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# PRESENTATION OF THE INSTITUTION

Institut de Touraine is a private higher education institute with a cooperation agreement with the University of Tours. Founded in 1912, The Institut de Touraine is a non-profit organization which welcomes:

- Students of 16 years and over in the multinational courses (intensive courses, standard courses)
- Teachers of French as a foreign language for vocational training
- High school groups for linguistical stays, with homestay.



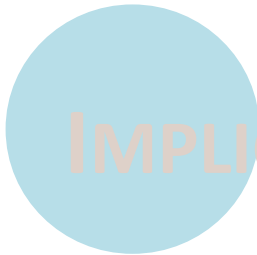
## OUR MISSION

- Teach French Language and culture to foreign pupils and students
- Welcome students in optimum conditions to facilitate their learning
- Facilitate the cultural immersion of the learners in the French society
- Foster dialogue between the different cultures in a spirit of tolerance, open-mindedness and mutual respect
- Facilitate the discovery of the Loire Valley and France
- Help students integrate into higher education in France



## OUR VALUES

- Trust
- Strictness
- Benevolence
- Respect



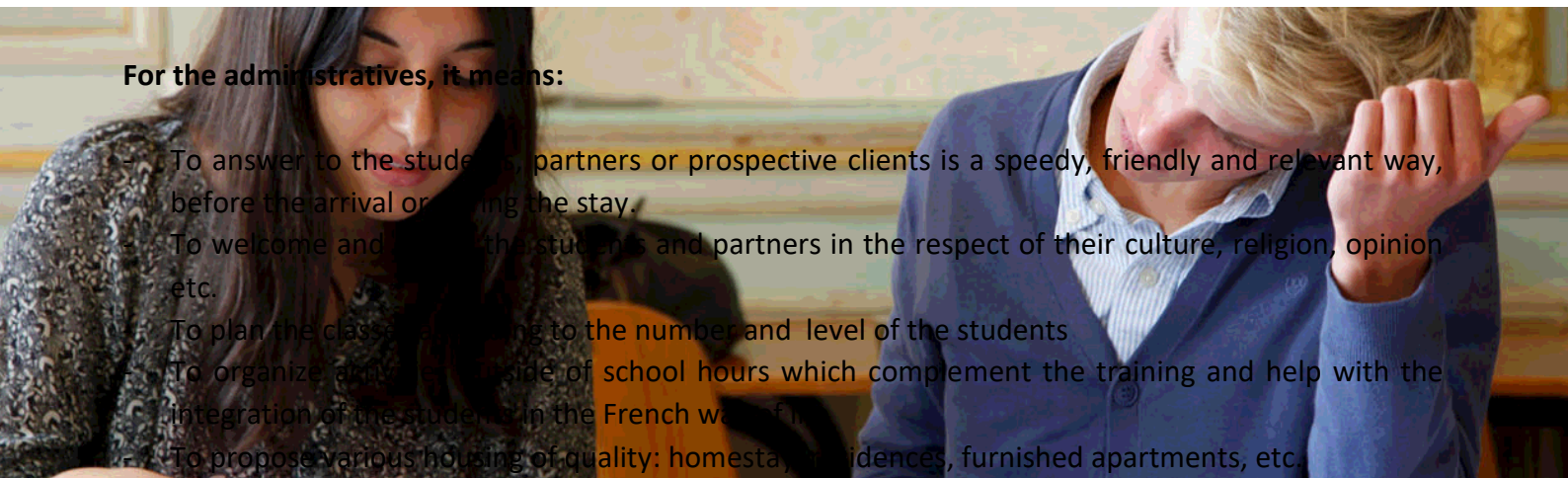
# IMPLICATIONS

## **For the students, it means:**

- Relevant trainings, adapted to their level and their objectives/projects. Programs which take into account their needs and develop their capacities.
- Teaching methods that use current didactical means and updated tools
- A motivating approach : progress is valued, a real implication in the learning process, group pedagogy, cultural and social integration
- Development of the autonomy : self-assessment, guided learning with tutoring
- Programs and activities which contribute to the personal development of the student, which promote the discovery of the French culture, an open mind for otherness and cultural plurality, respect and tolerance.

## **For the teachers, it means:**

- To take into account the needs of each student and his specific projects to be able to adapt the pedagogy and imply the student
- To be able to use, when needed, the correct methods and tools including information technology and online learning platform
- To work as a team, between teachers, with the administrative services and the directors, for the success of the students' projects and the benefit of the school.
- To maintain one's curiosity and open mind towards the cultural diversity, to act as a mediator inside the class
- To favor the cultural and social integration of the students, to combine programs and activities, and help them progress thank to their immersion in a French environment
- To keep on helping the students outside of their class (media center, tutoring)



**For the administratives, it means:**

- To answer to the students, partners or prospective clients in a speedy, friendly and relevant way, before the arrival or during the stay.
- To welcome and assist the students and partners in the respect of their culture, religion, opinion, etc.
- To plan the classes according to the number and level of the students
- To organize activities outside of school hours which complement the training and help with the integration of the students in the French way of life.
- To propose various housing of quality: homestay, residences, furnished apartments, etc.
- To communicate and promote in an efficient way (means, languages) the training offer and the services proposed by Institut de Touraine
- To communicate and collaborate (between services, with the teachers, with the directors) to solve the students problems and facilitate their success
- To practice one or more foreign language, this helps greatly the communication with the students and the partners

**For the directors, it means:**

- To develop and better the method and program offer in accordance with the needs of the public and the evolution of the demand
- To encourage and organize team work (coordination, creation of mutual activities, tutoring of the students, etc.)
- To give priority to a stable team with experience and versatility
- To propose training to develop various professional skills
- To constantly aim, with the staff's help, to the improvement of services: teaching, training, attendance, reception, etc...
- To allocate resources (human, pedagogical, material) in an appropriate way to benefit the school's project



# SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES REGARDING THE WELCOMING GROUPS OF MINORS

Public of minor students welcomed by Institut de Touraine: pupils in high school (general or professional)

**Length of stay:** one to 4 weeks

**Program:** course and activities organized on demand, according to the school's requirements. The stays always include some French lessons with cultural and social activities. Course in « closed group » (mandatory for pupils of less than 16 years old) or in integration (multinationality group) in accordance to the program's objectives

- **Pedagogical aim:**

- To develop oral skills (expression, comprehension)
- To prepare to the exams of DELF or DELF for schools

- **Cultural discovery aim:**

- To help the students discover the French culture and way of life by organizing their housing in French families (chosen by Institut de Touraine)
- To propose, in addition to the course, varied activities which help them understand the French culture and make them discover Tours and the Loire Valley: visit of sites, cooking workshops, entertaining afternoons, etc.