

# **Regulations for Admission to the 1st Class of the Bilingual Upper School of the Gymnasium**

valid from 2022/2023 school year

## **1 Eligibility**

### **1.1 Admission without examination**

The following students can be admitted without taking an examination:

- Students coming from the second class of the lower school of the Gymnasium of FGZ or from another Gymnasium with Swiss recognized Matura if they have qualified for transfer to the 3rd class in their existing school
- Students coming from the second or third class of the Progymnasium of FGZ if they fulfil the appropriate transfer regulations
- Students coming from FGZ and other Swiss recognized Matura schools after the obligatory 9th school year if they are allowed to repeat in their existing school department. This would be considered a repetition of year 9.

The school reserves the right to require the applicant to pass an English admission test as explained in the document “Admission to Bilingual Education Programmes: English Language Requirements”.

### **1.2 Entrance Examination**

All other applicants are eligible to take the examination if they have a minimum average of 5.0 in German, Mathematics and English in the February report of the current school year and have very good knowledge of German and English.

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 secondary schools in the Canton of Zurich.

The topics tested in German and Mathematics correspond to those of the Central Admission Examination for the upper school of the Gymnasium (ZAP2). 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 written examination is conducted over two days. It comprises the following components:

German and English: Writing assignment (90 minutes),  
Language test (reading comprehension, grammar) (45 minutes)  
The German and English marks are obtained by giving double weighting to the writing assignment and single weighting to the language examination.

Mathematics: Tasks correspond to the level of knowledge required for the ZAP2 (90 minutes)  
Students can choose to take the Mathematics examination in English or German.

### **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.

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

### **5 Examination Results**

The entrance exam has been passed if

- the applicant obtains a minimum average mark of 4.0 for the 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.

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- the average of the language marks for German and English corresponds to a pass (4.0)  $\text{Language mark} = (\text{German oral} + \text{German written} + \text{English oral} + \text{English written}) : 4$

Marks from the previous school are not taken into consideration.

### **6 Coming into Effect**

These regulations were approved by the Department of Education on 9 August 2022. They come into effect for the 2022/2023 school year. They replace all previous regulations.