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HOW TO FIND THE MOST SUITABLE SCHOOL IN THE LEIDEN REGION

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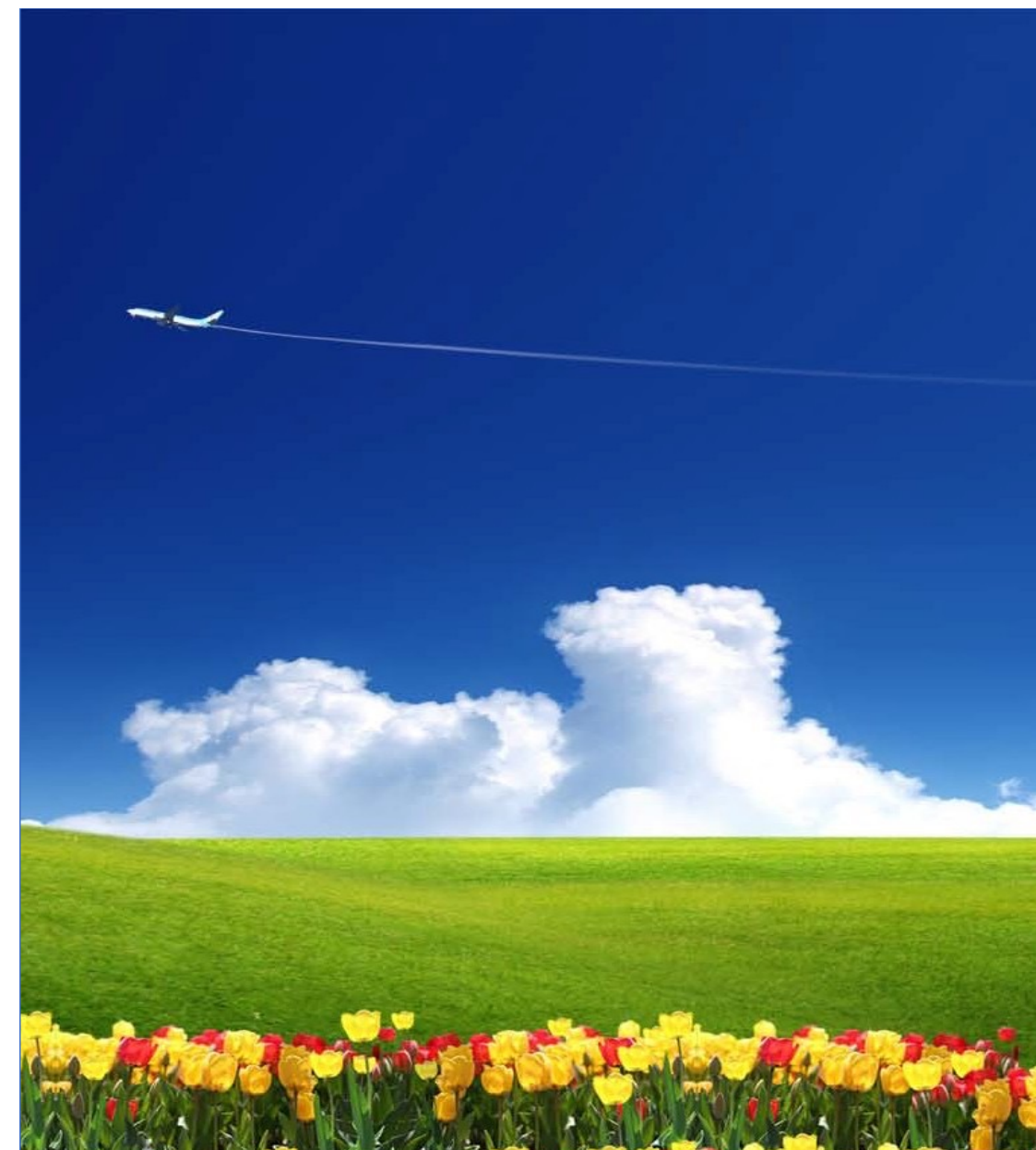


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EDUCATION IN THE NETHERLANDS, FEB. 2016

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS 2017

THINK Relocate AWARDS 2019

WHEN DOES MY Child Start School in the Netherlands?

EDUCATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN - MUNICIPALITY AND EXPAT CENTRE OF LEIDEN, FE MAR 2019

5.0 out of 5

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OR SO DUTCH?

FAQ videos on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hg6KmVh6u8&t=5s

How to find the most suitable school in the Amsterdam area - New2NL

DUTCH EDUCATION FAQ

#1: THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR DUTCH PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN AMSTERDAM

ARPAN RELOCATION PLATFORM

expat centre leiden region

RHYTHM MONTHLY MAGAZINE, AUG. 2015

I AM EXPAT FAIR AMSTERDAM

EXPAT FAIR FOR INTERNATIONALS

AMSTERDAM AMERICAN BUSINESS CLUB

international newcomers amsterdam official partner 2019

About New2NL

PRESCHOOL (PEUTERSPEELZAAL/ VOORSCHOOLSE EDUCATIE)

- Ages: 2 - 4
- Min. 2 x 4 hours per week, max. 4 x 4
- Fees depending on: partner, work situation, and income (€ 9 - € 151 per month for 6.5 or 8 hours per week)
- Children with a VVE-indication may go to preschool for 16 hours per week, of which 8 hours are free
- Daycares with or without preschool program
- TeddyKids: bilingual daycare
- JES Rijnland



INTERNATIONAL VS. DUTCH SCHOOL

WHY CHOOSE AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL?

- Staying in the country for a short period
- Continue school in another country in the future
- 'Older' children
- International community
- If you can afford it...

Doodly video on Dutch vs. international schools: <https://youtu.be/iVrnZPuqO8Q>



INTERNATIONAL VS. DUTCH SCHOOL

WHY CHOOSE A DUTCH SCHOOL?

- Staying in the Netherlands for a longer period
- 'Fit in' better
- Dutch friends (playdates!)
- Learn Dutch
- Demonstrated benefits of learning multiple languages
- Choice of educational philosophies/religions
- (Almost) free



A group of diverse young children sitting together and smiling. The children are of various ethnicities and are dressed in casual clothing. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom setting with a bulletin board.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN/NEAR LEIDEN

Leiden:

The International School Leiden (ISL) (Sept. 2022)

Theodore International Startup Academy (TISA) (Aug. 2022)

Leiderdorp:

Elckerlyc International (Primary)

Oegstgeest:

Het Rijnlands Lyceum (Secondary)

Wassenaar:

- The American School of The Hague (ASH)
- The Indonesian Embassy School

+ various international schools in **The Hague** (incl. intl. Waldorf)

BILINGUAL SCHOOLS

Winford bilingual (private)

Haagsche
Schoolvereniging (HSV) - The
Hague (pilot)

Bilingual pilot schools on Nuffic
website:

www.nuffic.nl/onderwerpen/tweetalig-onderwijs/tweetalige-basisscholen

Article on bilingual schools: www.xpat.nl/journal/bilingual-schools-netherlands



DUTCH IMMERSION CLASS

NIEUWKOMERSKLAS,
(INTERNATIONALE) SCHAKELKLAS

Leiden:

- Leimundo (2x)
- Brede school Merenwijk (2x)
- De Singel (1x)

Katwijk:

OBS De Verrekijker

Topklas

Kopklas (Vlietland College)

ISK (Da Vinci College)

