

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

valid from 2022/2023

1 Eligibility

Applicants are eligible to take the entrance examination if they have a minimum of 4.75 in each of the subjects: German 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 Examination subjects and requirements

Candidates will be examined in German and Mathematics. The entrance examination is based on “Lehrplan 21” of the Canton of Zurich for the end of the first semester of the second year of secondary school, as well as on the compulsory teaching materials for secondary schools in Canton Zurich. The elements of German and Mathematics that are tested in the examination correspond to those tested in the Central Entrance Examination (Zentrale Aufnahmeprüfung, or ZAP2) but at a lower level of difficulty and with adjusted evaluation standards.

German: See the requirements for the Central Entrance Examination (ZAP2) at <https://www.zentraleaufnahmepruefung.ch/weitere-informationen/reglemente>

Mathematics: See the requirements for the Central Entrance Examination (ZAP2) at <https://www.zentraleaufnahmepruefung.ch/weitere-informationen/reglemente>

3 Written Examination

The examination comprises the following components:

German: Writing assignment (90 minutes)
from a choice of three subjects (essay, letter, description, story, etc.).
Language examination (comprehension, grammar) (45 minutes)

Mathematics: Candidates are examined on tasks based on the teaching materials listed under section 2 (90 minutes).



4 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).

Mathematics: Candidates are examined on their knowledge of the material listed under section 2 (15 minutes).

5 Examination Marks

The examination marks are calculated from the average of the four exam components. All the components receive equal weighting.

6 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.

7 Coming into Effect

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