

Education GUIDE



**Military Family
Resource
Centre**
Montreal Region



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Main School
Service Centres
by Region

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Service Point of:

Saint-Hubert:

450-462-8777, ext. 6810

Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu:

450-358-7099, ext. 7955

Montreal:

514-252-2777, ext. 4984

Information: info.crfm@forces.gc.ca

Web Site: sbmfc.ca

Portal: crfmmfrcmtl.ca

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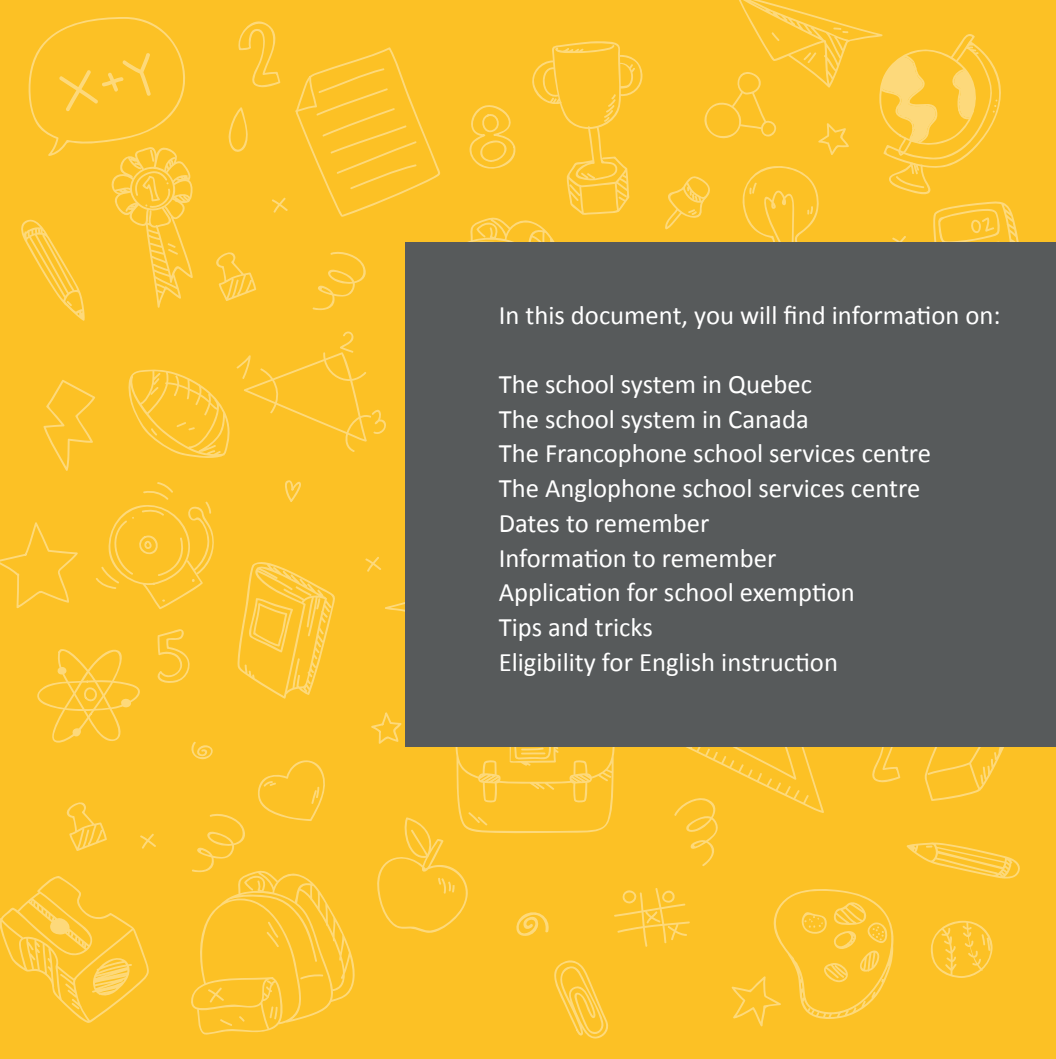
This list is provided for information purposes only. Operations and procedures are subject to change without notice. For this reason, we recommend that you contact the school service centre for your school admission or registration needs. Specific programs may be offered in certain sectors.



SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MFRC

The Quebec school system is unique and can be difficult to navigate for military families new to the region. To help you, we have developed this guide to provide you with better tools. If you need support during a school change, you can contact the Employment and Education Coordinator. She will provide you with the resources you need to make the transition easier for the whole family.

We present the school systems in Quebec and Canada so you can compare them. Don't hesitate to contact your school service centre to help you make the right choice.



In this document, you will find information on:

The school system in Quebec

The school system in Canada

The Francophone school services centre

The Anglophone school services centre

Dates to remember

Information to remember

Application for school exemption

Tips and tricks

Eligibility for English instruction

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IN QUEBEC

PRIMARY

Preschool education (Kindergarten)

**Starting at 4 or 5 years, see terms in the "Information to Remember" section.*

Cycle 1

(Grades 1 and 2)

**Starts at age 6*

Cycle 2

(Grades 3 and 4)

Cycle 3

(Grades 5 and 6)



GRADES

11



Diploma of secondary studies (DES)

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Cycle 2

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Vocational education

**Possible after successful completion of at least 3rd year of secondary*

Diploma of vocational studies (DEP)

Attestation of professional specialization (ASP)



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Cycle 1

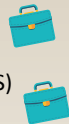


Job-oriented training

**Possible after successful completion of at least 2nd year of secondary*

Certificate of pre-trade training (CFPT)

Training certificate in a semi-skilled trade (CFMS)



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Way to job market

COLLEGE

Short-term technical training

Attestation of college studies
(AEC)

Variable duration



Pre-university training

Diploma of college
studies (DEC)

2 years

Technical training

Diploma of college
studies (DEC)

3 years



*Possibility of doing a DEC-BAC,
for more details (in French only):
[monemploi.com/magazine/
les-dec-bac-c-est-pour-qui](http://monemploi.com/magazine/les-dec-bac-c-est-pour-qui)*

UNIVERSITY

Cycle 1 Short-term training program

Certificate (1 year or more)

**Possibility of Bachelor's degree by
accumulation of certificates*



Cycle 1 Bachelor's degree

3 or 4 years



Possible after Bachelor's degree:

Cycle 2 Master's degree

2 years or more



Possible after Master's degree:

Cycle 3 Postgraduate

3 years or more



Cycle 2 Short-term training program

Specialized graduate diploma
(DESS)

1 year or more



THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CANADA

May vary from province to province, please consult your local MFRC for details.

Preschool

Pre-Kindergarten
(4 years)

Kindergarten
(5 years)



PRIMARY

Grades 1 to 6
**Starts at age 6*



Way to job market

SECONDARY

GRADES

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High school diploma



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Senior High School

Middle School or
Junior High School

Technical Vocational High School

Apprenticeship Option

**Formula varies from province
to province.*



COLLEGE

Associate rank

2 years

**except Nouveau-Brunswick,
Île-du-Prince-Édouard and
Saskatchewan*

Apprenticeship in technical and vocation training

1 to 4 years

College diploma

1 to 3 years

UNIVERSITY

Cycle 1 Bachelor's degree
3 or 4 years

Possible after Bachelor's degree:
Cycle 2 Master's degree
1 to 3 years

Possible after Master' degree:
Cycle 3 Postgraduate
3 years or more

FRANCOPHONE SCHOOL SERVICES CENTRES

(links in this section are in French only)



"CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES HAUTES-RIVIÈRES"

210 Notre-Dame Street,
Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 6N3
450-359-6411

cssdhr.gouv.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and surrounding areas:

cssdhr.gouv.qc.ca/commission-scolaire/carte-du-territoire

Admission and registration:

cssdhr.gouv.qc.ca/parents/admission-et-inscription-des-eleves/#0-information-generale