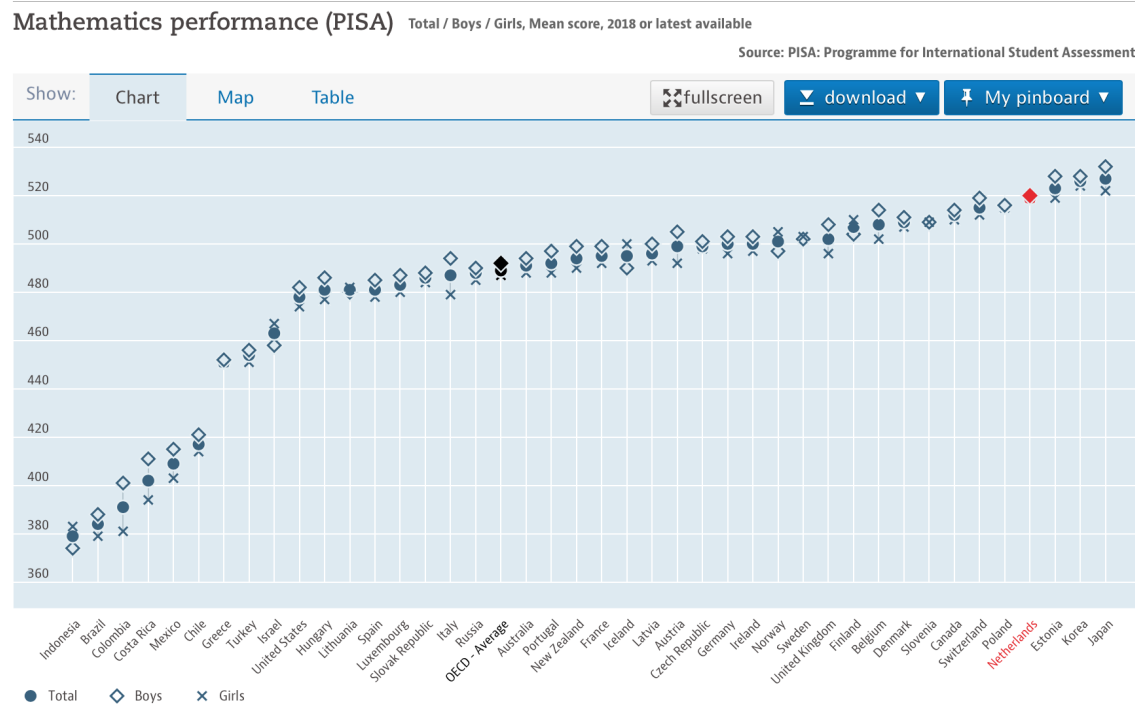
*Find all immersion schools on
www.lowan.nl*

Video on the newcomer class: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TMYhRRaFBDc>



QUALITY OF DUTCH EDUCATION

- High rankings in Pisa/OECD survey
- Times Higher Education World University Rankings



HOW A DUTCH SCHOOL WORKS



Compulsory school attendance (*leerplicht*) from age 5

Most children start school when they turn 4

Max. 5 hours per week off at age 5

Groups 1 to 8

Groups 1 & 2 combined: '*kleuters*'

Orientation/adjustment period

Reading & writing from group 3

Usually no homework in lower classes

Home schooling is generally not allowed

Doodly video on the start of Dutch school: <https://youtu.be/yrSxZdmhPzc>

CENTRAL END TEST FOR GROUP 8

Aptitude test in group 8 - in April

Dutch language, maths, and study skills
Optional: World orientation

Recommendation for secondary school education

Recommendation of teacher *before* the test

All schools are obliged to take part

Pupil monitor system (LVS)



LEVELS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

VMBO - preparatory secondary vocational education: 4 years

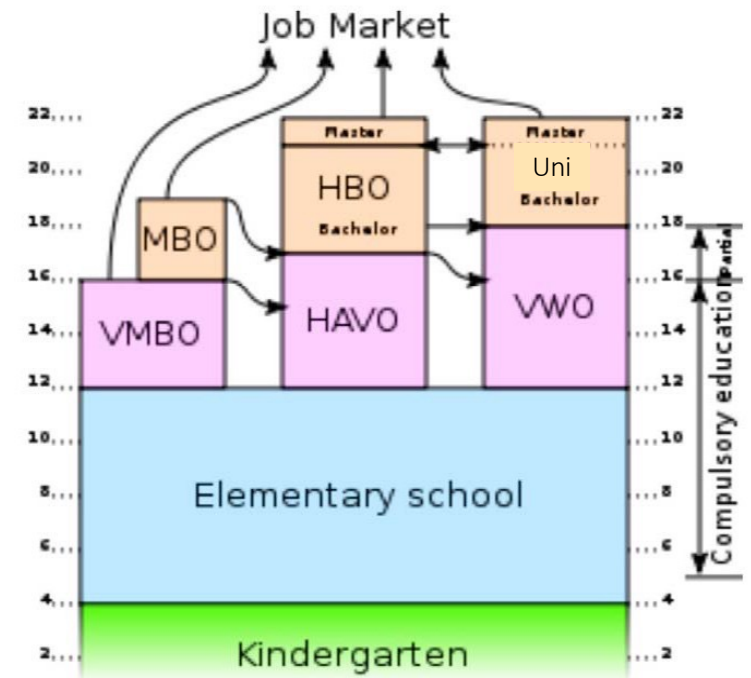
HAVO - senior general secondary education: 5 years

VWO - pre-university education: 6 years

Many secondary schools have a mixed level 'bridge class' in the 1st year

32% of Dutch 25-64 year-olds hold a university degree (tertiary-type A)

OECD average: 24%.



