

Parcoursup's Local Algorithms — France's Constitutional Council Orders Post-Hoc Publication of University Selection Criteria

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

After a 2020 QPC by the UNEF student union, France's Constitutional Council ruled that universities must publish, once admissions end, the criteria used to rank Parcoursup applications, including whether algorithms were used. A 2023 Senate question says many still refuse.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-12

[Conseil constitutionnel; Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche](#) — accessed 2026-10-12

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