

## Stipulations for the continuation of the Academic Scholarship

Grades in the German system are awarded from 1 – 6, with grade 1 being the best, and grade 6 being the worst. The grades are calculated on the following basis in each subject:

**50% of the grade is based on examinations**(several written examinations conducted over the course of the academic year)**and 50% is based on continuous assessment** over the academic year.

We use the following approximate translations for the grades:

1	Very good		4	Adequate
2	Good		5	Poor
3	Satisfactory		6	Very poor

1. Scholarship students from **Class 7-9** are required to get an **average of 3.0\* or better in each of the following subject groups**. These stipulations do not apply to students of other classes, though these students must pass the regulations to be promoted to the next academic year, as applicable to non-scholarship students.

<b>Group 1 subjects</b>
<b>ENGLISH</b>
<b>FRENCH</b>
<b>GERMAN / FOREIGN LANG. GERMAN</b>
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>
<b>Group 2 subjects</b>
<b>HISTORY</b>
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>
<b>BIOLOGY</b>
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>
<b>PHYSICS</b>
<b>Group 3 subjects</b>
<b>ART</b>
<b>MUSIC</b>
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>
<b>RELIGION / ETHICS</b>

**Subjects cannot be interchanged across the 3 groups.**

\* This average is not based on the final grade on the report card at the end of each semester, as this grade is rounded off to the nearest whole number. The average will be based on the **actual grade** the student has achieved, as demonstrated in the examples below.

2. The second requirement is that in each individual subject, students must not have an actual grade of 4.6 or below, (grade 5 on report). In this case, **even if the group average is met**, the scholarship may be under consideration or withdrawn.

**If the student does not meet either / both stipulations for TWO consecutive semesters, the scholarship will be withdrawn.**

**Example 1**

**Class 7 Semester 2**

Subject	Actual grade	Report grade
English	2.8	3
French	3.4	3
Foreign Language German	4.1	4
Mathematics	1.6	2
<b>Group average</b>	<b>2.9</b>	

The **actual grade average** of the student in this case is **2.9** and therefore the student meets the group average required. In this case, the scholarship will not be under consideration.

**Example 2**

**Class 8 Semester 1**

Subject	Actual grade	Report grade
Art	3.8	4
Music	4.3	4
Physical Education	1.4	1
Religion	3.4	3
<b>Group average</b>	<b>3.22</b>	

The report grade average of the student would be 3.0. However, the **actual grade average** is **3.2**, which means the student **does not** meet the expected requirement. In this second case, the student's report will indicate that his / her **scholarship is under consideration**, unless the grades are better in the next semester.

**Example 3**

Subject	Actual grade	Report grade
<b>History</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Biology</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Physics</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Group average</b>	<b>2.75</b>	

In this case, the student has met the grade average of 3.0 or above. However, due to the fact that s/he has a grade **4.9** in Biology would automatically mean that the scholarship is under consideration. If this is the second semester running that the student does not meet the requirements, **the scholarship would be withdrawn.**

However, 6 weeks prior to the end of the semester, each scholarship student will be given a **Progress Report**, indicating his / her **actual grade** in each subject.

The grades in this report will be filled in by the respective subject teachers.

The Scholarship Programme Co-ordinators will calculate the averages per group and the Progress Report will be sent to the parents via the students, to study and to sign.

Warnings of scholarship being under consideration (FIRST WARNING), or possible withdrawal of scholarship (SECOND WARNING), will be issued with this report if necessary.

**This means the student will have the rest of that semester to improve upon the grades, to ensure continuation of the academic scholarship.**

**In addition** to achieving the stipulations and academic promotion regulations (for Classes 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12) discussed above, students in Classes 4, 5 and 6 must fulfill the following German language requirements based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and assessed by means of a corresponding written exam:

- a) In the 2<sup>nd</sup> third of the Intensive Course (Class 4), students must pass Level A1.
- b) At the latest by 8 weeks after the beginning of Class 5 students must pass Level A2.
- c) Before the end of Class 5 they must pass Level B1.
- d) Before the end of Class 6 they must pass Level B2.

**If a scholarship is withdrawn because the student does not fulfill the requirements, it cannot be re-awarded, even if the student shows progress in the following semesters.**

In case of scholarship withdrawal, the student is welcome to continue his / her education at the German School Nairobi by paying full tuition fees.

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