Source: Wikipedia



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EDUCATION -> PROFESSIONS

- **MBO:**

Assistant, Secretary, Security officer, Office employee, Hairdresser, Nurse, Child minder

- **HBO** (=Hogeschool/University of Applied Sciences):

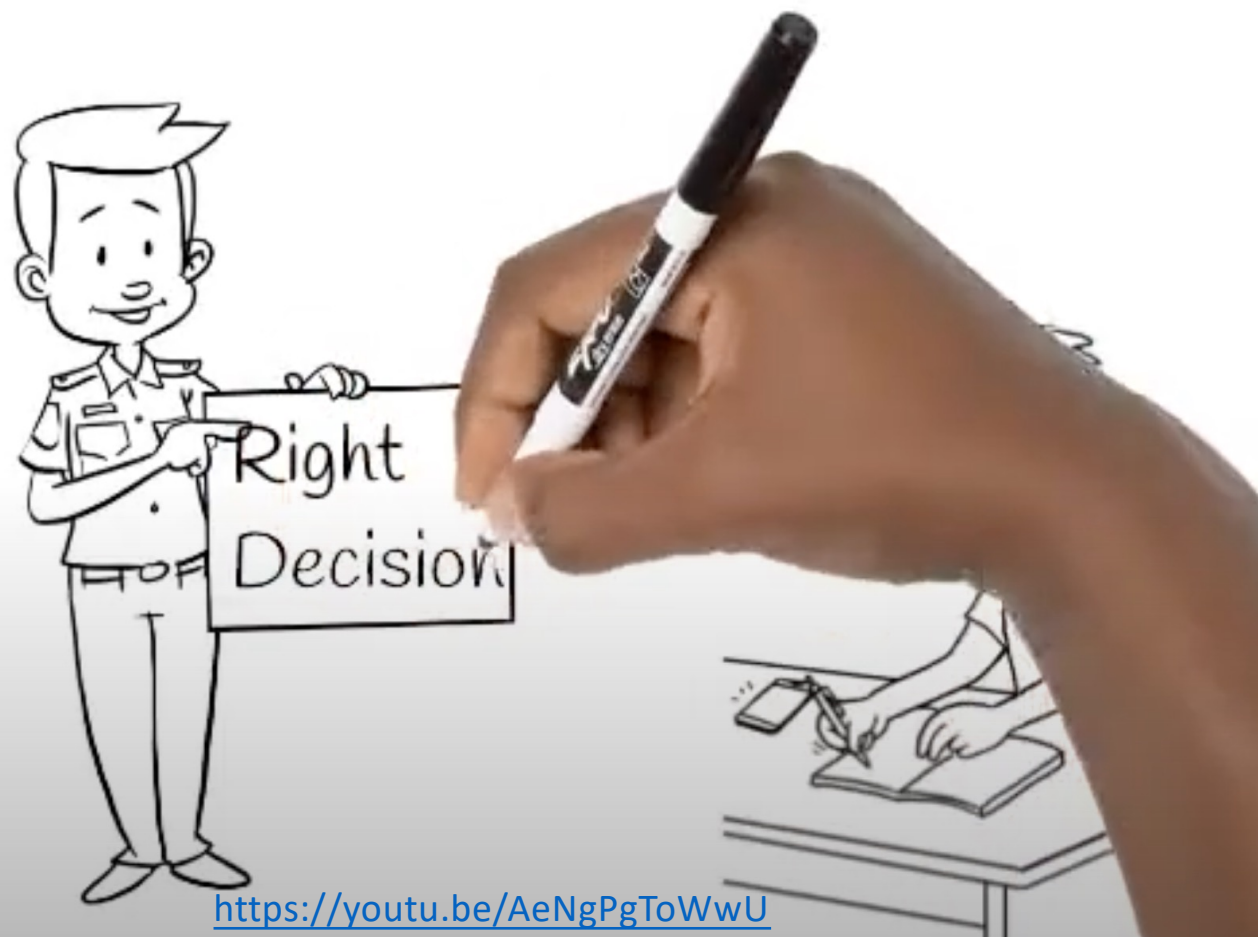
Teacher, Accountant, Manager, Team leader, Banker, Architect, Art director, Journalist, Translator, Estate agent, Advisor, Engineer (Ing.), Consultant, Midwife, Artist, Pilot

