global contexts
 - Technical innovations, sustainability
- Community Service
- Varied assessments
 - Internal and external
 - Portfolio, Exams, Essay, Practicals, Course work

Our students co-design their education

Student Learning Co-Design

- Personalized Success Plans
- Co-design of subject themes, topics and projects
- Student-led conferences
- Student-driven course selection

Student Life Co-Design

- Student-run assemblies
- Student-peer support training
- Student-led conflict resolution

Student Spaces Co-Design

- Classroom layout co-design

The students in our Pre-K to 8th grade by the numbers:

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Nationalities
across all
campuses

60%

of our
teachers are
from abroad

A+

Niche
School
Rating

46%

Non-French
speaking
families

Our high school students are students that not only come from the lower grades at The FAA, but from other private, IB, international and diverse schools in the area. We attract students that seek an enriching and multicultural environment and a place where everyone's unique gifts and talents are celebrated, and supported.



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Our cultural
strength has always
been derived from
our diversity of
understanding and
experience.

Yo-Yo Ma, Cellist

Ready to Start **Your Journey?**

Applications for Grade 9 are open. We invite you to visit our campus, attend an Open House, or book a personal chat to learn more about how The FAA can help you thrive in high school and beyond. **Visit our High School landing page** at faacademy.org/high-school/

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