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Mission
To provide an intellectually stimulating environment to our learners so that teaching and learning occurs at all time in a fun and effective manner and students understand and value multilingualism and diversity.

After-School Programs
Our afterschool program allows students to work on homework, arts, crafts, and take care of the environment so they can contribute to a sustainable world.

Accreditation
To provide quality assurance, ensure excellence that transcends borders, ensure that the school is always on the cutting edge of proven pedagogical methods and new technology and to provide security and peace of mind to parents, our elementary school has initiated the required paperwork for accreditation with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the International Baccalaureate. With the understanding that the school could not be accredited before it opened its doors, GSP is doing all in its power to ensure it qualifies for and receives accreditation on the earliest date possible from these two reputable international agencies that accredit schools in the United States and all over the world, including many schools here in Africa. For more information about accreditation and the benefits of it, please see the above websites.

Professional Association
The Bilingual School here at GSP understands the benefits of belonging to professional association and the school is currently seeking membership with a number of reputable organizations in African and beyond. Certain organizations that are being pursued are the Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA); the West Africa International Schools Athletic League (WAISAL); and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). Please come back soon for further updates.

Educational Philosophy
Here at GSP Bilingual, we believe that every child can learn and that the administration must ensure that the school offers a safe, clean, comfortable, and intellectually stimulating environment so all can function optimally. It must hire highly qualified and passionate teachers and arm them with the tools needed for them to be effective in the classroom. Teachers must
take hold of the myriad of free opportunities available to them online to learn and improve their knowledge in the field of education, child development, and their content area. The school should provide paid opportunities to teachers, when needed, so they can engage in professional developments that are needed for them to accomplish their task. Students must be stimulated and challenged in a nurtured environment that raises their self-esteem and confidence while ensuring that rules and regulations are known and respected by all and that consequences for their violations are applied consistently. School, teachers, and parents must all work together so the child has the most chances to reach his/her full potential.

**Staff**
See the main page for the link to the “Parent & Student Handbook” for more information on our qualified team of professionals.

**Transportation**
The school provides transportation to all students at an additional price.

**Why Bilingualism**
Today’s students will have to speak at least two languages to be competitive in the global world. Moreover, dual-language education helps students become better critical thinkers who are sensitive to all types of diversities. GSP Bilingual chose two languages that are very important locally and internationally: English, the international language of business; and French, the local national language and the language of diplomacy.

**Admission**
[Contact the school](#) for the forms needed for admission. The school is happy to welcome students with special needs. Parents will be informed of grade placement after all records and results of placement exams have been evaluated.

**Why Study at GSP Bilingual**
At GSP Bilingual, students do not just learn from books but are immersed in a technologically rich environment in which their intrinsic love of learning and their self-esteem are nourished by educational experts. Our students have the opportunity to teach during presentations and many other activities meant to help the child build leadership skills that help him/her take the initiative and volunteer to help others when needed. We believe that learning is most effective when it is fun yet challenging and at GSP, we focus on each student to ensure that modifications are made when needed for a student so each child can have access to the best quality education.
**Entrance Exam**

Students are given an entrance exam to assess their level and better empower the teacher.

**Best Bilingual Education in Town**

GSP Bilingual prides itself in being a school of excellence and by joining our family, you ensure that your child has access to a bilingual program that is sound with state of the art equipment and where the staff is forward thinking and **students are always the main focus**.

By the end of their fifth year, students will achieve dual language proficiency along with strong academic skills so they can confidently and successfully complete higher grades.

**Academics**

**Curriculum**

Our curriculum allows for a holistic way of educating students with a focus on critical thinking skills. GSP offers students an international program based on the American system. We seek to develop the whole child and prepare him/her for an all-around success so he/she is a happy being. Fifty percent of the program is offered in French while the other half is offered in English, thereby ensuring true bilingualism by the end of the program.

Throughout the year, students gain knowledge in English language arts and public speaking, social studies, mathematics, science, physical education, technology, art, PE and music. Slowly but surely, students are taught to become independent learners who develop the skills needed to live in a global context: cultural understanding, effective research and communication, healthy body and mind, creative thinking, and conflict resolution.

GSP uses the Common Core Standards from the USA while drawing on best practices from countries that excel in the field of education.

**Assessment**

From the beginning, teachers help students start their academic life with an online portfolio that will follow them their entire time at GSP. Moreover, teachers use both formative and summative assessment to ensure that learning does in fact occur and that students are meeting or exceeding standards. Our students are administered the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), a standardized test, twice during the school year. We believe that too much testing takes away from learning and at times causes teachers to teach to the test. Accordingly, we strive to eliminate testing that does not directly help improve student learning.
Special Education
The school accepts students who present certain conditions (physical or mental) after all relevant parties are consulted and the school deems itself able to provide effective accommodation.

School Calendar
Key American holidays such as Martin Luther Kind Day and Thanksgiving are observed by celebrations that are true to those days. For example, leading to Martin Luther King Day, students learn about Dr. King through his writings while further sharpening their skills on the events of that time period. On Thanksgiving Day, everyone eats together and American foods that are traditionally served during Thanksgiving are served on that day. Those days are more relaxed so the students can enjoy the spirit of the event.

Preschool at GSP Bilingual
Studies after studies have shown that the best time to learn additional languages is at childhood. At GSP, we understand that and our preschool program allows the little ones to naturally acquire the skills they need while seemingly learning both French and English so they are ready for elementary school and beyond.

Our age and developmentally appropriate curricula cater for the child as a complete person by focusing on a play-based curriculum where students are encouraged to ask questions and to entertain various possible answers. Great care is given to the child’s academic (literacy skills that prepare the child for higher grades), social, artistic, physical and emotional wellbeing so he/she can become an ethical being while promoting individuality, healthy and ethical habits.

Parent & Student Handbook
Click on the link found on the main page for access to the Parent & Student Handbook.

Technology Guideline
At GSP, we believe that when technology is effectively implemented, it only enriches teaching and learning. Accordingly, students have limited, yet impactful access to technology as teachers make use of the various tools at their disposal: tablets, chrome books/laptops, desktops and other educational devices.

Nutritional Services
Students are served a balanced meal daily during lunch.