



May 2020

Dear 2020 French Academy Student,

*Bienvenue!* You have been selected from more than 600 applicants to be a participant in the *Virginia Governor's World Language Academies*. On behalf of the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and Washington and Lee University (W&L), we would like to extend our congratulations to you. We look forward to meeting you and your family at the virtual opening ceremonies on **MONDAY, June 22**.

The following forms are included in this Welcome Packet. **Please read and sign all forms by May 27, 2020.** They can be signed digitally using the links provided.

*Director's Welcome Letter*

**Washington & Lee Forms**

Behavior Guidelines (to read and to sign)

Explanation of Policies and Expectations (to read)

Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement Under Policies and Expectations (to read and to sign)

Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (to read)

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**French Academy Forms**

**Students and parents/guardians, please sign your acknowledgement of these guidelines using the form at:**

[Student/Parent Acknowledgement Form 2020](#)

**Students-Please select here your preferred choice for our Beaux-Arts Program:**

[Les Beaux-Arts](#) :

**Students-Please take our technology survey here:**

[AFG 2020 Student Tech Survey](#)

Once again, on behalf of the *Virginia Governor's World Language Academies*, we congratulate you on your acceptance to this unique and exciting program. Please accept our best wishes for the successful end of your school year.

Yours sincerely,

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L'ACADÉMIE FRANÇAISE DU GOUVERNEUR DE VIRGINIE  
2020  
STUDENT PACKET

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Chères Académiciennes, Chers Académiciens,

C'est avec grand plaisir que je vous souhaite la bienvenue à l'Académie française du gouverneur de Virginie 2020 ! Les professeurs, monitrices, moniteurs et moi avons hâte de faire votre connaissance et de vous accueillir en ligne lors des deux glorieuses semaines de l'Académie. On vous attendra avec impatience lundi le **22 juin**

**2020** à la cérémonie d'ouverture virtuelle. Nous espérons que ce programme, qui a pour but d'approfondir vos connaissances linguistiques et culturelles du Français, représentera pour vous l'une des plus belles et mémorables expériences de votre parcours lycéen.

C'est un vrai privilège pour l'équipe de l'Académie française de pouvoir mener ce programme et de travailler avec les meilleurs élèves de français de l'état de la Virginie. Nous sommes très heureux de savoir que vous partagez comme nous une gourmandise pour la langue française et les cultures francophones. Ce sera avec plaisir que nous nous consacrerons à alimenter cette passion lors des semaines de l'Académie.

Sachez que l'équipe a déjà commencé les préparations et fait tout pour assurer que cette expérience soit enrichissante et inoubliable pour nous tous. Nous vous proposons un programme riche et équilibré non seulement en cours, mais aussi en activités culturelles et sportives. Grâce à un curriculum expertement monté par nos professeurs, vous pouvez vous attendre à une véritable dégustation des richesses des cultures de plusieurs pays de la Francophonie, ainsi que l'occasion de savourer la langue française à travers la poésie, la phonétique, et la musique. Grâce à l'appui de nos moniteurs, vous aurez l'occasion de participer à des conversations en petit groupe et à une variété de soirées conçues pour vous enrichir et pour vous amuser. Toute l'équipe fera en sorte que l'environnement de l'Académie soit celui d'un cadre académique, confortable et chaleureux dans le but de permettre à tous les académiciens de s'épanouir. Nous comptons sur vous pour vous joindre à nous dans l'effort d'assurer cette ambiance agréable et accueillante pendant l'Académie. Si on s'applique, il n'y a aucun doute : On va tous pouvoir pleinement profiter de l'Académie 2020 !

Pour bien vous préparer à ce programme, je vous encourage à lire attentivement les informations qui suivent. Veuillez me faire parvenir les formulaires dûment remplis ainsi que les autres documents à l'adresse indiquée avant **le 27 mai 2020**. Si vous avez des questions à propos du programme, n'hésitez pas à m'envoyer un message par courrier électronique à [vafrenchacademy@gmail.com](mailto:vafrenchacademy@gmail.com).

