



Gymnasium „Jovan Jovanović Zmaj“
Novi Sad

ADMISSION POLICY FOR FUTURE IB STUDENTS

Gymnasium „Jovan Jovanović Zmaj“ from Novi Sad, the oldest high school in Serbia, is offering a government-funded IB Diploma Programme as of 2018, with first generation taking the admission tests in June, the same year.

The Admission policy of Gymnasium „Jovan Jovanović Zmaj“ states – in alignment with the IBDP Philosophy – that we are looking for students who value the following:

- the depth of knowledge and wish to excel as being the valuable members of the world community;
- the international-mindedness, openness to other cultures;
- wish to excel at both the fields of sciences, as well as language and literature;
- the need to take part in both local, as well as global societies;
- whose education performance so far was very good to excellent, and who have excellent marks in behaviour.

In addition to IB Core subjects – Theory of Knowledge, Creativity, Activity, Service and Extended Essay – Students will take Serbian A: Literature, English A2: Language and Literature and Mathematics at HL, and Physics, Economy and Chemistry at SL, with Biology SL as an optional – not mandatory – additional subject for those who plan to continue their education in the field of natural sciences. Apart from Serbian A: Literature, all subjects are taught in English, and students are expected to be available to pass the tests.

Applying for IBDP at the Gymnasium „Jovan Jovanović Zmaj“

The entrance exam for IBDP at our Gymnasium takes place in June, every year, with the exact date being made available soon enough for all the applicants to take notice of it.

The preparation for the IBDP at our Gymnasium starts as early as February – first class starting on first Saturday of the month, and continuing at once-per-week rhythm, Saturdays, until May – and the applicants will be able to attend preparatory classes – with the first class being introductory – in Serbian, English and Mathematics. The classes will be held by the IB teachers designated for each subject, who will make sure to introduce the interested applicants to what is expected from them at the entrance exam in June.

At the end of preparatory classes, the applicants will take a mock exam, in May, and will be met with the results the week later, so they have enough time to prepare for the entrance exam itself.

The preparatory classes are not mandatory, but are a recommended option, so that the applicants can meet with the programme of the IB in time. You can check the preparatory classes schedule [here](#).

During these classes, the applicants will be able to consult with the other designated IB teachers, so they would be informed at which level are they expected to be able to work, as well as get acquainted with those subjects they had no opportunity to take before (e. g. Economics, TOK, CAS...)

Applications will be accepted at the beginning of the preparatory classes, and once again checked week before the entrance exam.

Entrance exam

The entrance exam for Gymnasium „Jovan Jovanović Zmaj“ will take place in June, with date to be announced publicly on the school's web-site.

Structure

The entrance exam is consisted of three parts:

1) English: the students are taking a three-part test, the first part being **writing an essay on a general subject** (45 min), followed by **reading** and **listening** (15+15 min). **Overall duration: 1h15min. Max points: 20.**

2) Mathematics: the students are taking a test based on their knowledge of the 1st and 2nd year of Mathematics content. **Duration: 1h15min. Max points: 20.**

3) Serbian: the students are writing an analysis on a previously unseen poem or prose passage, with guiding questions. **Duration: 1h15min. Max points: 20.**

The applicants to the IBDP in Gymnasium „Jovan Jovanović Zmaj“ are expected to grade **minimum 50 points** (60 being maximum), accumulated. The tests are graded – depending on the number of the applicants – the same day, and presented the same or the next day.

The final applications for those who pass the tests, are taken, alongside applications for all the other courses at our Gymnasium, by the end of August, of which both the parents and students will be informed, bearing in mind that the parents are expected to co-sign the IB Academic honesty Policy and attach it to their child’s application.