

Promotion Regulations for the Monolingual and Bilingual Gymnasium

(from 9 February 2015, valid from 2015/2016 school year)

1 Validity

The following regulations are valid for all students admitted to the monolingual or bilingual Gymnasium of Freies Gymnasium Zürich.

2 Levels

The lower level refers to the first and second, the middle level to the third and fourth, and the upper level to the fifth and sixth classes of the Gymnasium.

3 Reports and Mid-term Reports

3.1 Students and contract partners (parents) receive information regarding the students' level of performance in school by means of reports and mid-term reports. These are signed by the Class Teacher and are countersigned by the contract partner. One signed copy is returned to the school.

3.2 Reports are issued at the end of the semester for classes up to the end of the fifth year. They take into account the students' level of performance during the previous academic half-year. In the sixth year, there is only one report issued at the end of the school year. This takes into account the performance during the entire school year.

3.3 Mid-term reports provide information regarding the current level of performance, behaviour, attitude to work and participation during lessons. They do not have consequences regarding promotion.
Mid-term reports are issued in the first, second and third classes at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters. Fourth and fifth classes do not receive mid-term reports.

Students in the sixth classes receive a mid-term report at the end of the calendar year to inform them about the current level of their performance.

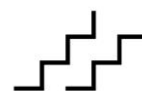
4 Marking System

4.1 The school performance is expressed in whole or half marks from 1 to 6, whereas in the mid-term reports, marks are expressed to one decimal place. The highest mark is 6. Marks under 4 indicate performance that is below the required standard.

4.2 In the subject, German, a separate mark is given for written and oral performance. In the other modern languages, there is one mark which also takes oral performance into account. The subject regulations provide information regarding the weighting of the oral performance.

4.3 In addition to written work, the oral performance is also taken into account in the humanities, social and natural science subjects.

4.4 The specialist subject teachers inform the class at the beginning of the promotion period regarding the criteria for performance evaluation in the individual subjects.



- 4.5 In compulsory subjects that do not count towards the Matura, as well as in voluntary subjects, the comment “attended” may be entered in the report instead of a mark.

5 Promotion Regulations

5.1 Decisive subjects

5.1.1 All subjects listed under Matura subjects according to the regulations of the Federal Council and the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education regarding the recognition of Matura certificates dated 16 January / 15 February 1995, and taught in the term in question receive equal weighting. The subject “Introduction to Economics and Law” also counts towards promotion.

5.1.2 The following subjects are decisive:

lower level (1st and 2nd classes)	middle level (3rd and 4th classes)	upper level (5th and 6th classes)
1 German	1 German	1 German
2 French	2 French	2 French
3 English	3 English or Greek	3 English or Greek
4 Mathematics	4 Mathematics	4 Mathematics
5 Biology	5 Biology	5 Biology
6 Chemistry	6 Chemistry	6 Chemistry
7 Physics	7 Physics	7 Physics
8 History	8 History	8 History and Civic Education
9 Geography	9 Geography	9 Geography
	10 Introduction to Economics and Law	10 Core subject
	11 Visual Arts or Music	11 Supplementary subject
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11 Music		
12 Latin	12 Core subject (only from 4th class in MN profile)	

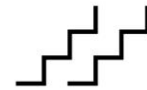
5.1.3 The core subjects are: *Latin, Italian, Economics and Law, Applied Mathematics* and *Physics*, as well as *Biology* and *Chemistry*.

5.1.4 The supplementary subjects are: *Applied Mathematics* and *Physics, Biology, History (incl. Civic Education), Geography, Philosophy, Religion, Economics and Law, Visual Arts, Music, Sport* and *IT*.

5.1.5 In the core subjects *Biology* and *Chemistry*, or *Applied Mathematics* and *Physics* resp., both subjects count for one half of the mark (irrespective of the basic subject) to produce the core subject mark. *Accounting, Political Economics*, as well as *Economics and Law* are graded individually and combine to produce a core subject mark in the core subject *Economics and Law*.

5.2 Conditions for definite promotion

5.2.1 The conditions for definite promotion are fulfilled when in all the decisive subjects on the timetable for the semester in question,



- a) the double sum of all marks under a 4 is not greater than the sum of all marks over a 4 and
- b) not more than three marks are under 4.

5.2.2 Up to and including the fifth classes, the promotion dates are the same as the report dates.

5.3 Provisional Promotion

- 5.3.1 Students who do not fulfil the conditions for promotion (according to art. 5.2.1) are promoted provisionally.
- 5.3.2 Students who again fail to fulfil the conditions for promotion in the next report must leave the class.
- 5.3.3 Without repeating the class, students can only be provisionally promoted twice during the six years of the Gymnasium, once in the lower level (1st and 2nd classes) and once in the middle and upper level (3rd to 6th classes).
- 5.3.4 The final opportunity for a student to be provisionally promoted is at the end of the 1st term of the fifth class; only students who can be definitely promoted are allowed to enter the Matura class

5.4 Repetition

- 5.4.1 Students who have not been promoted and have been allowed to repeat the year are considered as definitely promoted in the new class. These students are only allowed one more provisional promotion in their school career.
- 5.4.2 Students are only allowed to repeat a year once during their six years in the Gymnasium. Repeating the final year after failing to pass the Matura examination does not count as repetition.
- 5.4.3 Should, in the event of repetition, the student's previous core subject or supplementary subject not be offered, the student must choose a new subject.

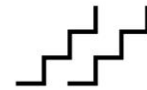
6 Further Conditions

Neglecting any individual subject long term can lead to exclusion from the school, following a previous written warning.

7 Decision-making Powers

Decisions regarding promotion are made by the convention of all the subject teachers for the individual class.

In certain well-founded cases, the convention of subject teachers may decide to act in favour of the student and at variance with the regulations listed in articles 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4.



8 Appeal

- 8.1 The contract partner or students of legal age have the right to appeal to the appropriate Head of Department against decisions based on these promotion regulations.
- 8.2 Should the appeal be authorised, the convention of teachers decides whether to accept or decline the appeal.
- 8.3 Should the decision of the convention of teachers remain unchanged despite the appeal, the contract partner or students of legal age have the right to appeal to the School Governors. The decision of the School Governors is final.

9 Coming into Effect

These regulations were approved by the Department of Education on 12 August 2015. They come into effect for the 2015/2016 school year. They replace all previous regulations.