Dans l'attente de vous voir, je vous prie d'agréer l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

Sincèrement, votre directrice,

Pamela St. Clair

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Additional information can be found at the Academy website:

<http://vagovernorsschool.com/FrenchAcademy/> .

**Sample Daily Schedule:**

**[HO RAI RE D' UNE JO URNÉE T YPIQ UE 2020](#)**



## **Student Conduct: Behavior Guidelines and Expectations**

We are fortunate to serve the brightest and most motivated language students in Virginia, and all of you have been highly recommended by your teachers and schools. Therefore, disciplinary infractions are rare and 99 percent of you will finish the program with no problems. In all cases of disciplinary issues or concerns, parents will be informed as soon as possible.

### **You are expected to:**

- Participate in all required Academy events;
- Be on time;
- Be prepared (bring whatever you need for classes/activities);
- Show respect and consideration to others;
- Maintain a positive attitude and contribute positively to the community spirit of the Academy;
- Follow all Academy rules, regulations, and procedures, and comply with faculty and staff instructions.
- Use the target language at all times during online courses and activities.

## **Use of English**

**French Immersion Academy:** Full immersion in a world language is the best way—and some say the only way—to become a fluent speaker of that language. With the exception of the opening ceremonies, all events of the Governor's French Academy will be conducted exclusively in French.

Students are expected to use exclusively French during all Academy events. Students of the French Academy **may be dismissed for deliberate and/or repeated use of English or other languages during virtual meetings, activities or academic classes.** Students are permitted to use English at home while not participating in Academy events.

Please make sure you have the commitment to make the continual effort to use the target language at all times. We understand that this will be challenging in the beginning, and the Academy staff will do everything in their power to support you and ease the transition to fluency in the Academy language. We promise that the skills you have developed in your target language will benefit you for a lifetime.

## **Dress Code**

Clothing should be casual for classes and activities. Please use the following guidelines for what to wear during your virtual experience.

- Clothing should be neat, modest, comfortable, and appropriate.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.
- Shorts/skirts/dresses must be at least fingertip length.
- Spaghetti straps, strapless dresses and shirts, bare midriffs, cleavage, exposed undergarments, and offensive messages are not permitted.
- Pajamas and swimwear are not permitted.
- French Academy students should avoid clothing with English texts. Names of places or brand names are fine. You are encouraged to wear clothes that emphasize the culture of French-speaking countries or the French language.

## **Video Conferencing Etiquette**

- Keep your video on at all times. This allows everyone to know it is really you and that you are currently participating. If you need to leave, ask permission or excuse yourself just as you would in an in-person class or gathering.
- Don't participate while in bed.
- If possible, make an effort to show a neutral background rather than personal spaces such as a bedroom.
- Virtual backgrounds must be in good taste. A neutral color or photo representative of one of the Academy target cultures is preferred. No lewd, indecent, or offensive photos or videos are permitted.
- Register with your own first name. You may not attempt to enter a meeting under someone else's identity.
- Do not record video or audio or take a screenshot without permission from the facilitator or teacher.
- Unless it is being used as your primary device for accessing Academy events, please have your cell phone turned off and not visible during online instruction.



**IMPORTANT DATES:  
(Please post at home)**

**Deadline to sign necessary documents from this packet**

**May 27, 2020  
(Wednesday)**

Please email all signed permission forms and other necessary forms to:  
**FRENCH ACADEMY DIRECTOR, Pamela St. Clair**, [vafrenchacademy@gmail.com](mailto:vafrenchacademy@gmail.com) by this date.

**June 22, 2020 Virtual Opening Day for the French Academy  
(Monday)**

Opening Ceremony  
9:00 AM-9:30 AM

**July 3, 2020 Virtual Closing Ceremonies for the French Academy  
(Friday)**

Closing Ceremony  
2:30 PM-3:30 PM

The closing ceremony will highlight the accomplishments of the students over the two-week period. Certificates and gifts will be mailed to the students.

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**Washington and Lee University, the Host Site, requests that parents/guardians and students/participants in the online full-immersion language academies (French, German, and Spanish) review and sign, where applicable, those documents listed below. The document titles are the links themselves. Please act upon this prior to 11:59 PM on May 27, 2020.**

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