

Entrance Examination for Admission to the 1st Class of the Monolingual Lower School of the Gymnasium (Classes U12/U13)

(valid from 2010/2011)

1 Eligibility

Applicants are eligible to take the entrance examination if they have a minimum average of 5.0 in German and Mathematics in the February report of the 6th primary grade.

Prior to the entrance examination, the parent(s) and prospective student take part in an admission interview with the Head of Department.

2 Requirements

Requirements are based on the elementary school curriculum of the Canton of Zurich, the relevant obligatory teaching materials and the supplementary programme "Primary School - Gymnasium".

3 Examination Subjects

German and Mathematics

4 Written Examination

The examination comprises the following components:

German: Writing assignment (60 minutes), language examination (reading comprehension and grammar test) (40 minutes)

Mathematics: Arithmetic/Algebra (60 minutes)

5 Oral Examination

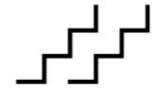
Every candidate is required to take the oral examinations in each subject, irrespective of the results of the written exams.

German: Candidates are required to read a given text out loud and to retell the contents as precisely as possible. Attention should be paid to the characters that appear in the text, the structure and development of the story, and relevance to our everyday life. Candidates should also attempt to explain the meaning of the text. (15 minutes).

Mathematics: Candidates are required to solve various mathematical problems which they are allowed to read in advance. They need to explain how they solve the problems while calculating the results using mental arithmetic.

6 Written Examination Marks

The writing assignment and the language test receive equal weighting when calculating the mark in German.



7 Oral Examination Marks

An oral examination mark receives the same weighting as a written examination mark.

8 Examination Results

The pass mark for the examination is a minimum average of 4.0 in all four components of the examination. Marks from the previous school are not taken into consideration.