

Sant Ermengol school will publish baccalareate entrance lists on M

Eight families hope that the situation will be resolved, which is why they have submitted a report to the Ministry of Edu

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The lack of places for access to high school continues in Andorra today. The knowledge of the concern of a group of parents from eight families that their children could be left without a place to attend baccalaureate in September has set off the alarms, since they stated that from a training session they advised them to make only one registration at Sant Ermengol school, but due to the big amount of applications they remained on the waiting list and without guarantees of access, for the time being.

With all of this, the relatives of the affected students, who have just completed secondary school this June at the Sagrada Família school, presented a letter yesterday Monday to the Ministry of Education of the Spanish Embassy in Andorra — regulatory body of the Spanish education system in the Principality — in order to convey their frustration and find a possible solution.

The formal letter includes a collection of requests from the families, as well as an approach with possible solutions. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education of the Spanish Embassy showed all its support and willingness so that no student who chooses to study the year within the Spanish education system is left out of it.



An image of the Sant Ermengol school building.

The Lycée center has also been forced to expand the classrooms to accept more applications

From Sant Ermengol school, which keeps the eight students from the Sagrada Família school on the waiting list, it also stood by and was aware of the start of the relevant proceedings by the relatives.

The member of the management team of this last educational institution, Àlex Molina, told too EL PERIÒDIC that students of the two lines of ESO studies ha-

ve until May 10th to hand in their applications to baccalaureate, since «they have priority to access the following year having completed the previous year at school». For this same reason, the deadline set by the management of this educational center in order to respond to external requests is May 13th. «We have found that this year we have had more demand than offers of places, but

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right now we cannot respond to all of them, although we are aware that other institutes with the Spanish system have not been able to respond either, such as the Maria Moliner”, added the executive spokesperson.

Regarding the number of places offered by the Sant Ermengol school, these amount to a total of 105, while this year they have received a total of 146 applications to study the high baccalaureate, of which only 100 have been awarded: «We have been working with all the administrations involved in order to be able to respond to all those situations and the misunderstanding that has been generated, since we also share the sadness that these places could not be granted», declared Molina.

However, the director of the Sagrada Família school, Bernat Vilella, stated that the students of the school are waiting for an answer in order to be able to solve this problem, as well as their parents. «The families want an answer because their children have been left without access to baccalaureate, but we have called them to calm down», adding that «we have to wait for the fact that all the estates are manifested and it is understood that it is a long process”, concluded the director.

Finally, regarding the solutions, Vilella stated that «we still don't know if all the places can be



Alex Molina

MANAGEMENT TEAM OF THE SANT ERMENGOL SCHOOL

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given to the same high school», a fact that according to the director would be ideal, but that work is still being done to find them.

A LACK OF PLACES THAT DOESN'T ONLY AFFECT THE CENTERS OF THE SPANISH SYSTEM // According to this media, the Sant Ermengol school is not the only educational center that cannot award all the places requested for the baccalaureate course or that it receives a higher-than-expected rate of requests.

As regards the high school Lycée Compte de Foix, which follows an education based on the French system, it is also experiencing an increase in the demand for access to high school year, although it has indeed been able to respond to the big number of requests enabling another part of its facilities.

In this way, it was possible to award all the requests received by the board of directors, as confirmed by a teacher who works at the center: «It's been two or three years since we transferred part of the school» explained the teacher. In addition, the management of new accesses has been managed by opening several courses of the same academic level, thus guaranteeing access to newly admitted students.

With all that said, the teacher explained that «for nearly four years, they confirmed to us that there was an avalanche of applications to kindergarten», which is why they warned the teachers that these students, over the years, they would end up moving up the school years until reaching high school. That's why «they have extended a classroom to 6th grade and each year this classroom is maintained, in addition to being expanded the following year». A fact that motivated the change of building because «we don't all fit in the original building». ●

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