Parents' guide:

cssdhr.gouv.qc.ca/nouveaute-guide-parents-2023-2024

Children with special needs:

cssdhr.gouv.qc.ca/parents/comite-ehdaa/#8-guide-pratique

"CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES
DES PATRIOTES"

1740 Roberval Street,
Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC J3V 3R3
450-441-2919
cssp.gouv.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Chambly, Saint-Bruno, Belœil and surrounding areas:

cssp.gouv.qc.ca/a-propos/territoire-et-statistiques

Admission and registration:

cssp.gouv.qc.ca/ressources-parents/admission-et-inscription

Children with special needs:

archives.cssp.gouv.qc.ca/guide-quoi-faire

"CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES
MARIE-VICTORIN"

13 Saint-Laurent Street East,
Longueuil, QC J4H 4B7
450-670-0730
cssmv.gouv.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Longueuil et and surrounding areas:

cssmv.gouv.qc.ca/la-csmv/portrait-de-la-csmv/territoire

Admission and registration:

cssmv.gouv.qc.ca/primaire/admission-inscription

Parents' guide:

cssmv.gouv.qc.ca/secondaire/inscription-2/guide-pour-les-parents

Children with special needs:

cssmv.gouv.qc.ca/la-csmv/elevés-handicapés-ou-en-difficulté-d'adaptation-ou-d'apprentissage

"CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES
DE MONTRÉAL"

5100 Sherbrooke Street East, Unit 180
Montreal, QC H1V 3R9
514 596-6000
cssdm.gouv.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Montreal:

cssdm.gouv.qc.ca/trouver-une-ecole

Admission and registration:

cssdm.gouv.qc.ca/admission-inscription/procedure-inscription

Parents' guide:

cssdm.gouv.qc.ca/communiqué/guide-parents-elevés-besoins-particuliers

Children with special needs:

cssdm.gouv.qc.ca/elevés-besoins-particuliers/comite-consultatif-services-elevés-besoins-particuliers/

"CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES DE LAVAL"

955 Saint-Martin Boulevard West,
Laval, QC H7S 1M5
450 662-7000
csslaval.gouv.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Laval:

csslaval.gouv.qc.ca/carte-des-etablissements

Admission and registration:

csslaval.gouv.qc.ca/les-inscriptions-au-centre-de-services-scolaire-de-laval-comment-bien-sy-preparer

Parents' guide:

csslaval.gouv.qc.ca/notre-centre-de-services-scolaire/conseils-et-comites/ccsheadaa/info-parents

Children with special needs:

csslaval.gouv.qc.ca/4-a-16-ans/inscription/eleves-a-besoins-particuliers/

"CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES DES LAURENTIDES"

13 St Antoine Street,
Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, QC J8C 2C3
819 326-0333
csslaurentides.gouv.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Laurentians:

csslaurentides.gouv.qc.ca/etablissements-scolaires/trouver-mon-etablissement-scolaire

Admission and registration:

csslaurentides.gouv.qc.ca/admissions-et-inscriptions

Children with special needs:

csslaurentides.gouv.qc.ca/etablissements-scolaires/services-aux-eleves-avec-des-besoins-particuliers

"CENTRE DE SERVICES SCOLAIRES DE LA RÉGION-DE-SHERBROOKE"

2955 University Boulevard,
Sherbrooke, QC J1K 2Y3
819 822-5540
cssrs.gouv.qc.ca/le-cssrs

Map of the territory - Sherbrooke:

cssrs.gouv.qc.ca/le-cssrs/gouvernance-scolaire/districts#c926

Admission and registration:

cssrs.gouv.qc.ca/inscription/admission-et-inscription

Parents' guide:

cssrs.gouv.qc.ca/le-cssrs/a-propos/services-centralises/service-des-ressources-educatives/guide-ehdaa

