

Entrance Examination for Admission to the 2nd Class of the Bilingual Progymnasium (Class U21)

(valid from 2010/2011)

1 Prerequisites

Applicants are eligible to take the examination if they have

- very good knowledge of English (see “Admission to Bilingual Education Programmes: English Language Requirements“ document) and
- a minimum of 4.75 in the subjects: German, French and Mathematics in the February report of the 1st secondary 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

German:

Literature:

Prospective students are used to working with poems and short prose texts (character analysis, interpretation).

Grammar:

Knowledge of parts of speech and sentence analysis; good spelling skills.

English:

Very good knowledge

French:

Knowledge of course book “envol“, volume 7, up to end of lesson 6. In order to be able to follow lessons in the 2nd class, it is essential that students are familiar with the course book “Découvertes (new)“ from Klett, as well as the relevant vocabulary.

Mathematics:

Course book “Hohl, Arithmetik und Algebra 1“ as far as “basic operations with integers in \mathbb{Z} “ (p.126), as well as “Hohl, Geometrie 1“ as far as locus (p.38).

3 Examination Subjects

German, English, French and Mathematics

4 Written Examination

The examination comprises the following components:

German:

Writing assignment (60 minutes)

from a choice of three subjects (essay, letter, description, story, etc.)

English:

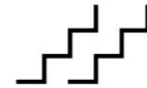
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French:

Listening comprehension (30 minutes): text played on cassette with written questions that need to be answered in writing.

Reading comprehension / Grammar (60 minutes): Comprehension questions about a given text, writing assignment (about 12 sentences) based on a picture prompt (vocabulary assessment).

A third part of the exam tests knowledge of grammar.



Mathematics: Candidates are examined on tasks based on the teaching materials listed under section 2 (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 content 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).

English: The same as in German

French: Candidates are required to read a short given text out loud, to summarise the content and to answer questions on the text. Candidates are then required to speak freely on a given topic (e.g.) the description of his/her room). A final part of the exam may include the description of a given picture (15 minutes).

Mathematics: Candidates are examined on their knowledge of the material listed under section 2 (15 minutes).

6 Examination Marks

The examination marks are calculated from the average of the eight exam components. All the components receive equal weighting.

7 Examination Results

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