

State exams in the first cycle of education for the school year 2021/2022

The Ministerial Ordinance n. 64 of 14 March 2022 defines the procedures for the execution of the state exam ("Esame di Stato") of the first cycle of education for the school year 2021-2022.

The exam will take place in-person at Machiavelli school in the period between the end of the lessons (June 10th, 2022) and June 30th, 2022 (unless otherwise provided depending on the epidemiological situation) according to the schedule that will be communicated later by means of a circular.

Students are admitted to this final state exam if fulfilling the following requirements:

- a) They have attended at least three quarters of the total amount of hours, defined by the regulations of the lower secondary school, except for any justified exceptions approved by the teaching staff, also with possible reference to specific situations related to the epidemiological emergency;
- b) They have not incurred the disciplinary sanction of non-admission to the state examination provided for by article 4, paragraphs 6 and 9-bis, of the decree of the President of the Republic June 24, 1998, n. 249.

The mark of admission to the exam is expressed in tenths. It considers the whole scholastic career completed by the student.

In case of not sufficient acquisitions of the learning levels in one or more disciplines, the class council may decide, on appropriate reasons, the non-admission to the final exam.

The final state exam consists of:

- a) a written test relating to Italian skills;
- b) a written test relating to logical-mathematical skills;
- c) an oral interview.

The interview is directed by the class council. It will focus on the student's capacity of elaboration, problem solving, critical and reflective reasoning, organic and meaningful connection of issues in all the different subjects.

The interview will also check competences and skills relating to the English Language, the French or Spanish Language, and Civic Education.

For musical courses, a practical instrument performance will also be part of the interview.

For candidates with disabilities / certified disabilities / specific learning disabilities carrying out the state exam is adequate to their personalized teaching plan prepared by the class council. For the performance of the written tests, the commission may provide teaching aids, compensatory instruments, differentiated tests, longer times than ordinary ones.

The state exam is passed if the candidate achieves a final evaluation of at least six tenths. The final evaluation expressed with a score of ten tenths can be accompanied by “con lode”.

The outcome of the exam, with the indication of the final score achieved, is published by posting billboards at the school site as well as, separately for each class, in the reserved document area of the electronic register (with the sole indication of "Not graduated" in the event of failure to pass the exam itself).

The Certification of Competences is drawn up during the final marks-assignment by the class council and is released to students who pass the state exam.

Participation in the INVALSI tests does not constitute, for the current school year, a requirement for access to the exam. The certification from the INVALSI displays the levels achieved by the student in the national tests of Italian, mathematics and the ability to understand and use the English language.

Candidates unable to be present on the day of the tests must present an application, accompanied by suitable documentation, to the president of the commission for permission to carry out the interview outside the school premises. The president of the commission determines how and when to carry out the interview by videoconference.

In any case, the written tests must be carried out by candidates in presence.

For students absent from one or more tests, for serious and documented reasons, the commission provides for a supplementary examination session which ends by 30 June, unless otherwise provided in connection with the progress of the epidemiological situation.

For more details, please refer to the full reading of the

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