FRANCE

BACKGROUND		
Academic Calendar	September-June	
What is year nine called?	Troisieme annee (3eme)	
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school	
Native Language(s)	French	
GRADUATION TIMELINE		
5 + 4 + 3 = 12 or 5 + 4 + 4 = 13	12 or 13 years total: five years primary, four years lower secondary, three or four years upper secondary	

Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation

1. Diplome de Bachelier de l'Enseignement du Second Degre [Diploma of Bachelor of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Diplome de Baccalaureat de l'Enseignement Secondaire* [Diploma of Baccalaureate of Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. Diplome du Baccalaureat General [Diploma of General Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. Diplome de Baccalaureat de Technicien/Diplome de Baccalaureat Technologique [Diploma of Technical Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. Diplome de Baccalaureat Professionnel [Diploma of Professional Baccalaureate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	13 years (five years or ten semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. Brevet de Technicien [Technician's Certificate]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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7. Certificat de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires [Certificate of Completion of Secondary Studies]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 years (four years or eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)

NOT Acceptable Forms of Proof of High School Graduation

1. Brevet des Colleges [Certificate of Lower Secondary Education]

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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- 2. Certificat de Formation Generale (CFG) [Certificate of General Instruction]
- 3. Certificat d'Aptitude Professionnelle (CAP) [Certificate of Professional Competence]
- 4. Brevet de d'Etudes Professionnelle [Certificate of Professional Studies]

Crediting Policies

If course credits are indicated on the transcript, the following units provided on the document will be awarded credit as follows:

NUMERIC GRADE	U.S. EQUIVALENT CREDIT PER YEAR
4+	1.00
3	0.75

NUMERIC GRADE	U.S. EQUIVALENT CREDIT PER YEAR
2	0.50
1	0.25

Grading Scales

NUMERIC GRADE	U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT	QUALITY POINTS
16-20	А	4
14-15.99	А	4
12-13.99	В	3

NUMERIC GRADE	U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT	QUALITY POINTS
10-11.99	С	2
8-9.99*	D	1
0.00-9.99	F	0

*Note: Conceded Pass—Grades 8 to 9.9 are considered passing (equivalent to U.S. grade "D") only when the overall average grade for the academic year is 10.0 or higher.

GRADE	TRANSLATION	U.S. GRADE EQUIVALENT	QUALITY POINTS	
Très Bien	Very Good	А	4	
Bien	Bien Good A		4	
Assez Bien	Quite Good	В	3	
Passable	Satisfactory	С	2	
Ajourné	Fail	F	0	

Important Information

- » If a transcript shows a column titled "student" or "pupil" with grades listed below it, consider this as the acceptable reported column of grades for that term.
- » The academic school years for years nine through 12 are referred to as the following. (Always reference native language transcripts to establish initial enrollment of year nine.)

NATIVE LANGUAGE	SCHOOL YEAR	
Troisieme (3eme)	09	
Deuxieme/Seconde (2eme/2nde)	10	

NATIVE LANGUAGE	SCHOOL YEAR	
Premiere (1er/1ere)	11	
Terminale (Ter)	12	

» The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

ENGLISH	МАТН	SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES
		Scientific Education (Year 11 or 12)		
		SVT		

Reference Documents

- » Course Title Usage guide.
- » Determination of Credit resource.
- » International initial-eligibility flyer.
- » Information on tasks assigned to student-athlete accounts.
- » NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility PDF.
- » Country-specific webpages.
- » Multi-country references.