

Regulations for Admission to the 1st Class of the Bilingual Progymnasium

valid from 2022/2023 school year

1 Eligibility

External candidates are eligible to take part in the admission process if they have

- very good knowledge of German and English (see “Admission to Bilingual Education Programmes: English Language Requirements” document) and
- qualified for transfer to the Swiss Secondary A level (three stream secondary school) or the E base class with higher requirements in German and Maths (structured secondary level)
- a minimum average of 4.75 in German, Mathematics and English in the February report of the 6th primary grade

or have documents to indicate they have equivalent qualifications.

An admission interview (parents and son or daughter) with the Head of Department is part of the admission process. See “Admission process for the entrance examination for the first monolingual or bilingual class of the Progymnasium” document regarding the admission process.

2 Examination subjects and requirements

The subjects examined are German, Mathematics and English. The entrance exams in German and Mathematics are based on “Lehrplan 21” of the Canton of Zurich (2017 version), as well as the compulsory teaching materials for primary schools in the Canton of Zurich.

The topics tested in German and Mathematics correspond to those of the Central Admission Examination for the long-term Gymnasium (ZAP1), but with reduced requirements in terms of difficulty and an adapted assessment scale. See the website of the *Central Admission Examination for Zurich Cantonal Schools*.

The requirements for the entrance exam in English are regulated by the “Admission to Bilingual Programmes: English language requirements” document.

3 Written Examination

The examination comprises the following components:

German & English: In both languages: writing assignment (60 minutes), language examination (reading comprehension and grammar test) (45 minutes)

Mathematics: Tasks correspond to the level of knowledge required for the ZAP1 (60 minutes)
Students can choose to take the Mathematics examination in German or English.



4 Oral Examination

Every candidate is required to take the 15-minute oral examinations in each subject, irrespective of the results of the written exams.

The Mathematics examination can be taken in German or English.

5 Written Examination Marks

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

6 Oral Examination Marks

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

7 Examination Results

The pass mark for the examination is a minimum average of 4.0 in the six components of the examination (German, written and oral; English, written and oral; Mathematics, written and oral). The two language subjects receive single weighting, whereas Mathematics receives double weighting.

The language mark must be a pass: language mark = (oral German + written German + oral English + written English): 4

Marks from the previous school are not taken into consideration.

8 Coming into Effect

These regulations come into effect for the 2022/2023 school year. They replace all previous regulations.