

## Presentation of Amboise

Amboise is a school district that welcomes around 1600 pupils in two sites in Albi, Bon Sauveur and Sainte-Marie, both separated by the park Rochegude.

Albi, the prefecture of the Tarn department, is a 51,000-inhabitant city. Its historic area around Sainte Cecile's Cathedral has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Bon Sauveur and Sainte-Marie both include a primary school and a junior high school. In Sainte-Marie, there's also a general and technological senior high school.

The aim of the school district's educational plan is to accompany pupils on three levels: human (learning how to live in group, respecting each other, accepting differences...), intellectual (acquiring knowledge and work methods, being open to the rest of the world) and spiritual (we welcome everyone and put Christian values into practice).

In our primary school, pupils have an introduction to English. In both secondary schools we have also developed actions regarding the teaching of foreign languages: an introduction to Anglo-Saxon culture and civilization for pupils in 6° (years 7) in Bon Sauveur, an English-German bilingual option in 6° in Sainte-Marie, trips to Great-Britain and Italy, language exchanges with Germany and Spain, a training for English, German and Spanish certifications, and finally the teaching of Occitan and Chinese. A classical culture is also offered with the teaching of Greek and Latin.

In our junior high school, pupils can choose between three different general courses (either Literary, Economic and Social, or Scientific) and one technological course (STMG – Sciences et technologies du management et de la gestion).

Two libraries are available for the pupils and the teachers. Computer equipment have been developed for the different school subjects.

Amboise can welcome 80 boarding pupils. The train station is close to the school and allows young pupils to come from all over the region.

Our establishment has managed to maintain a high level of excellence: for the last ten years, 97 to 100% of our pupils have obtained their Diplôme National du Brevet (equivalent of the GCSEs) and their Baccalauréat (GCE). Each year, around 40% of the pupils leaving our school join selective courses in higher education.

In Albi, you can find several establishments offering higher education courses: the Champollion University, the Ecole des Mines (an engineering college), other schools with numerous BTS (Brevets de Technicien Supérieur), etc. Toulouse also allows access to even more courses.

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