



LA GARENNE
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

FINANCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR YOUR CHILD

2025-2026



WELCOME TO LA GARENNE

Founded in 1947, La Garenne International School is known across the world for its unique approach to boarding education. Students from over 35 nations are welcomed each year to our modern campus in the French-speaking mountain resort of Villars, where we provide a secure environment and an extraordinary education to boarding and day students from 4 to 18 years old.

Our philosophy is based on individual attention to each and every young person, instilling in them a passion for learning, developing international mindedness and ensuring their holistic development academically, socially and emotionally.

La Garenne prides itself on its long and rich history as a bilingual place of learning. While the primary teaching language is English, we believe that language learning is vitally important and students are encouraged to develop a mastery of the French language in addition to studying their own native language.

In the Primary School, students follow the International Primary Curriculum, which prepares them for our Secondary School where they will study the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. Upon completion of the MYP, students continue their studies for the world renowned IB Diploma Programme or the High School Diploma.

Accessibility: If you need a hard copy of this document, please contact us at admissions@la-garenne.ch.



FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

ENROLMENT FEES FOR NEW STUDENTS

Application Fee	CHF 1'500
Enrolment Deposit	CHF 10'000 (boarders) CHF 2'000 (day students)
Campus Enhancement Fund	CHF 5'000

GENERAL FEES	NEW STUDENTS	RETURNING
Swiss B Permit	CHF 2'100	CHF 600
Health Insurance	CHF 2'200	CHF 2'200



SCHOOL FEES

YEARS 1 to 6

BOARDER	CHF 84'000
DAY STUDENT*	CHF 46'000

Middle Years Programme 1 to 3 (Years 7 to 9)

BOARDER	CHF 94'500
DAY STUDENT*	CHF 61'000

Middle Years Programme 4 & 5 (Years 10 & 11)

BOARDER	CHF 116'000
DAY STUDENT*	CHF 83'000

Diploma Years (Year 12 & 13)

BOARDER	CHF 126'000
DAY STUDENT*	CHF 92'000

*Special conditions apply only to children at least one of whose parents works within the local community. Your address will be verified to confirm eligibility. Please contact admissions@la-garenne.ch for more information.

SCHOOL FEES INCLUDE

Full board and lodging, school uniform, hire of ski uniform, tuition and supervised studies, loan of textbooks and some class materials, ski pass (boarders only), ski locker, use of school laundry (boarders only), use of the school library and computer network, sports activities, cultural activities and short expeditions in Switzerland only, on-site healthcare, transport to and from Geneva airport (only within the official dates and times), various taxes and VAT.

SCHOOL FEES DO NOT INCLUDE - ([see list of extra costs](#))

Health and accident insurance, medication, private lessons, university application fees, non-mainstream IB languages, any IB subject not included in the La Garenne curriculum, learning support, stationery, ski equipment hire, official exams e.g. Cambridge and Delf, pocket money, birthday parties, personal and digital photo packages, complementary health packages, personal expenses such as hairdresser, dentist, dry cleaning, postage etc. and mandatory school trips. For **day** students, the ski pass, day trips, uniform, laundry, expeditions and health insurance are **excluded**.



GENERAL CONDITIONS

TERMS OF ADMISSION & ENROLMENT

1. The application fee of CHF 1'500 applies to all new students upon submission of the Admissions Form. It is payable by credit card or bank transfer. This fee covers the administrative costs of processing and reviewing the application, campus visits and placement testing.
2. The annual fees are split into two invoices, except for the Diploma Years where the full amount is payable in advance. The first invoice covers Terms 1 and 2 and the General Fees, and must be settled by 1st June at the latest. The Term 3 invoice must be settled before 1st December.
3. For new enrolments before 1st May, we will ask you to pay at least 15% of the first invoice and the CHF 5'000 contribution to the School Development Fund to guarantee the place.
4. For new enrolments after 1st June, full payment of the first invoice must be made within 15 days.
5. For new enrolments after 15th August or during the school year, payment of the first invoice is required before the student can start school.
6. All extras are billed separately at the end of each term. Payment must be made within 30 days.
7. Reminders for invoice settlement will incur an additional late payment fee levied according to current Swiss law.
8. A deposit of CHF 10'000 for a boarding student or CHF 2'000 for a day student is required. The deposit covers any unpaid supplementary expenses and the balance will be fully reimbursed within 120 days of the student leaving La Garenne provided all accounts are settled.
9. In the event that a new student cancels their enrolment for Term 1 before 1st June, school fees already paid (excluding the Application Fee, Enrolment Deposit and fees for the Student Visa Permit B) will be reimbursed in full.
10. In the event of cancellations for Term 1 after 1st June, or for mid-year enrolments 90 days before the start date, we reserve the right to retain or collect all of the first fees invoice. Variable costs such as uniform, school meals and health insurance are fully reimbursed.