- **UNIVERSITY** (=WO):

Lawyer, Psychologist, Doctor, Surgeon, Specialist, Expert, Researcher, Notary, Professor, Engineer (Ir.), Scientist



UNRAVELLING THE ACRONYMS IN THE DUTCH SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM



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<https://youtu.be/AeNgPgToWwU>

CHOICE IN EDUCATION

DUTCH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

A few private schools

No state funding

OPENBAAR (OBS)

BIJZONDER
(special)

SPECIAAL
ONDERWIJS
(special needs)

Funded and run by independent foundation originally set up by the government
Always non-religious

Run by their own board, (parents, or a foundation), but state-funded

RELIGION

Catholic, Protestant, Generic Christian, Muslim, Jewish, etc.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Montessori, Dalton, Waldorf, Jenaplan etc.

'Core objectives' are all the same



PHILOSOPHIES: MONTESSORI



Montessorischool Apollo
(Leiden)

Openbare
Montessorischool
Oegstgeest

Elckerlyc (Leiderdorp)

"HELP ME TO DO IT MYSELF"

Doodly video on educational philosophies: <https://youtu.be/CMP7Yv1UNIU>

PHILOSOPHIES: DALTON



De Ley (Leiden)

De Leeuwerik (Leiderdorp)

Daltonschool Oegstgeest

"FREEDOM - INDEPENDENCE - WORKING TOGETHER"

PHILOSOPHIES: JENAPLAN

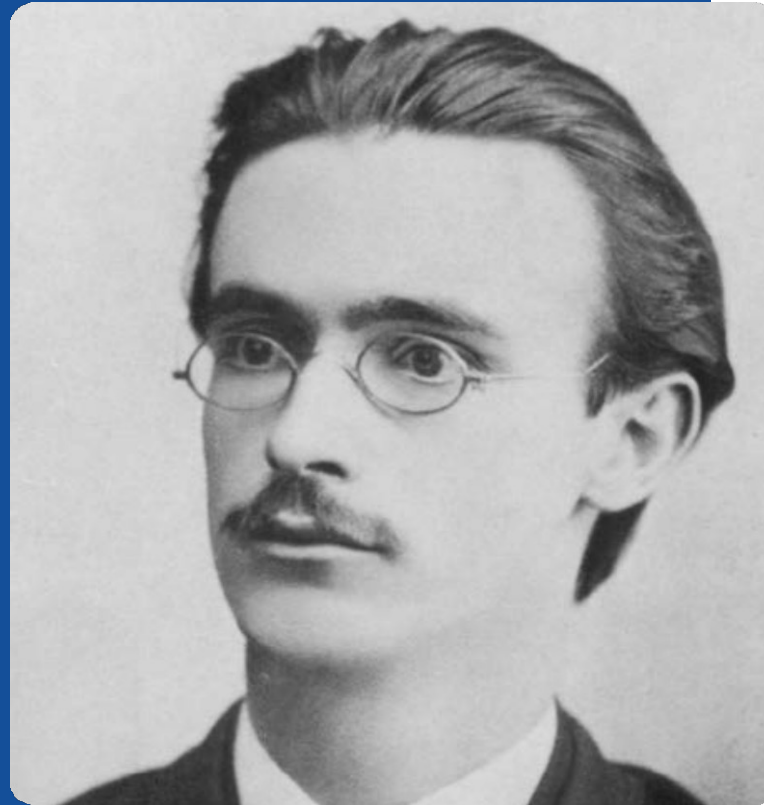


De Dukdalf (Leiden)

RK Jenaplanschool de
Kring (Oegstgeest)

"CONVERSATION - WORK - PLAY - CELEBRATION"

PHILOSOPHIES: WALDORF/STEINER



Vrije School Mareland (Leiden)

"HEAD - HEART - HAND"

PARENTS IN A DUTCH SCHOOL

Parent volunteers (class moms/dads)

