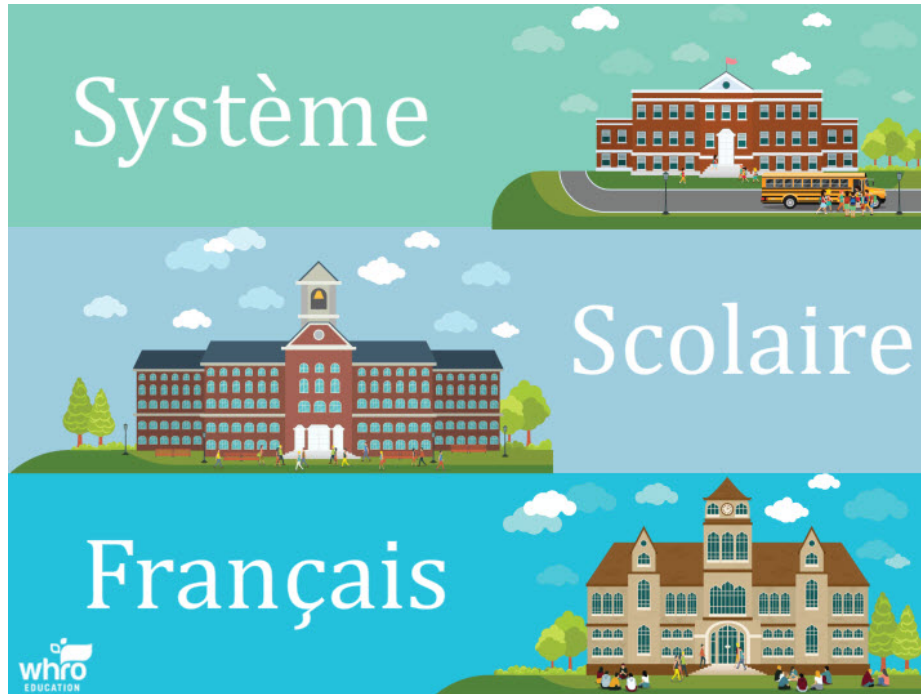


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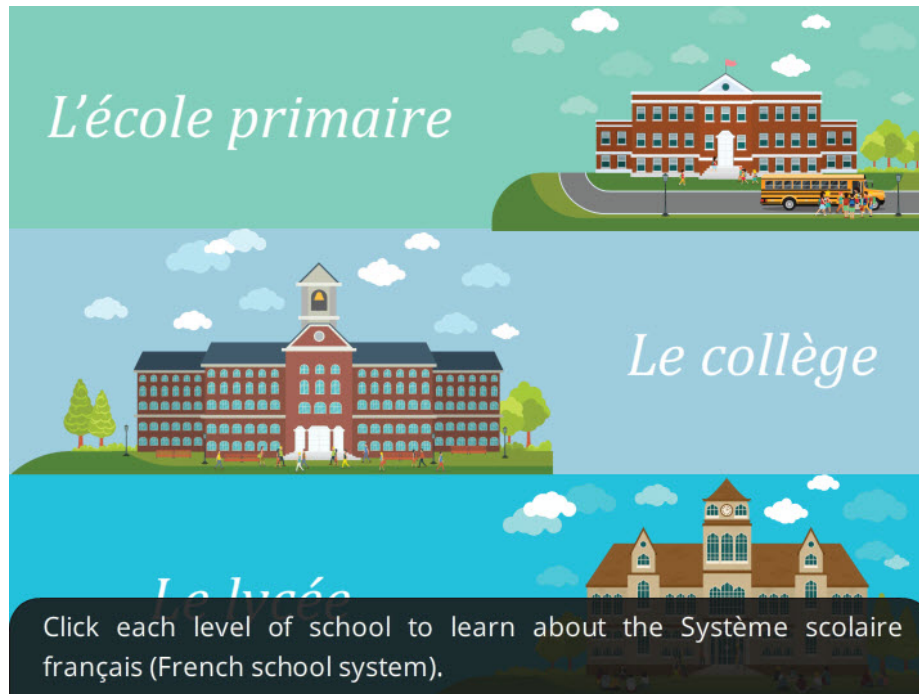
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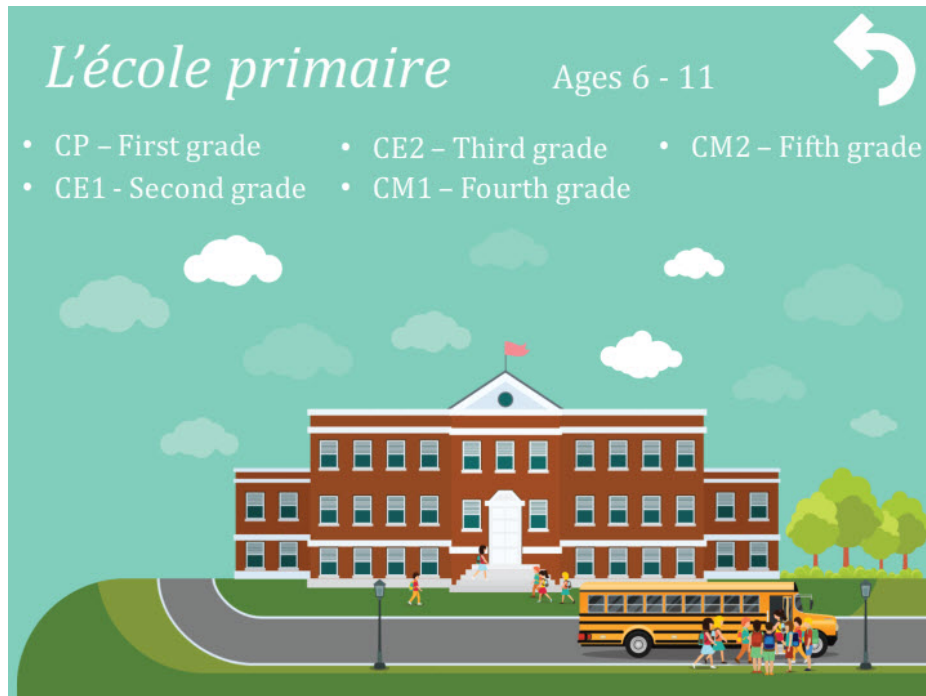