SWISS STUDENT VISA (B PERMIT)

For each new boarding student of NON-European nationality, a single non-refundable payment of CHF 2'100 is required to obtain the Swiss student residence permit.

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT FUND

La Garenne is always looking to enhance our students' experience by upgrading our current facilities and implementing strategic plans using contributions to the Campus Enhancement Fund. It is not used for endowments, capital campaigns or bursaries, which are funded separately by private donors.

POCKET MONEY

As part of our role in preparing students for life beyond school, we encourage them to manage their own money responsibly. Younger students receive weekly pocket money, while students in MYP 4 to DP 2 can have a debit card which the School will help parents to obtain. No extra pocket money is permitted. Please refer to our boarding handbook. Pocket money is paid in advance on the first invoice for new students.

Parents are financially responsible for any damage caused by students. The School declines all responsibility for the theft or loss of money, jewellery or other valuable objects (computer, mobile phone, etc.) which are not entrusted to the safekeeping of the School.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Under Swiss law, each student must have insurance covering illness and accidents. For students who already have Swiss medical insurance, an insurance certificate and insurance card must be provided to the School. Any fees associated with medication will be charged to the students.



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La Garenne partners with **Group Mutuel** for student health and medical insurance. Full coverage details are available via email: health@la-garenne.ch

FAMILY BENEFITS

If siblings are enrolled as boarders during the **same academic year**, the following discount will be applied to the school fees (only): 10% for the second child, 15% for the third child, 20% for the fourth and any additional children.

PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

If you wish to discuss the benefits of paying annual fees in advance, please enquire by email to direction@la-garenne.ch

CHANGE OF BOARDING STATUS

No refund will be given for a change of status from a boarding to day student during the course of the academic year.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Fees are not reimbursed when schooling is missed for sickness, injury or any other reason. Parents who are concerned should take out insurance to cover these eventualities. No deductions will be applied for late arrival or a prolonged absence.

EXPULSION OR WITHDRAWAL

If a student is expelled or withdrawn during the academic year, the fees for both the current term and the following term are due to the School. Parents may consider having their own insurance to cover such cases.

LATE PAYMENT

In the event of payment made more than 30 days after the invoice issuance date, the School reserves the right to charge fees for any reminders sent and apply late payment interest on the overdue amount. The annualised interest rate applied is 10%, in accordance with Article 104, paragraph 2 of the CO and OLCC Swiss. When fees remain unpaid, the student may not be allowed to return to school until the outstanding balance has been settled in full.

RE-ENROLMENT

All students are automatically re-enrolled for the next academic year. If parents decide not to re-enrol their child, they must email admissions@la-garenne.ch before 31st March.

The School only guarantees a place for a returning student if the first invoice of two full terms' fees is paid within 30 days. 80% of the first invoice will be charged if a cancellation is made after 31st March.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Please note: the School reserves the right to amend financial conditions. School regulations may change during the school year. In the event of litigation between the School and parents, Swiss legislation is the only law applicable in all matters concerning this contract. The competent tribunal will be that of the district of Aigle.



FEE INCREASE DUE TO INFLATION

La Garenne reserves the right to increase tuition fees by inflation and/or the maximum permitted by law or government policy (which may exceed the rate of inflation). If an increase in tuition fees is deemed necessary, a notification will be sent in advance of the term in which we intend to exercise that right.

SCHOOL BANK DETAILS

Please contact accountant@la-garenne.ch for details. The school cannot accept payments or transfers from banks or individuals named on the U.S. Government's OFAC sanctions list or the Swiss Government's SECO sanctions list.

ONLINE PAYMENT

Flywire allows you to pay securely from any country and any bank, usually in your own currency.

By using Flywire, bank fees and poor exchange rates can be reduced. You will receive email and text updates on your payment status and you can create your own Flywire account to track your payment online.

<https://www.la-garenne.ch/admissions/financial-conditions/online-payment>

AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE OF NEW GENERAL CONDITIONS

These terms and conditions automatically apply to all students admitted for the current academic year, irrespective of the terms and conditions initially agreed by parents. The current edition of the terms and conditions also applies automatically to all other parents.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FIDUCIARY PAYMENTS

The school may, from time to time, make various arrangements on behalf of parents/guardians for the convenience of the student and family. This may include, but is not limited to, booking hotels, transportation, tickets, and other travel-related services, as well as making appointments with governmental authorities, medical organisations, external examination bodies, and educational consultants. These arrangements will be made with the best interests of the student in mind and in accordance with the school's policies.

In cases where such arrangements may incur additional costs, the school reserves the right to request appropriate provisions from parents/guardians to cover any forcible expenses, including but not limited to accommodation, transportation, and other related costs. Parents/guardians will be informed of these costs in advance whenever possible.