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Information regarding entrance to middle-school (Mittelschulen) and vocational school granting a vocational diploma (Berufsfachschulen mit Berufsmaturität)

1. Acceptance without entrance exam for students from advanced school (Bezirksschule) and intermediate school (Sekundarschule)

Students from advanced- and intermediate-school will be accepted on the basis of their marks in the mid-term and year-end reports to business middle-school (Wirtschaftsmittelschule WMS), computer science middle-school (Informatikmittelschule IMS), professional middle-school (Fachmittelschule FMS) and vocational school with a vocational diploma (Berufsfachschulen mit Berufsmaturität BMS).

Students from advanced-school also have the opportunity, based on their marks in their mid-term or year-end reports, to qualify for university preparatory school (Gymnasium).

The subjects that serve as qualification are the same for intermediate and advanced-school students.

Middle-schools (Gymnasium, WMS, IMS, FMS) only admit students who are under the age of 18 when they start middle-school. Students who are 18 years or older are no longer admitted.

2. Provisional and definite acceptance

Students meeting the requirements (see 3 and 4) at the end of the first semester of their last year (mid-term report), will be provisionally accepted to university preparatory school, business middle-school, computer science middle-school and professional middle-school.

Students meeting the requirements at the end of the second semester of their last year (year-end report), will be definitively accepted into university preparatory school, business middle-school, computer science middle-school and professional middle-school.

Acceptance to vocational school with a vocational diploma is made definite in both cases by meeting the requirements at the end of the first or second semesters.

3. Requirements for advanced-school students for acceptance to university preparatory school, business middle-school, computer science middle-school, professional middle-school and vocational school granting a vocational diploma

Advanced-school students in their last year must fulfil the following requirements for exam-free acceptance into university preparatory school:

- A minimum grade of 4.0 must be achieved in mathematics and German in the interim and year-end report.

- The grade point average in the interim report as well as the year-end report must be at least 4.7. The scores in the interim and year-end report in mathematics and German are doubled in the calculation of this average.

Advanced-school students in their last year must fulfil the following requirements for exam-free acceptance into business middle-school, computer science middle-school, professional middle-school and vocational school granting a vocational diploma:

- A minimum grade of 4.0 must be achieved in mathematics and German in the interim as well as the year-end report.
- The grade point average in the interim report as well as the year-end report must total at least 4.4. Scores in mathematics and German are doubled in the calculation of this average.

Calculating the grade point average

The grade point average is calculated from the following marks:

- a) Marks in the interim report as well as the year-end report of the final year in mathematics (doubled), German (doubled), French, English, history, biology, and chemistry.
- b) Marks in the three subjects visual arts / music / movement and sports: included are the two best grades from the interim report and the year-end report of the final year.
- c) Geography and physics marks in the year-end report in the second-to-last class.

4. Requirements for intermediate-school students for admission to business middle-school, computer science middle-school, and vocational school granting vocational diploma

For exam free admission to business school, computer science middle-school and vocational school granting a vocational diploma, intermediate-school students must fulfil the following requirements in their final year:

- In the mid-term as well as year-end report a minimum grade of 4.0 must be achieved in mathematics and German.
- The grade point average in the interim report and the year-end report must be at least 5.3. Marks in mathematics and German are doubled in the calculation of this average.

Calculating the grade point average

The grade point average is calculated from the following marks:

- a) Marks in the interim report and the year-end report of the final year in mathematics (doubled), German (doubled), French, English, history, geography, biology, physics, and chemistry.
- b) From the three subjects visual arts / music / movement and sports: the two best grades in the interim and the year-end report of the final year are included.
- c) According to internal school organization: If the subjects history, geography, biology, physics or chemistry are not taught in the final year, the mark from the previous year's year-end report are included.

5. Complaints procedure

The grade point average relevant for transfer is a career decision made by the sending district school or secondary school. The appeal procedure is therefore the same as for other career decisions within the primary schools: If no agreement is reached between the parents, the pupil and the teacher, the

office of the municipality¹ responsible for the decision must, after granting the right to be heard, make a formal career decision that can be appealed.

6. Admission by entrance exam

The entrance examination is open to students who come from a private school or move to Canton Aargau, as well as students who were unable to qualify through the examination-free process. Graduates of district and secondary schools are admitted to the entrance examination for the business middle-school, computer science middle-school, professional middle-school and vocational school granting a vocational diploma; the entrance examination for the university preparatory school (Gymnasium) is aimed at district school graduates. Pupils who come from a public-sector school or who are new to the Canton of Aargau and who have a level of education equivalent to that provided by other equivalent schools are also admitted to the entrance examination.

The entrance exam to university preparatory school, business middle-school, computer science middle-school and professional middle-school can be completed in the year following completion of intermediate or advanced-school. The entrance exam to vocational school granting a vocational diploma can be absolved in the final year. For all entrance exams each of the subjects, German, French, English and mathematics are tested in writing.

7. Registration

With parental consent, students in their final year of advanced and intermediate-school can register for their desired middle-school on the registration platform of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports Departement Bildung, Kultur und Sport (www.ag.ch/mittelschulen > Schultyp > Anmeldung) until 28 February.

8. Further information

Further information can be found under www.ag.ch/leistungsbeurteilung-volksschule > Übertrittsverfahren

¹ The municipal council has overall responsibility for the school. Appealable school decisions, such as career decisions, can be delegated by the municipal council to a member of the municipal council or to the school management. Each municipality defines in a set of regulations which body is responsible for making appealable school decisions.