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Information regarding admission to upper secondary schools (grammar school, upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school, upper secondary specialised school) and vocational schools leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate (Berufsfachschulen mit Berufsmaturität) as of school-year 2026/27

1. Admission for students from advanced secondary (Bezirks) and secondary (Sekundarschule) school on the basis of previous grades

Students from advanced secondary and secondary schools will be admitted to upper secondary business school (Wirtschaftsmittelschule WMS), upper secondary computer science school (Informatikmittelschule IMS), secondary specialised school (Fachmittelschule FMS) and vocational school leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate (Berufsfachschulen mit Berufsmaturität BMS) on the basis of their grades in the mid-term and year-end report cards.

Students from advanced secondary schools also have the opportunity, based on their grades in their mid-term or year-end report cards, to qualify for grammar school (Gymnasium).

The subjects that count for this qualification are the same for secondary and advanced secondary school students.

In general, upper secondary schools (Gymnasium, WMS, IMS, FMS) only admit students who are under the age of 18 when they start upper secondary school.

2. Provisional and definite admission

Students meeting the requirements (see 3. and 4.) at the end of the first semester of the 3rd grade of advanced secondary or secondary school (mid-term report card) will be provisionally admitted to grammar school, upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school or upper secondary special school.

If the students meet the requirements at the end of the second semester of the 3rd grade of advanced secondary or secondary school (year-end report card), they will be definitively admitted to grammar school, upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school or upper secondary special school .

Admission to vocational schools leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate is definite in both cases, i.e. when students meet the requirements at the end of the first semester or at the end of the second semester.

3. Requirements for advanced secondary school students for admission to grammar school, upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school, upper secondary specialised school and vocational school leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate

Advanced secondary school students in 3rd grade must meet the following requirements for exam-free admission to grammar school:

- A minimum grade of 4.0 must be achieved in mathematics and German in the mid-year and year-end report cards.
- The grade point average in the mid-year report card as well as the year-end report card as calculated according to Table 1 (see 5.) must be at least 4.7¹.

Advanced secondary school students in 3rd grade must meet the following requirements for exam-free acceptance into upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school, upper secondary specialised school and vocational school leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate:

- A minimum grade of 4.0 must be achieved in mathematics and German in the mid-year as well as the year-end report cards.
- The grade point average in the mid-year report card as well as the year-end report card as calculated according to Table 1 (see 5.) must be at least 4.4².

4. Requirements for secondary school students for admission to upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school, and vocational school leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate

For exam-free admission to business school, upper secondary computer science school and vocational school leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate, secondary school students must meet the following requirements in 3rd grade:

- In the mid-term as well as year-end report card a minimum grade of 4.0 must be achieved in mathematics and German.
- The grade point average in the mid-year report and the year-end report cards as calculated according to Table 1 (see 5.) must be at least 5.3³.

5. Calculation of the grade point average

The grade point average is calculated as follows:

Table 1: Calculation of the grade point average

Subject	Grade counts	Notes
German	double	A minimum grade of 4 is required.
English	single	-
French	single	-

¹ Rounded to one decimal place

² Rounded to one decimal place

³ Rounded to one decimal place

Subject	Grade counts	Notes
Mathematics	double	A minimum grade of 4 is required.
Nature and technology	double	-
Regions, eras, societies	double	-
Political education	single	The arithmetic average is calculated from the three grades in the subjects "Political education", "Economy, work, household" and "Media and computer science" and rounded to one decimal place. This grade counts once for the calculation of the grade point average relevant to the transition.
Economy, work, household		
Media and computer science		
Music	once	The arithmetic average is calculated from the three grades in the subjects "Music", "Physical activity and sport" and the compulsory elective subject "Artistic design" or "Textile and technical design" and rounded to one decimal place. This note counts once for the calculation of the grade point average relevant to the transition.
Physical activity and sport		
Compulsory elective subject		For students who have taken the compulsory optional subject "Projects and research", the arithmetic average is calculated from the two grades in the subjects "Music" and "Physical activity and sport" and rounded to one decimal place. This grade counts once for the calculation of the grade point average relevant to the transition.

6. Appeals procedure

The grade point average relevant to the transition is a school career decision made by the previous advanced secondary or secondary school. The appeals procedure is therefore the same as for other school career decisions within primary school: if an agreement cannot be reached between the parents and the teacher, the office of the municipality⁴ responsible must take a formal, appealable school career decision after having granted the appellant the statutory right to be heard.

7. Admission by entrance exam

The entrance examination is open to 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 private school or who have been schooled privately are also admitted to the entrance examination.

⁴ 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.

The entrance exam to grammar school, upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school and upper secondary specialised school can be completed in the year following completion of secondary or advanced secondary school. The entrance exam to vocational school leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate can be taken in the final year. Pupils from a private school or who have been schooled privately may also take the entrance exam in the final year.

In the entrance exam to vocational school leading to the Federal Vocational Baccalaureate, the subjects of German, French, English and mathematics are tested in writing.

In entrance exams to grammar school, upper secondary business school, upper secondary computer science school and upper secondary specialised school, the subjects of German and mathematics are tested in writing.

8. Registration

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

9. Further information

Further information can be found at www.ag.ch/leistungsbeurteilung-volksschule > [Übertrittsverfahren](#).