

Entrance Examination for Admission to the 3rd Class of the Monolingual Progymnasium

(valid from 2010/2011)

1 Eligibility

Applicants are eligible to take the entrance examination if they have a minimum of 4.5 in each of the subjects: German, French and Mathematics in the February report of the 2nd secondary class.

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 lyric, epic and dramatic works.
Grammar:
Knowledge of parts of speech and sentence analysis, good spelling and punctuation skills, knowledge of the various verb tenses and their use
- French: Knowledge of course book "envol", volume 8, up to end of Lesson 11. In order to be able follow lessons in the 3rd class, it is essential that students are familiar with the course book "Découvertes (new)" from Klett (books 1 and 2), as well as the relevant vocabulary.
- Mathematics: Course book "Hohl, Arithmetik und Algebra 1" and "Hohl, Geometrie 1", as well as „Hohl, Arithmetik und Algebra 2“
- fractions
 - powers and roots
 - velocity
 - direct and inverse proportion
 - percentages: simple calculations and "Hohl, Geometrie 2"
 - rectangles
 - right prisms
 - Pythagoras
 - enlargements

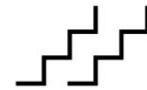
3 Examination Subjects

German, 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.).



- 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 (including parts of speech).
- 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).
- 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 six 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.