Children with special needs:

cssrs.gouv.qc.ca/le-cssrs/gouvernance-et-comite/comite-ehdaa

ENGLISH SCHOOL SERVICE CENTRES



RIVERSIDE SCHOOL BOARD

7525 Chambly Road,
Saint-Hubert, QC J3Y 0N7
450 672-4010

rsb.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Montreal South Shore:

rsb.qc.ca/map-of-rsb-territory

Admission and registration:

rsb.qc.ca/registration

Children with special needs:

rsb.qc.ca/advisory-committee-on-special-needs

ENGLISH MONTRÉAL
SCHOOL BOARD

6000 Fielding Avenue,
Montreal, QC H3X 1T4
514 483-7200

emsb.qc.ca/en-ca

Map of the territory - Montreal:

emsb.qc.ca/en-ca/emsb/about/school-board/territory

Admission and registration:

emsb.qc.ca/emsb/admissions

Children with special needs:

emsb.qc.ca/en-ca/emsb/services/special-needs

SIR WILFRID LAURIER
SCHOOL BOARD

235 montée Lesage,
Rosemere, QC J7A 4Y6
450 621-5600 /
Toll-free 1-866 621-5600

swlauriersb.qc.ca/en

Map of the territory - Laval, Laurentians:

swlauriersb.qc.ca/en/schools/our-schools

Admission and registration:

swlauriersb.qc.ca/en/parents/admission-and-registration

Children with special needs:

www.swlauriersb.qc.ca/en/parents/seac

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS
SCHOOL BOARD

340 Saint-Jean-Bosco Street,
Magog, QC J1X 1K9
819 868-3100

etsb.qc.ca

Map of the territory - Sherbrooke and surrounding areas:

etsb.qc.ca/overview-school-board-commissioners

Admission and registration:

etsb.qc.ca/school-board/eligibility

Children with special needs:

etsb.qc.ca/school-board/committees/seac

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



>> October

Secondary school registration for special programs (sports, languages, arts, international education program (IEP), etc.)

>> February

Admission and official registration period

>> May

Late registration after May 1st

Please note:

If the number of pupils exceeds the school's capacity, applications received after May 1st will be processed in chronological order of registration. The student could then be redirected to another school.

INFORMATIONS TO REMEMBER



Child's age

>> 4-year-old kindergarten

To be eligible, the child must be 4 years old before October 1st of the school year in question. Places for 4-year-old kindergarten are limited and are not available at all schools. Kindergarten is not compulsory.

>> 5-year-old kindergarten

To be eligible, the child must be 5 years old before October 1st of the school year in question. Kindergarten is not compulsory.