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Click each level of school to learn about the *Système scolaire français* (French school system).

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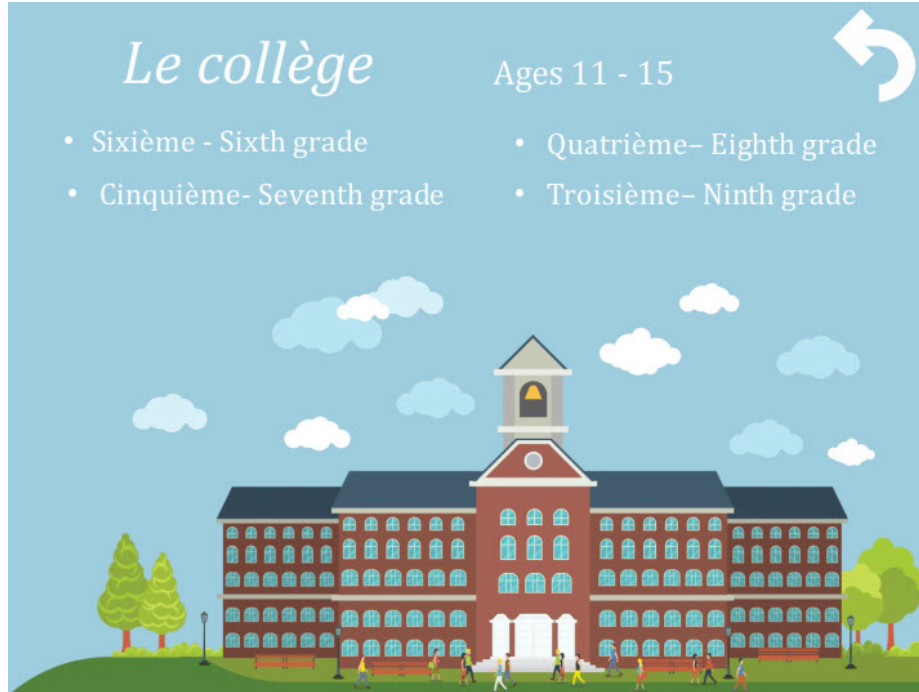
**L'école primaire - French Elementary School**



