



## **RIGA STATE GYMNASIUM NO.1**

## **Admissions Policy**

Admission procedures at the Riga State Gymnasium No. 1 are coordinated and supervised by the governing body – Department of Education, Culture and Sports of the Riga City Council.

General admission at the Riga State Gymnasium No. 1 is granted on competition – the result in mathematics test – taken at locations selected by the students from options provided by the Department of Education on a designated day at the last end of April or beginning on May (the date is usually known approximately two months in advance). Students are admitted in year 7 (120 students) and year 10 (220 students) for the following academic year. Results are published online, student names are replaced by codes for data protection reasons.

To allow for more equity of opportunity, there is the option of joining courses where teachers employed at the school teach topics of mathematics that students are expected to know upon taking the entrance test, thus allowing students of international background or students from schools that may not have enabled their learning to the fullest the opportunity to show their full potential. These courses are provided in a virtual environment, thus enabling participation without needing to physically reside near the school. This enables anyone in Latvia the opportunity to improve their inquirer ability and become more knowledgeable even before joining the school, while enabling a more diverse learner cohort.

For already admitted year 10 students there is an additional test in English if they are applying for further studies in the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. Candidates are testing their English language knowledge using CEFR level B1/B2/C1 tests. The exam of the particular year is selected by the English department teachers and marked online (test part). Depending on the combined result achieved, the year 10 – pre-IB group is created, consisting of 32-34 students.

Between years 10 and 11 the students and their parents (guardians) make the final decision of participation in the IB DP for year 11 and 12, while becoming familiar with the values of an IB learner. It is also an opportunity to get more thorough understanding of challenges and opportunities to offered by the IB DP in years 11 and 12.

*As an exception, a student may be admitted in the IB DP at the RSG1 between years 11 and 12, if he/she has completed the 1st year of the IB DP in another school and due to a change a residence to Latvia (e.g., children of incoming or returning diplomats, expatriates) – under the conditions that the IB DP subject selection are corresponding to RSG1 subjects and the student is of good academic standing.*

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