

THE SCHOOLS

The Quebec school system

In the province of Quebec, educational services are secular, and school attendance is compulsory for all young people between the ages of 6 and 16.

In Quebec, children aged 4 and 5 have access to the *Programme-cycle de l'éducation préscolaire* (Preschool Education Cycle Program). The program for 4-year-olds is not available in all schools. For more information, visit the website of your Centre de services scolaire (school service centre).

There is a public and a private sector for preschool, elementary and secondary education services.

For more information on the Quebec education system, please visit the **Ministère de l'Éducation** website.

Please note that the long form birth certificate is required for school registration. As formats vary from one province to another, the certificate must include the parents' information.



French public schools

In the public sector, students who study in French are divided into different schools according to their neighbourhood.

Some institutions offer special educational programs, both at the elementary and secondary levels. Several options are available, from intensive English to sports or artistic concentrations.

To find out more, visit the website of the school services centre of your area:

Centre de services scolaire des Rives-du-Saguenay

Sectors: Alouette, Chicoutimi, La Baie, Laterrière, Saint-Honoré

 <http://www.crsaguenay.qc.ca/>

 418-698-5000

Centre de services scolaire De La Jonquière

Sectors: Kénogami, Larouche, Jonquière, Saint-Ambroise

 <https://cssdlj.gouv.qc.ca/>

 418-542-7551

The **Au Millénaire** project at **Médéric-Gravel Elementary School**, in Ville de la Baie offers trilingual public education regardless of where you live on the Centre de services scolaire des Rives-du-Saguenay territory.

English public schools

In the region, **Riverside Regional School** is the only school offering English instruction at both the elementary and secondary levels. The school is in Jonquière, in the Arvida sector, and is part of the Central Quebec School Board. Please note that Riverside School does not offer prekindergarten (4 years old).

Children under the care of a member of the Canadian Armed Forces may be eligible for English instruction.

To do so, an affidavit from the employer is provided as a temporary authorization for the duration of the stay.

For more information on this or **to find out if your children qualify for English-language education**, please contact:

Ms. Nicole Dubé, Riverside Regional School

 418-548-3181, ext. 1900

Private Schools

In Saguenay, there are three private schools, all located in the Chicoutimi District. Please note that these schools do not offer school transport or prekindergarten (4 years old).

Preschool and Elementary Education

École trilingue Vision Saguenay: languages taught as mother tongues are English and French. Spanish is taught as a second language.

ÉcolACTion de Chicoutimi: a range of enriched programs are available, emphasizing the arts, languages, sciences, and physical activities.

Secondary Education

Séminaire de Chicoutimi: the only private secondary school in the region. The school welcomes a mixed clientele of 500 students.

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