

Regulations for Admission to the 1st Class of the Bilingual Lower School of the Gymnasium

valid from 2022/2023 school year

1 Eligibility

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 average of 5.0 in German, Mathematics and English in the last primary school report issued before the entrance examination 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.

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

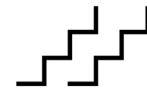
The examination comprises the following components:

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

In both language subjects, the mark for the writing assignment is weighted double whereas the mark for the language examination is weighted single.

Mathematics: Tasks correspond to the level of knowledge required for the ZAP1 (60 minutes).

The applicant 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 German, English and Mathematics, irrespective of the results of the written exams.

The applicant can choose to take the Mathematics examination in German or English.

5 Examination Results

The pass mark for the examination is

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

and

- 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.

6 Examination results combined with marks from the previous school

If there is an agreement between Freies Gymnasium Zürich and the bilingual primary school attended by the student allowing Freies Gymnasium Zürich to gauge the assessment guidelines and marks allotted for student performance, the following regulations apply instead of clause 5:

The pass mark for the examination is achieved when

- there is a minimum average of 4.5 when the examination marks (average of all six examination components, see clause 5) are combined with the average of marks in German, English and Mathematics from the last report before the entrance examination. The two language subjects receive single weighting, whereas Mathematics receives double weighting.
- the average of all language marks is a pass. Language mark = (German written + German oral + English written + English oral): 4.

7 Coming into Effect

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