

2018/2019 ENROLMENTS

Policy on enrolment in the Brussels European Schools for the 2018/2019 school year:

will be published end December 2017/beginning January 2018 on the European Schools' website www.eursc.eu under “Enrolments” – “Policy on enrolment in the Brussels European Schools”.

Terms and conditions of admission in the European Schools (breakdown of pupils into 3 categories):

available on the European Schools' website www.eursc.eu under “Enrolments in the European Schools”.

General Rules of the European Schools:

available on the European Schools' website www.eursc.eu under “The Office – Official texts – Basic texts”.

1. Age requirement - cf. article 49:

- a) Pupils shall be admitted to the nursery school at the beginning of the school year in September of the calendar year in which the child reaches four years of age (born in 2014).
- b) Pupils shall be admitted to primary year 1 at the beginning of the school year in September of the calendar year in which the child reaches six years of age (born in 2012).
- c) In principle, no child may be admitted to the school if he/she is two years (three years for secondary years 4-6) older than the normal age resulting from application of the above provisions to his/her particular case.
- d) Pupils with special educational needs (SEN): the cases of these pupils shall be dealt with in accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Board of Governors concerning the provision of Educational Support in the European Schools (procedural document 2012-05-D-15-en-11). For more information, parents can contact the educational support coordinator:

- Nursery and primary cycles: Mrs Katrien FERNANDEZ,
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- Secondary cycle: Mrs Anabela SANTOS, for the DE- FR-IT-NL-PT sections
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2. Level required for acceptance - cf. article 47 a):

please refer to the table of equivalences in annex 2 of the General Rules.

3. Choice of the language section - cf. article 47 e):

The European Schools ARE NOT International Schools: a fundamental principle of the European Schools is the teaching of mother tongue/dominant language as first language (L1). This principle implies the pupil's enrolment in the section of his/her mother tongue/dominant language where such a section exists.

This principle may be waived only where the child has been educated in a language other than his/her mother tongue/dominant language for a minimum of two years at primary or secondary level. The European Schools will presume in that case that the child will be capable of continuing his/her schooling in the language in question.

In schools where the section corresponding to a pupil's mother tongue/dominant language does not exist, he/she will generally be enrolled in one of the vehicular language sections. He/She will attend the classes in his/her mother tongue/dominant language organised for so-called SWALS (Students **W**ithout **A** Language **S**ection) as L1.

Parents will not be free to choose their child's first language (L1), its determination being the responsibility of the school's Director. L1 must correspond to the child's mother tongue or dominant language, in the case of multilingual children, the dominant language being the one of which they have the best command.

Should there be any dispute about the pupil's L1, it will be the Director's responsibility to determine which language it is, on the basis of the information provided by the pupils' legal representatives on the enrolment form and by requiring the pupil to take comparative language tests, organised and under the control of the school's teachers. The tests will be organised whatever the pupil's age and teaching level, i.e. including the nursery cycle.

Determination of L1 at the time of the child's enrolment is definitive in principle.

A change of Language 1 may only be authorised by the Director for compelling pedagogical reasons, duly established by the Class Council and on the initiative of one of its members.

Should a new language section be created, children previously enrolled with SWALS status and who had the language of this new section as their Language 1 will automatically be admitted to the newly created language section without the need for them to be required to take comparative language tests.

In that case, a change of L1 may only be authorised by the Director for compelling pedagogical reasons, duly established by the Class Council and on the initiative of one of its members.

Information sessions:

The school will organise two information sessions: the first one during the first enrolment phase and the second one in May 2018 (after the sending of the Central Enrolment Authority's decisions).

These sessions will be organised for potential new parents of **nursery and primary cycles** who fulfil the conditions of admission in the Brussels European Schools. During these meetings, the Management will present the school and answer various questions. Afterwards there will be a guided tour.

All the practical information (dates and registration procedure) will be communicated at a later date on the School's website www.eeb2.eu under "Enrolments" (after the publication of the Policy on enrolment expected at the end of December 2017/at the beginning of January 2018).

For the **secondary cycle**, the school does not organise any information sessions. A special welcome meeting, followed by a guided tour of the buildings, will take place the day before the beginning of the school year for new pupils and their parents.

Parents who would like more pedagogical information are invited to refer to the School's website (www.eeb2.eu) and/or to contact:

- Mr Javier Arnedo for the nursery and primary cycles: javier.arnedo@eursc.eu
- the coordinator for the secondary cycle:
 - 1st and 2nd years Mr Antonio Fabio RUSSO, antonio.russo@eursc.eu
 - 3rd, 4th and 5th years Mrs Francesca DIONISI, DIONISFR@teacher.eursc.eu
 - 6th and 7th years Mrs Elaine IRVINE, elaine.irvine@eursc.eu

Dates and enrolment procedure:

will be specified in the "Policy on enrolment in the Brussels European Schools for the 2018/2019 school year".

For any additional information, feel free to contact:

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