>> Primary / Grade 1

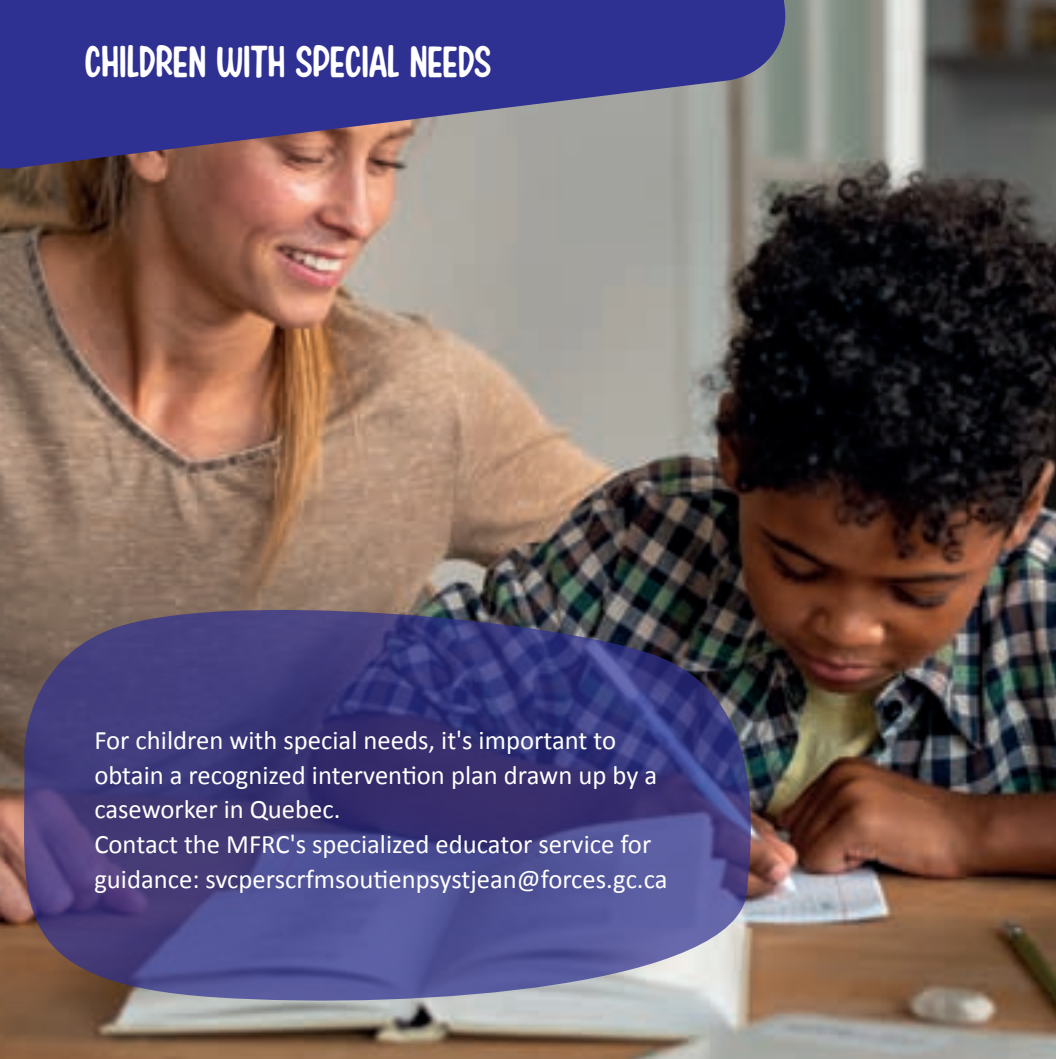
To be eligible, children must be 6 years old before October 1st of their first school year. Primary and secondary education are compulsory.

Documents required when registering at your local school

- Original birth certificate (visit: www.etatcivil.gouv.qc.ca/en/default.html),
- Official Proof of residence,
- Immigration documents, if applicable,
- Most recent report card, if applicable,
- Report from a consulting professional, if relevant and applicable.



CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a beige top, is smiling and looking down at a young boy with dark curly hair. The boy is wearing a green and blue plaid shirt and is focused on writing on a piece of paper at a desk. The woman's hand is near the boy's, suggesting she is providing assistance or guidance. The background is a simple indoor setting with a window.

For children with special needs, it's important to obtain a recognized intervention plan drawn up by a caseworker in Quebec.

Contact the MFRC's specialized educator service for guidance: svcperscrfmsoutienpsystjean@forces.gc.ca

SCHOOL WAIVER REQUEST

What is a school waiver request?

A school waiver is an exceptional measure granted by the school board to allow a child to start preschool (kindergarten) or primary school (grade 1) before reaching the required age.

A school waiver is requested by parents when they feel their child is ready to enter preschool (kindergarten) or primary school (grade 1), even though they are under the required age.

Admission age is governed by the Education Act.

Process to follow

- Notify your area school of your intention to apply for an age-eligibility waiver,
- The child must be 6 years old between October 1st and December 31th of the school year in question to enter primary school,
- Submit a psychological report to the school principal by the agreed deadline, attesting to the fact that the child would suffer harm if they started school in the year scheduled. This report is at the parents' expense and must be completed by a psychologist or psychoeducator who is a member of the Ordre des psychologues du Québec.

Ordre des psychologues du Québec

ordrepsy.qc.ca/english

**Ordre des psychoéducateurs et
des psychoéducatrices du Québec**

ordrepsted.qc.ca

Application deadline

April is generally the deadline for applying for a waiver.

Contact your local school or school service centre to find out how. You may need to provide proof that you've just moved or that you've just been transferred to the area

Important :

Even if the professional recommends early admission, the final decision will be made by the School Service Centre.

