



COLLEGE
CHAMPITTET
FONDÉ EN 1903

FAQ BOARDING HOUSE

Preparation for school and relationship with the school

1. What will students need to bring with them and is laundry provided?

A list of essential things to bring will be sent prior to the school start.

Bedding is provided and changed once a week, therefore students will need to bring only their personal belongings, clothes and bath towels. However, bear in mind that some students will return home during their holiday therefore they will still have the opportunity to bring additional clothes (winter clothes, and so on). If possible students should bring their own winter sports equipment, for those who don't have it the material will be rented.

Laundry is provided for the 7 days boarders, upon request the 5 days boarders could request this service with an additional cost. Laundry is done twice a week, clothes are placed in a laundry bag that is collected by the housekeeper.

2. Relationship with parents

The Admissions Department will help you with all the admission procedure.

On the day of arrival, the boarding house Director and Deputy Head will meet with boarders and parents. They will be your main point of contact, should you have any queries during the school year. You will regularly receive individual information on what is happening in the boarding house, as well as academic reports and feedback. The boarding house Director and Deputy Head will be at your entire disposal, should you need to contact them anytime.

Extracurricular activities and study

3. Are there any extracurricular activities offered, what sport facilities does the school have?

Our junior students (12-15 years old) will have to choose 4 activities per week, our senior students (16-18 years old) will have to choose 3 activities per week. These activities are mandatory. There is a programme dedicated for the boarders.

If a student is doing a specific activity that is not offered in Collège Champittet, we can organise it off site with additional cost. For example horse riding, fencing, ice hockey, etc.

In addition to the school sport's facilities, gym, tennis court, football field, running track, basketball field, the boarders have access to a fitness room that is only for their sole use. They can use this room under supervision depending on their age. Boarders will also have activities on the lake depending on the weather conditions.

4. Supervised study

Boarders will attend supervised study each day, per group of maximum 10 students. The supervised studies will take place on different times (2 hours each day) depending on the age group. They will also have supervised studies on Saturdays and Sundays. The supervised study will be led by tutors that are specialised in various areas.



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Meals

5. How are the meals organised?

There is a main canteen in the school, where boarders will have their breakfast, lunch (along with the external students, priority of serving to the boarders) and dinner. The meals are compulsory, presence is checked on a daily basis.

There is a choice of two meals at lunchtime, and one hot dish served in the evening. No food is allowed in the dormitories. Our staff should be aware of any food intolerance.

Fruits are always available in the boarding house office, snacks are provided after school in the canteen and there is also a cafeteria in the school premises where students can purchase snacks.

Outings and pocket money

6. Can the boarders go downtown?

Our junior boarders can go out on Wednesday afternoon (no classes) and Friday after school, by group of 3 students together with a specific time to return.

Our senior boarders can go out by themselves, and they also have a special permission either on Friday or Saturday night, curfew at midnight.

7. How much pocket money?

We request CHF 1'000 deposit for pocket money.

We recommend CHF 50.- per week, this will be distributed once a week and parents will be invoiced at the end of each trimester.

Evening and nights

8. How is the supervision during the nights?

There is an adult on duty sleeping on each floor, except for the living area called "the loft" designated for the seniors where no adult is present. However, there is a telephone available for them to call the staff that are on duty.

Doors are under alarm on each floor, not allowing students to leave their floors.

9. How are the sleeping and living organised in the boarding house?

There are four floors for the students on the boarding house, the students are placed by age group and gender.

Our rooms are doubles and we mix the nationalities, there is a common room on each of the three floors and a mixed common room on the remaining floor.

All the rooms have their own sink, mostly showers and toilets are shared on the floors.



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Weekends, Holidays and Camp

10. What happen during the school holidays?

Boarders can go home during the holidays, it is mandatory to return home during the summer and Christmas break.

Trips can be organized during the school holiday (additional cost) during the Easter, bank holidays and autumn

Our school is closed during one week in February as most of our external students will spend a week skiing with their family. For the boarders, we can organize, upon request, one week of skiing in a ski resort (additional cost of approx. CHF 2'000)

11. Are there any school trips organised?

The school organizes trips abroad during the Easter holiday (destination as per our Foundation projects). These trips are optional and open to all our students (additional cost of approx. CHF 5'000)

12. Is there a boarding house trip during the school year?

The boarding house organizes an annual trip during the fall holiday in October. This is not a mandatory trip, however we highly recommend our boarders to take part for a better integration. This trip will not be during the whole break, therefore students will still have some days off school. During this time, students can organise something with their families. For those who do not have the possibility to go home or family visiting, we can organise an activity for them until school starts (cost will depend on the number of boarders and the type of activity) The destination of the trip will be communicated as soon as possible (Additional cost of approx. CHF 5'000)

13. Is there a school ski camp?

The school organizes a 4 days-ski camp for all our students (as of grade 9th) in January, beginners will have to take private ski lessons (additional cost). Possibility for the older students to spend one night in a ski-hut. Boarders will stay in the camp for the rest of the week.

14. What happen during weekends?

Various activities (outings, cinema, bowling, etc.) are organised during the weekends, students will also have study time on Saturdays and Sundays

Excursions during weekends in Switzerland are included in the fees, except long weekends in Europe taking place mainly during bank holidays (Swiss holiday in September, Ascension and Pentecost in May or June). The cost for these trips will be of CHF 500.- each. The destinations of these trips will be discussed with the boarders in the beginning of the school year.

Example of Swiss excursions: Lucerne, Interlaken, Lugano

Example of European destinations: Milano, Europa Park, Venice, Roma, Paris

15. Is my child allowed to stay overnight at relatives/friends or with the parents outside school?

Yes on weekends only, permission should be asked in advance to the boarding house Director.
Returns to the school will be on Sunday no later than 18h00.



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16. Is transport provided to the airport or to the train station?

Transport can be organised upon request to the airport or to the train station with an additional cost (approx.. CHF 150)

House System

17. How do you create a team spirit and feeling of belonging to a family?

We have 3 houses in the boarding house: Puma, Giraffe and Owls

Each boarder belongs to a house, which will be composed of Junior and senior students. The houses will have their own symbol and students will elect a deputy for each house. There are inter-house competitions and games, in order to gain bonuses for the House. The bonuses received will allow them to have fun evenings, eating out, vouchers, etc. The house can also have minus points for any lack of respect, being late, untidiness, etc.

This housing system will give students a sense of belonging, as well as encouraging friendly competition and be more responsible.

Discipline

18. Electronic devices

Once arriving in the boarding house, students are required to list all their electronic devices.

Each evening before bedtime, the electronics devices are placed in a locker located in the common room which will be locked during the night.

Students can use their mobile phones according to the school and boarding house rules, and during their free time, as specified on the daily timetable.

19. Is smoking permitted?

Smoking is strictly forbidden to students below the age of 16, above that age parents should give their permission.

20. How would you handle alcohol and drugs issues?

Alcohol and drugs are strictly forbidden, students will undergo regular unannounced tests. Any possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs will lead to a severe punishment.

Sickness

21. What happen if my child is sick or needs to see a doctor/dentist?

There is nurse on site available during school hours. If a student is ill outside of these periods, the boarding House Director or Head Deputy will give them if needed the medicines and if necessary take the student to the hospital or to a local doctor.

Appointments to the dentist, ophthalmologist or any other doctor can be arranged by the boarding House Director or Head Deputy through the nurse upon request.

Non Swiss nationals are requested to apply to the school health insurance, as insurance is mandatory and quite specific in Switzerland.