

Educational project

L'École L'Eau-Vive

Because with God's help, we will do great things!

L'École L'Eau-Vive provides preschool, elementary and secondary school education.

Our Mission

Offer students an excellent academic, spiritual, social, artistic and physical education from an evangelical perspective so that all students might fulfill themselves and become assets to society and to God's Kingdom.

Our school

L'École L'Eau-Vive is a private French-language school founded on an evangelical Protestant confession of faith. Its educational project is supported by staff members who affirm evangelical faith and passionately engage in pursuing the school's mission.

Because we believe in total child development and are convinced of the importance of Bible-based education, the school devotes a special attention to the students' spiritual growth. In order to fulfill this task and to ensure a continuous fostering of values, the school partners together with parents and local churches to train children according to a Christ-centered worldview.

Being a small school that's open to the world, L'École L'Eau-Vive offers students a warm and encouraging environment. Its family-like atmosphere inspires older students to help the younger ones. These unique qualities create a supportive setting which facilitates both educational success and personal fulfillment.

Because we are persuaded of the benefits of cooperation, the school is a member of the Fédération des établissements d'enseignement privés (Federation of private educational institutions). Additionally, the school is accredited and subsidized by the Ministère de l'Éducation, de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (Ministry of education, higher education and research).

From generation to generation, our school's motto will ring out: "With God's help, we will do mighty things!"

"Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it." Psalm 22:30-31 (ESV)

Our History

Rich of its past, alive in the present and motivated by its future, L'École L'Eau-Vive, as its name portrays it¹, is a source of education from which the values that have formed our history are still flowing.

A minimum of history is essential to your understanding of the rebirth of L'École L'Eau-Vive. During the '80s, here in the city of Québec, three Christian schools were founded and they grew within our public denominational school system, and they were different from the other schools by their evangelical Protestant character. The quality of their teaching and of their Christian education has helped many children to succeed.

In the early 2000s, a movement towards a non-confessional school system prevented public schools from having a religious educational project, so all of the French Protestant schools in this area ran the risk of being closed down.

Thankfully, the story doesn't end there. In 2001, a group of Christians who refused to see their school being closed down took the necessary steps with the government to obtain a private educational institution status. Founded on the convictions of many parents and fortified by the support of some of the previous three Christian schools' staff members, L'École L'Eau-Vive was getting ready for its new life. Against all odds, the government quickly issued a license for the institution along with a grant, allowing us to teach from preschool to the end of high school. The school thus became able to keep its Christian status, to pursue its educational mission centered on biblical values and to continue to select its employees.

At the school start of 2001, by God's grace and the relentless work of many pioneers, 72 students inaugurated this new L'École L'Eau-Vive. A lot of work still needed to be done, there were multiple challenges ahead of us and a new page of history was being written. Year after year, the student body has kept growing and 15 years later, there are 343 students.

The principal, all of our staff, the students and their parents are still very motivated and they're collaborating in an environment where education is centered on Christ.

“Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the LORD God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.” 1 Chronicles 28:20 (ESV)

¹ *Eau vive* means *living water* in English

Student testimonies

Students were asked the following question: Why did you choose L'École L'Eau-Vive?

- “The first year I came, I chose L'École L'Eau-Vive to get away from my old school, but then I decided to stay because of our values and because of the awesome friends I have!”
- “Because I have so many friends and I get along with my teachers.”
- “To learn all that's taught in other schools, but surrounded by Christians.”
- “Because Amélie told me it was a wonderful school that's full of love and kindness and I think she's right.”
- “Because my parents sent me here, but today, I understand and am thankful for their choice. I would choose this school because it gives me the opportunity to fully live out my faith without running into obstacles because of that faith.”
- “Because I love my friends and I get along really well with people who aren't necessarily my friends. I like that I can speak freely about God, and that we have both time and opportunities to know Him better.”
- “Because of the values cherished by the school, for my growing walk with the Lord. I can fulfill myself in a wholesome way.”