TIPS AND TRICKS

- » Contact your future local school as soon as possible after you receive your relocation message. Make this a priority.
- » Provide the school with proof of your relocation message. This proves that it was impossible for you to take the necessary steps earlier.
- » Start looking for information even if your relocation message isn't yet official.
- » Make sure you register your child at the right level for their schooling, as the educational path is different in Quebec. Find out more from your local school.
- » It will often be too late when you arrive to register your child in a particular secondary school program. You can still try your luck by putting yourself on a waiting list and explaining your situation.
- » If you're offered the option of transferring to a school other than the one in your area, because there isn't enough space left at your local school, try to explain your situation and see if you can stay at your local school. You will have to apply for a waiver every year if you want your child to attend another school, and you will never have the assurance that your child will be able to continue their education at that school. This could mean a change of schools. What's more, if you have another child, your two children may end up in two different schools. That's why it's so important to get the information you need to make an informed decision. Due to lack of space, it may be necessary to register your child in another school, but if you have a choice, make your decision after gathering all the information. Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH

For **Riverside School Board**

(Quebec's English-language school board for the **South Shore of Montréal**), please contact:

Lisa Fitzwater

Admissibilité à l'enseignement en anglais -
Eligibility for English instruction
7525 Chambly Road,
Saint-Hubert, QC J3Y 0N7
450-672-4010 ext. 6538

For the **St-Jean-sur-Richelieu** area, please contact:

Sophie Vasilopoulos,

School Organization Technician
1-877-550-2501, ext. 6379
svasilopoulos@rsb.qc.ca

St-Johns School

380 Saint-Michel Street,
Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC J3B 1T4
1-877-550-2501 (Quebec) /
1-450-550-2501 (rest of Canada)
rsb.qc.ca/school/stjohns/

For other regions, please contact your school service centre.

Military families are entitled to education in English for their children. Ask your local school how to register.

You'll find lots of answers to your questions on the **Ministry of Education website**

education.gouv.qc.ca/en/contenus-communs/parents-and-guardians/instruction-in-english

aea-mtl@education.gouv.qc.ca
514-873-3399 /
1-866-747-6626

Eligibility for English instruction
600 Fullum Street, 10th floor
Montreal, QC H2K 4L1

RESOURCES

The "Support Our Troops" Tutoring Program works to provide financial assistance to CAF families to ease curriculum transitions in the first year of a posting to a new community for learners with an Individual Education Plan and for those whose circumstances require tutoring support as recommended by their school. The program supports dependent children in CAF families, from kindergarten to grade 12.

For up-to-date information and details, please visit:
[supportourtroops.ca/
TutoringProgram](http://supportourtroops.ca/TutoringProgram)

Alloprof helps Quebec students turn their academic challenges into successes by offering free professional and stimulating services.

alloprof.qc.ca/en/students
[alloprof.qc.ca/en/parents/articles/
report-cards-and-school-system/
understanding-quebecs-education-
system-k1482](http://alloprof.qc.ca/en/parents/articles/report-cards-and-school-system/understanding-quebecs-education-system-k1482)

Language Research Development Group (LRDG) is a Canadian platform for learning English and French.


For more information, contact your local MFRC:
lrdgonline.com

2 The Ordre des conseillers et conseillères d'orientation du Québec (OCCOQ) has designed Espace parents, a web platform that offers a host of tools, advice and resources to help parents support their children in their academic and career choices, throughout their studies.

espaceparents.org/etudier-au-quebec/outils-et-liens

Schoolio is a platform that helps with curriculum transition and social-emotional development. With the introduction of this new partnership, military families will have access to all electronic programs, as well as to a school success advisor.

If you have any questions about these services, please do not hesitate to contact the Education Department: education@sbmfc.com
schoolio.com



"Aux mille et une astuces" is a learning center located in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu that offers services in occupational therapy, speech therapy, remedial instruction, psychoeducation and more. A team of professionals works together to offer a comprehensive, personalized view of the difficulties faced by children, teenagers and adults. If you contact "Aux mille et une astuces," be sure to mention that you're a military family. You may be given priority.

aux1001astuces.com

NOTES