Primary schools, or grade school, consists of five classes for students ages 6 to 11. The primary school curriculum in France is similar to that of the United States. The students learn literacy, numeracy, the French language, math, geography, history, the arts, and a foreign language. The five classes in *L'école primaire* are CP (first grade), CE1 (second grade), CE2 (third grade), CM1 (fourth grade), and CM2 (fifth grade). CP means *cours préparatoire*, or preparatory class. CE means *cours élémentaire*, or elementary class. CM means *cours moyen*, or middle class. *Cours moyen* prepares students for middle school.

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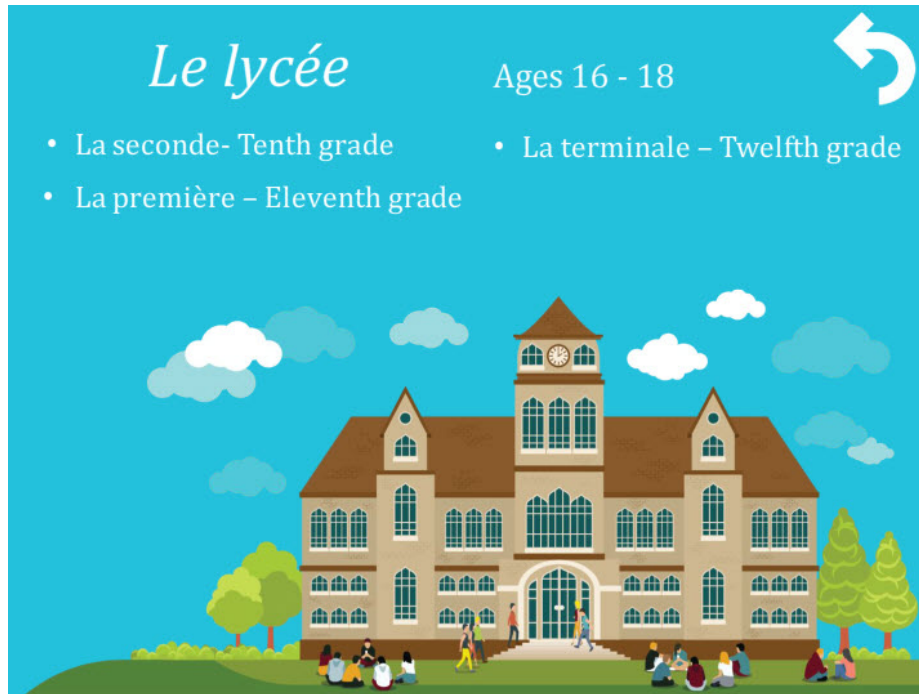
**Le collège - French Middle School**



Middle school in France contains four levels for students aged 11 through 15. *Le collège* is designed to provide all pupils with a fundamental secondary education, after which a certain degree of specialization will be introduced. *Le collège* ends with an exam called the “brevet.” From here students can stop their secondary education, or continue to *Le lycée*. The four grades in *Le collège* are *sixième* (sixth grade), *cinquième* (seventh grade), *quatrième* (eighth grade) and *troisième* (ninth grade).

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**Le lycée – French High School**



*Le lycée* can be in general studies, with some specializing in general education in languages or sciences, leading to the diploma of *Baccalauréat general*, also known as *le bac*. Students may also prepare for special trades such as a cook, mechanic, or a hairdresser at a technical high school. Students in technical education can receive two different types of degrees. The first is called BEP, or *Brevet d'enseignement professionnel*. The second is called CAP, or *certificat d'aptitude professionnel*.

Studies in France are compulsory until you reach 16 years old, but they can be in school or in some kind of study or apprentice program. *Le lycée* contains three grades: *La seconde* (tenth grade), *La première* (eleventh grade), and *La terminale* (twelfth grade).