Our Guiding Principles

Three main guiding principles ensue directly from our mission statement. They are defined by objectives and specific methods to achieve those objectives. Take note of the values that inspire them.

Our Mission / Academic

Offer each student an excellent academic education

L'École L'Eau-Vive subscribes to the educational aims of the Quebec MEESR educational program while prioritizing biblical values. Centered on educational success for every student and desiring to meet parental expectations, the school is dedicated to providing a quality education while placing relevant resources at the students' disposal.

Guiding Principle 1

Provide an environment that favors learning and educational success

Objectives	Methods
Help students to learn how to learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote academic excellence for all students• Give students access to staff members who are devoted to them, passionate about their work, and conscientiously pursuing their own continuous professional development• Use proven educational methodologies and teaching strategies which respect different learning styles and rhythms• Promote student leadership and development with educational guidance and counseling
Maintain effective measures to oversee student life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optimize the process by which achievement and effort is recognized and awarded• Review the school's code of conduct every year• Follow disciplinary methods and supervise students in an individual manner• Uphold anti-violence/anti-bullying programs

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"...making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding..." Proverbs 2:2-3 (ESV)

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Objectives	Methods
Offer students conditions that will allow them to fully develop their potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistently better the quality of teaching• Offer events and extra-curricular activities that match the needs and interests of students• Provide access to varied and sufficient didactic resources which conform to the MEESR's guidelines• Create a physical environment that promotes learning• Provide services such as educational psychology and special education

Our Mission / Spiritual

Offer each student an excellent spiritual education

L'École L'Eau-Vive seeks to assist students in their spiritual walk. Through the influence of staff members who are personally engaged in walking daily with the Lord and through character building activities and Bible classes, the school encourages students to develop an authentic, personal relationship with God. Additionally, the school helps students access the essential tools for building a solid faith that will guide their choices throughout their life.

Guiding Principle 2

Tirelessly promote evangelical Christian values

Objectives	Methods
Guide students in their spiritual walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer a Protestant religious instruction program• Integrate Biblical principles within the teaching of regular school subjects• Offer daily times of praise, worship and sharing• Provide dynamic discipleship activities that are adapted to the needs and interests of students

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Objectives	Methods
Encourage students to adopt behaviors that are inspired by Christian values	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage students to integrate biblical knowledge to their critical thinking about their words and actions• Promote respect of self, of others and of the rules and values of the school• Support students as they reflect on life choices – both present and future• Give students opportunities to hear the testimonies of committed adults who are proud of their faith

Kindle student engagement by offering them opportunities to put their faith into action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value student demonstration of servant leadership • Develop and implement community service projects • Prepare students to the realities of our society so that they may stand out
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Our Mission / Social, artistic and physical

Offer each student an excellent social, artistic and physical education

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Guiding Principle 3

Foster healthy and harmonious relationships between students, parents and school staff

Objectives	Methods
Create a sense of belonging among students, parents, school staff and local churches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain events that promote school unity • Promote parent engagement in the development of their children, through collaboration with the teachers • Recruit parent participation in the preparation and implementation of different school activities • Pursue a consistent collaboration with local churches in the spiritual development of the youth
Guide students in their self-knowledge and recognition of others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose activities that allow students to be aware of their strengths, talents and qualities • Select projects aiming to develop the students' self-esteem and personal abilities • Organize cultural and artistic activities

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Value physical activity and involvement within the student body	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote sports activities and healthy living habits• Maintain the student council consultation process• Propose various student events and extra-curricular activities• Form interschool sports teams

Our logo

Our logo is a shield whose center is the cross with the Christian fish symbol in the middle. At first glance, this logo reveals that it is only through Jesus Christ, who conquered the cross, and through the unity of the faith that we will do mighty things.

