



NEW BRUNSWICK
French International
Student Program

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COVID-19 Update

- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health risks and restrictions associated with it, the decision was taken that the NBFISP would not welcome any students for 2020-2021 school year.
- All students that were registered for 2020-2021 school year had the option of differing their registration to the 2021-2022 school year, or to cancel their registration altogether without any additional costs.
- We are not accepting any new applications for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year, with the hope that the situation will be back to a certain 'normal' and that we will be able to offer the quality program that everyone expects at that time.

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Where are they now?



Elise Potthoff, in the middle, is greeted by her host family at the airport.

A Great Experience in the Acadian Peninsula

Elise Potthoff is among the first group of students from the New Brunswick French International Student Program to attend a school in the northeastern part of the province. She attended Polyvalente Louis-Mailloux in Caraquet from September 2014 to January 2015.

Her integration at school went very well. She even got to play hockey on the school's girls' hockey team, a sport she did not practice in Germany.

"I knew how to skate a little, but I was not very good. I got to practise and improve my skills and even play in some games. It was cool. I was really close with the girls on the team and I felt a part of the social life," she explains fluently in French.

Elise was the first student to live with Annic LeBreton and her family, homestay coordinator for the Acadian Peninsula region.

"It was a very nice experience with this family," she adds. "It was not the first time I was away from home, but I did not feel like a tourist, I felt like a member of the family."



While Elise is back home in Germany, she remains in contact with her Acadian host family.

“We speak on a regular basis. I went back to New Brunswick to visit for a month in the summer of 2018. My host family also came to see me in Germany in 2016 (see photo below). I call them on their birthdays, at Christmas and on New Year’s Day. I hope I will be able to go back and see them once the pandemic is over.”

Now living in Münster, Germany, Elise is in her third year of medical studies. Although she is studying in German, she considers it beneficial to have learned French.

“I don’t want to lose my French, so sometimes I watch series in French and I would like to do an internship in a French-speaking country. I would also like to work one day for Doctors Without Borders. It is therefore very useful to know the French language.”



Picture above: Elise Potthoff playing hockey with her host brother and sister.

Discover our schools!



School : Polyvalente Louis-Mailloux

Community/city : Caraquet

Students :

Level : Grades 9 to 12

Founding Year : 1971

Description : The Louis-Mailloux school is named for a 19th century local Acadian hero involved in defending minority education rights. The Polyvalente is located in Caraquet, a small and quiet coastal town of about 4,000 in northeastern New Brunswick. In this area, almost 100 % of the population is French speaking. The province’s only French language daily newspaper, L’Acadie Nouvelle, is published here. Caraquet prides itself on its vibrant cultural tourism industry. In the summertime, locals and tourists go to the beach to swim or fish. They also enjoy the Village historique acadien, a unique historical reconstruction of a village portraying Acadian life from the 18th-20th centuries.



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