

Promotion Policy for the English Section Secondary School (Grades 6-12)

The following outlines the promotion criteria and admission policy for students entering Middle School (Grades 6-8), as well as guidelines for promotion through various grade levels, including the transition to IGCSE and IBDP. All grades in this document are on a scale from 0 to 9.

1. Admission to Middle School (Grades 6-8):

- **For Former GESM Primary Students:**
 - Students transitioning from GESM Primary to Middle School (Grade 6) must have completed all requirements for Grade 5, including the PYP Exhibition.
 - Students must have met the minimum attendance requirement of 80% of the mandated 182 school days in Grade 5.
 - All academic work must be at the expected level of competence.
- **For Students from Other Schools:**
 - Admission is conditioned by the school's admission policy, which includes:
 - English and Math proficiency testing.
 - Submission of the most recent report card.
 - Reference letters from the student's previous school.
 - GESM reserves the right to will grant admission to applicants who are deemed to meet the requirements and are likely to benefit from the school's program.

2. Promotion to Grade 9 and the Start of IGCSE:

- To be promoted to Grade 9 and begin the IGCSE program, students must have achieved a passing grade (4 and above) in core subjects, which include:
 - Math
 - English
 - Science
 - German
- Placement in elective subjects for Grade 9 will be based on teacher input, considering Grade 8 performance.

3. Promotion from Grade 9 to Grade 10 (IGCSE):

- Promotion to Grade 10 is contingent on:

- Passing grades in all 6 core subjects.
- A minimum of 80% attendance in Grade 9.
- Failure to meet these requirements may result in repeating Grade 9, or, if the school determines that the student cannot benefit from the program, termination of enrollment.

4. Promotion to Grade 11 (IBDP):

- Promotion to Grade 11 is conditioned by passing at least 6 IGCSE subjects, including one English subject and one Math subject.

For Higher Level (HL) subject choices, special conditions may apply. Please refer to the admissions and information booklet for the respective graduating year.

5. Promotion from Grade 11 to Grade 12 (IGCSE):

- Promotion within Grade 11 to Grade 12 is based on:
 - Achieving a minimum of 24 points at the end of Grade 11.
 - Meeting the 80% attendance requirement.

6. Probation in Grade 11:

- Students who fail to meet the required criteria in Grade 11 may be placed under probation. This means that they will be evaluated at regular intervals and if they fail to meet passing criteria, students may be asked to switch to Course Certificates only. This decision will be based on summative and formative assessment, as well as professional judgement of the class team.
- If necessary, this probationary period may result in further evaluation for promotion to Grade 12.

7. General School Policy on Termination:

- The school reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of any student whose parents do not accept the conditions and requirements determined by the school as being most beneficial for the student's education.

The goal of this policy is to maintain a high standard of academic excellence and ensure that all students can benefit from the programs offered at GESM. The school reserves the right to modify or amend the policy on a 2-year cycle.

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