

Entrance Examination for Admission to the 1st Class of the Monolingual Upper School of the Gymnasium (Classes M3x)

(valid from 2010/2011)

1 Eligibility

Applicants are eligible to take the examination if they have a minimum average of 5.0 in German, French and Mathematics in the February report of the current school year.

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 and the obligatory teaching materials of Zurich Secondary Schools, as well as the supplementary programme "Secondary School - Gymnasium".

3 Examination Subjects

German, French and Mathematics

4 Written Examination

The written examination is conducted over two days. It comprises the following components:

German: Essay (90 minutes), language test (reading comprehension, grammar) (45 minutes)

French: Listening and reading comprehension (40 minutes), exercises and writing task (55 minutes)

Mathematics: Arithmetic/Algebra and Geometry (60 minutes)

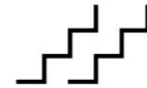
5 Oral Examination

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

German: The examination is based on a text, preferably from the field of literature: After reading the text out loud, the candidates have the opportunity to display their understanding of the text and their ability to express themselves in the ensuing discussion.

French: Candidates are presented with a picture story which they must relate and attempt to explain. They are then required to talk freely on given topics from everyday life.

Mathematics: Candidates are presented with two to three short tasks in Algebra and Geometry which they are required to solve in writing. While candidates are working out the solutions, they are required to give an oral commentary on their thoughts.



6 Written Examination Marks

In German the mark for the essay receives double weighting, whereas the mark for the language test only receives single weighting.

7 Oral Examination Marks

An oral examination mark receives equal weighting to a written examination mark.

8 Examination Results

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