Sign up for activities (school trips, decorate classroom for Christmas, lice parents, traffic patrol, etc)

Help is always needed

Get to know the teacher, your child's classmates, and the other parents better

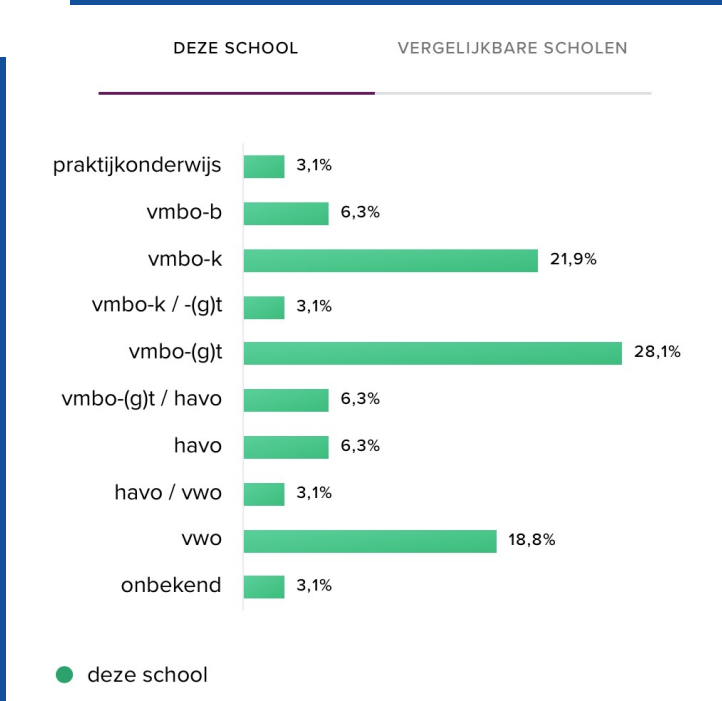
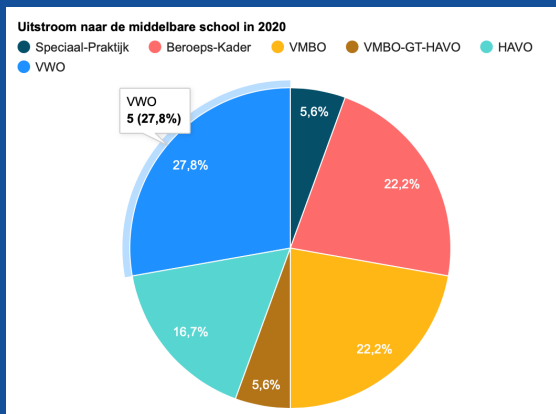
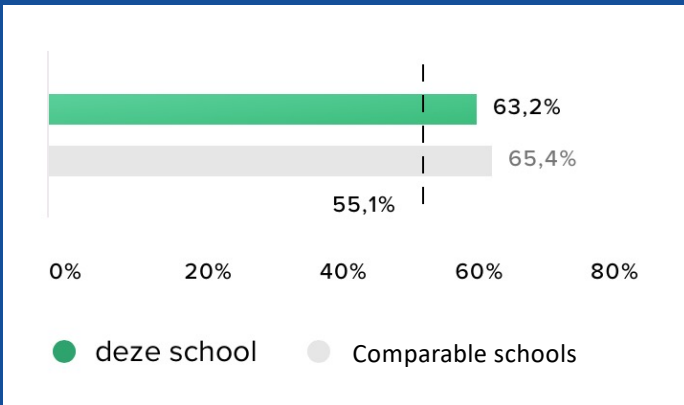
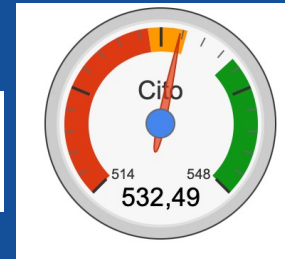
'10-minute'-meetings



SCHOOL HOURS & VACATIONS

- Wednesday afternoon off
- Lunch break
- After-school care (BSO)
- 40 school weeks / 12 weeks off

RESULTS (RESULTATEN)





SECONDARY SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION (ADVIES) given to pupils of group 8:

- VMBO Middle vocational education
- HAVO Higher vocational education
- VWO Pre-university education

(**VMBO G/T** is more theoretical and **VMBO B/K** is more practical)

