

TO THE PARENTS OF THE PUPILS OF THE THIRD GRADE

SUBJECT : OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE FOURTH GRADE

The programme of the fourth and fifth year of the secondary school consists of a **weekly time-table of a minimum of 31 hours** (choosing Mathematics 6 the **minimum** rises to **33 hours** weekly) and a recommended **maximum of 35 hours**.

This time-table consists of 27 or 29 hours weekly of compulsory subjects, depending on the choice of **4 or 6 hours** of **Mathematics**, plus a minimum of **4 hours of optional subjects**.

compulsory subjects			
27	4	1P. Religion/Morale** 4P. Language 1 (mother-tongue) 3P. Language 2 (first foreign language) 3P. Language 3 (second foreign language) 2P. Physical Education 2P. History 2P. Geography 2P. Chemistry 2P. Physics 2P. Biology	29
		mathematics	6
optional subjects			
		4P. Language 4 (third foreign language) 4P. Latin 4P. Ancient Greek 4P. Economics 2P. Art 2P. Music 2P. Informatics	33 35
31	33	35	

If a pupil chooses math 4, he/she has 27 hours of compulsory subjects ; therefore he/she can choose a minimum of 4 optional hours and a maximum of 8.

However, if a pupil chooses math 6, he/she has 29 hours of compulsory subjects ; therefore he/she can choose a minimum of 4 optional hours and a maximum of 6.

N.B. :

- Some courses may be blocked by others..
- It is possible to indicate a change or to confirm the choice between Religion/Ethics **now** ; **no change will be possible during the school year.**

According to the documents 2008-D-356-en-3 a course of Religion/Ethics can only be created with a minimum of 7 students. If this minimum is not reached, the school must regroup the students horizontally or vertically (p.e. in L2 / in the language of the host country / in the higher or lower grade).

- The Economics course will be offered, in accordance with the school plan, in L2 with a minimum of 7 students, and/or in the local language (Italian) and should not be done in L1.

The optional course(s) will have to be followed until the end of the 5th grade.

The third foreign language L4, will have to be chosen from one of the official languages of the European Union and not yet studied.

For information the parents can speak to the teachers who teach the course in question or to the advisors.

You can find the names of the advisors for the different sections on the website of the school.

The school reserves the right to cancel a course when the number of pupils enrolled does not comply with current regulations.

The criteria for the creation of an optional course in the 4th grade are :

An optional course will be created when at least 7 students have chosen this course.

In exceptional cases the school will take into consideration a request for a change of chosen subjects until 5 days after the beginning of the new school year.

In special cases a pupil can change the course of 6 hours mathematics to 4 at the end of the first semester of the 4th grade or at the beginning of the 5th, on the condition that he/she will still have a minimum of 31 hours weekly. The two hours then remaining cannot be used for another course.

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