

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AT LE RÉGENT

As a truly international school, Le Régent welcomes students from across the world, most of whom speak and write in more than one language. English is the first language of many – but for others it is a second or additional language (EAL). This means that teaching is organised accordingly.

- All grades have standard English lessons in one of two different groups: “Mainstream” and a much smaller EAL group, taught by specialists.
- The rest of the programme (maths, science, history, etc.) is followed in English.
- Subject teachers are, however, trained in strategies to support EAL students, and where appropriate, extra in-class support may be provided by one of our graduate assistants.

A number of students also receive extra EAL support.

- This consists of extra EAL lessons or one-to-one support in addition to the basic structure outlined above.
- If we are concerned about a heavy language-learning load, we may withdraw the students from another class so as to concentrate on English acquisition.
- We aim for this arrangement to be temporary although it is at the discretion of the school to decide when a student should exit the EAL programme.
- There is an additional charge for this extra support (see below).

ASSESSMENT

As soon as possible, the level of a child's English is assessed so as to determine whether they require extra support in addition to our basic Mainstream English and EAL structure.

In many cases, this is done in the course of the application process, using admissions tests, school reports and interviews. If it appears that extra EAL may be advisable, parents are informed of this and the system explained in greater detail.

After students' arrival at Le Régent, further formal assessment takes place to determine the best programme to follow. The following are typical arrangements:

Standard EAL group	No extra periods of EAL	No cost
EAL support	Typically one extra period per week	CHF 1'080 per term
Extra reinforcement	Typically 3 extra periods per week	CHF 3'240 per term
Special programme	Special temporary programme	Variable



We ask for fees to be paid termly. The decision to continue with the same or an adjusted EAL programme is taken at the end of each term although it is typical for some arrangements to be maintained for the year. Our EAL team is always available to discuss needs and progress.

FIRST LANGUAGES OR “HOME LANGUAGES”

We strongly encourage all students to maintain and develop their “first” language for psychological, personal and academic reasons. The literature and culture of this first language will probably be one of the subjects studied at the International Baccalaureate, guaranteeing a Bilingual IB Diploma.



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