

Admission Regulations Tandem IMS Gymnasium for School Year 2025/26



Admission to the Progymnasium (Secondary School Level)

The Progymnasium at Tandem IMS is designed for motivated and high-achieving pupils. We are looking for young people who are willing to fulfil the high expectations and are committed to their lessons. The Progymnasium corresponds to the lower level of a Langgymnasium, but without Latin, and is specially designed as a transition to the Kurzgymnasium.

In addition to the subjects German and Maths, the level of learning in English and French is also assessed, as these languages are actively used in lessons at the Tandem IMS schools.

Examination Requirements

The academic requirements for pupils are the same as for public cantonal schools.

[Link to official website for the examination requirements](#)

Admission criteria internal pupils

- Pupils who transfer from Tandem IMS from Grade 6 to Grade 7 (Progymnasium) can be admitted without an examination if they have an average grade of 4.75 (Maths, German, French, English, «Gestalten» (Art and Design) and «Natur, Mensch, Gesellschaft» (Science and Humanities)).
- Pupils who were able to show particular potential for a later Matura education will also be admitted with an overall grade of 4.5. In this case, however, the pupil must achieve a satisfactory average in the first semester at Tandem IMS Progymnasium, taking into account all graded subjects. In addition, a maximum of two unsatisfactory subject grades are permitted.

Admission criteria external pupils

- External pupils wishing to enter Grade 7 must attend an admission interview and have an average grade of 4.75 on their first semester report card from Grade 6.
- The average grade from the previous grade and the examination grade (50% each) must be at least 4.75:
 - Average of Maths, German, French, English, «Gestalten», and «Natur, Mensch, Gesellschaft» in the 1st semester of 6th grade of primary school
 - Exam grade average from German - half language test and half essay - and Maths
- Pupils from partner schools are exempt from the entrance exam. Only the preliminary grades and the admission interview count.
- Pupils who were able to show particular potential in the admission interview will also be admitted with an overall grade of 4.5. In this case, however, the pupil must achieve a satisfactory average in the first semester at Tandem IMS Progymnasium, taking into account all graded subjects. In addition, a maximum of two unsatisfactory subject grades are permitted.

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Timeline

November 2024 to January 2025	Admission Interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the school and the school programme • The pupils bring a short and creative personal statement in which they explain their interests, their goals and their motivation for attending Tandem IMS Gymnasium. • The school management of Tandem IMS Gymnasium enters into a dialogue with the pupil. The aim is to get to know him/her and his/her qualities, also outside of the school setting.
until February 28 th , 2025	Enrolment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment form with personal details (→ exam registration fee is invoiced) • Report of the latest autumn semester
March 19 th /20 th , 2025 (Reserve Exam Dates: March 26 th /27 th , 2025)	Entrance Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08:00 - 08:45 German Language • 09:15 – 10:15 Mathematics • 10:45 – 11:45 German Essay • On the following day, a level assessment is carried out in English and French
March 28 th , 2025	Exam Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parents and the pupil will be informed in writing about the acceptance or rejection. (→ enrolment fee is invoiced in case of acceptance) • They also receive a copy of the corrected written examinations.
August 2025	School Start

Exceptional Admission

A later examination and interview procedure can be organised for pupils who were unable to attend the regular examination days for justified reasons.

Instructional Requirements

Instruction at the Tandem IMS Gymnasium is performance-orientated because pupils have to pass the Matura examination and obtain a university entrance qualification at the end.

However, Tandem IMS Gymnasium is also support-orientated. Teachers support pupils who are temporarily unable to perform at a sufficient level.

Pupils who do not fulfil the requirements during a semester, i.e. have an unsatisfactory average grade and/or unsatisfactory grades in more than two subjects, must complete the required performance again in the following semester.

Therefore, if a pupil's grades and project work do not meet the requirements despite the support of the teachers and/or the student counsellor during an entire school year, a repeat year or reorientation is required. These decisions are made based on warnings, meeting minutes and opportunities for reflection and improvement for the pupil.

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Admission to the Kurzgymnasium (Gymnasium level)

Tandem IMS Gymnasium is focused on both design studies and humanitarian studies and is looking for creative, motivated and passionate pupils who are interested in these two areas. A strong desire to delve into the latest technologies, software and techniques in this area is a prerequisite.

The entrance examinations take place on the same day as the central entrance examination (ZAP) for the cantonal Gymnasium. The subject requirements for pupils are also the same as for the public cantonal schools. All pupils who have passed our GyMi exam must be at the same level as those who take a Matura at the cantonal school.

In addition to the subjects German and Maths, the level of learning in English and French is also assessed, as these languages are actively used in lessons at the Tandem IMS schools.

Examination Requirements

The academic requirements for pupils are the same as for public cantonal schools.

[Link to official website for the examination requirements](#)

Admission criteria internal pupils

- Pupils who come from our 8th grade at the Tandem IMS Gymnasium (2nd grade Progymnasium) can be admitted to the Kurzgymnasium without an entrance examination if they have an overall grade average of 4.75.
- Pupils who were able to show particular potential for a later Matura programme will also be admitted with an overall grade of 4.5. In this case, however, the pupil must achieve a sufficient average in the first semester at Tandem IMS Gymnasium, including all graded subjects. In addition, a maximum of two unsatisfactory subject grades are permitted.

Admission criteria external pupils

- External pupils wishing to enter Grade 1 of the Kurzgymnasium must attend an admission interview and have an average grade of 4.75 on their first semester report card from Grade 8 or 9.
- The average grade from the previous grade and the examination grade must be at least 4.75:
 - Average of Maths, German, French, English, «Gestalten» and «Natur und Technik» in the 1st semester of the 8th (or 9th) secondary class.
 - Exam grade average from German - half language test and half essay - and Maths.
- Pupils from partner schools at Gymnasium level are exempt from the entrance exam. Only the preliminary grades and the admission interview count.
- Pupils from partner schools at Secondary School level must have a grade average of at least 5.0, must be in their school's Gymnasium preparation course and must have received a recommendation from their school. Pupils are to take the Tandem IMS exam but it is only used as a benchmark.
- Pupils who were able to show particular potential in the admission interview will also be admitted with an overall grade of 4.5. In this case, however, the pupil must achieve a sufficient average in the first semester at Tandem IMS Gymnasium, including all graded subjects. In addition, a maximum of two unsatisfactory subject grades are permitted.

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April 7 th , 2025	Exam Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parents and the pupil will be informed in writing about the acceptance or rejection. (→ enrolment fee is invoiced in case of acceptance) • Parents also receive a copy of the corrected written examinations.
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Exceptional Admission

In exceptional cases, pupils may be admitted without taking the regular entrance examination, namely if they come from other schools at Gymnasium level within Switzerland or from similar school levels in Switzerland or abroad, or if they were unable to attend the examination days for justified reasons. In such cases, a later examination and interview procedure can be organised.

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