EV – Short abbreviation with great meaning

EV, the initials of our school, are housed in the top left quarter. This meaningful name² originates from a verse of one of the oldest books in the world which still conveys truth today. “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” John 7:38 (ESV)

Musical instruments - Harmony

The top right quarter of our logo reveals two important aspects of our school: the priority given to the arts, and the conspicuous harmony within the school³, which flows from our adherence to common values.

The guarded book - The Bible

This image of the guarded book, the Bible, in the bottom left quarter, represents our *raison d’être*. It reveals the character of the evangelical Christian educational project of our institution. It also demonstrates that the values that are fostered at school correspond to those that are held at home and church.

Interlocking Arms - Our partnership

In the final quarter of the logo, the three arms illustrate the main partners which interact daily in the education of the students: family, school and church. By these three interlocking arms, information and common values circulate instead of clashing, and they become clear and alive in the youth.

² *Eau vive* means *living water* in English

³ In French, the name for a concert band is *harmony*

Our Confession of Faith

The Bible: We believe that the Holy Scriptures, as given by God from the beginning, are divinely inspired, infallible and completely reliable. The Word of God is the unique and supreme authority in all matters of faith and of conduct. 2 Ti 3:16-17; 2 Pe 1:20-21.

God: We believe that there is only one God, that He exists eternally in three equal and co-existing persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Is 43:10-11; Mk 12:29; Mt28:19.

Jesus Christ: We believe that God was made flesh through the person of our Lord Jesus Christ; we believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless human nature, in His divine miracles, in His sacrificial and atoning death on the Cross (1 Jn 2:2), in His bodily resurrection (Mt.28:6), in His victory over Satan who was the originator of sin and the leader of the fallen angels (Col 2:15), in His ascension (Ac 1:9), in His continual work of mediation (1Ti 2:5) and in His personal return in power and glory. 1 Th 4:16; Col 2:9.

Salvation: We believe that salvation of the lost and sinful humankind can only be obtained through the shed blood and sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus-Christ; this salvation is received by faith and apart from works of righteousness and is characterized by the regeneration of a person through the Holy Spirit. Ep 1:13; Titus 3:5.

Holy Spirit: We believe in the divine nature of the Holy Spirit, that He convicts the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement, that He is the Comforter of the believers and enables them to live a holy life. Jn 16:9; Jn 16:13; 1 Pe 1:2.

The Church: We believe that a church is an assembly of believers who are saved by grace and practice the ordinances of our Lord: baptism, symbolizing the death and resurrection, and the communion of both body and blood, in remembrance of Jesus Christ's death. Ac 2:41-47.

The things to come: We believe in the rapture of the Church, that in the end times, God will judge the living and the dead: those who are saved will be resurrected for eternal life; those that are lost will be resurrected for damnation with Satan and his fallen angels in the lake of fire and sulfur for eternity. Rev 20:10-11; 14-15; 2 Th 1:7-10; 1 Col 3:9-14; 1 Pe 4:17.

Our Declaration

L'École L'Eau-Vive is an evangelical Protestant institution whose mandate is to offer those who share our faith educational services that are inspired by the values found in the Bible, as defined in the school's confession of faith.

We believe that total child development includes both religious and spiritual components. Therefore, our program includes references to religion and the Christian faith. Additionally, student attendance to Bible classes is required.

This educational project is based on responses obtained from an extensive consultation with parents, students and staff which occurred between 2005 and 2008. It reveals the school's key values, defines its unique features, and identifies its objectives regarding educational matters.

Solidly anchored on its distinctive values and centered on the development and success of every student, this educational project strives to reflect the vision of the school's various collaborators. It will be reviewed annually, and modified as deemed necessary to remain a useful tool in the hands of our partners.

It is the result of the collaboration between the members of a committee composed of parents, teachers and the school's administration, all of whom worked together to see this project completed.

A special thanks to all who contributed directly or indirectly to this project.

May God's grace always guide our school and may his glory shine through its students, staff, and supporters.

L'École L'Eau-Vive's educational project team,

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