JUDGEMENT OF INSPECTION (WAARDERING)

Vaststellingsdatum	09-01-2018
Kwaliteit onderwijs	● Voldoende ⓘ
 Herstelonderzoek	
Vaststellingsdatum	06-07-2016
Kwaliteit onderwijs	● Zwak ⓘ
 Rapport van bevindingen kwaliteitsonderzoek	
Vaststellingsdatum	16-10-2013
Kwaliteit onderwijs	● Basistoezicht ⓘ
Vaststellingsdatum	29-10-2012
Kwaliteit onderwijs	● Basistoezicht ⓘ

● Basistoezicht ⓘ

SOMETHING MUST
HAVE HAPPENED HERE!



HOW TO SELECT A SCHOOL

- Priority criteria
- Educational philosophy/religion
- Average test scores + secondary school recommendation
- Early Foreign Language education (VVTO) + International Primary Curriculum (IPC)
- Brede school, extra activities
- Special focus e.g., arts, culture, sports, music, science
- Dutch support / Plusklas /Special needs
- Class sizes



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue shirt, is shown in a thoughtful pose with her hand on her chin. She is looking upwards and to the right. The background is a dark grey chalkboard with several white question marks drawn on it. A large blue rounded rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'WHAT MAKES A GOOD SCHOOL?'.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SCHOOL?



YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Make appointments to visit the schools
- Most schools regularly organize 'information mornings' (informatieochtend) or open days
- Ask lots of questions
- Tip: Ask them to reserve some extra time for you afterwards to ask questions in English
- Visit multiple schools to get a 'feel' for the different types



YOUR PLAN OF ATTACK

Leiden region

SCHOOLS IN LEIDEN

 Scholen op de kaart



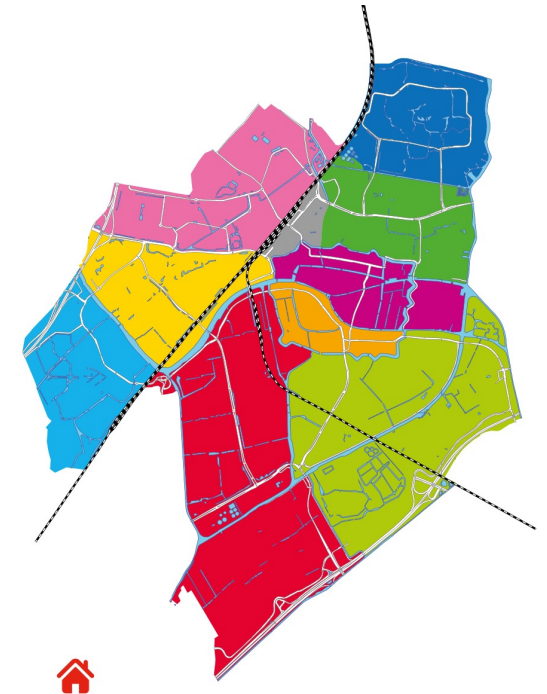
Guide to choosing a school

2020



Districts

-  Binnenstad-Noord
-  Binnenstad-Zuid
-  Stationsdistrict
-  Leiden Noord
-  Roodenburgerdistrict
-  Bos- en Gasthuisdistrict
-  Morsdistrict
-  Boerhaavedistrict
-  Merenwijk
-  Stevenshof



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PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN LEIDEN

14 X OPENBAAR

Incl. Montessori, Jenaplan, and 'development-oriented'

6 X PROTESTANT
incl. 1x Dalton

6 X CATHOLIC

1 X ISLAMIC

1 X VRIJE SCHOOL (WALDORF/STEINER)

2 X 'NEUTRAL' SCHOOLS WITH THEIR OWN BOARDS

5 X SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL



INTERNATIONALIZATION



VVTO (English as a subject from group 1)

- 't Klankbord
- De Singel
- De Tweemaster
- De Zwaluw
- Dukdalf
- ELS
- Joppensz
- Leidse Houtschool
- Leimundo
- Pacellischool
- St. Joseph
- Woutertje Pietersen
- Zijlwijkschool

Vrije school Mareland: **German**

IPC (International Primary Curriculum)

- CBS Joppensz
- De Leidse Houtschool,
- OBS Stevenshof,
- OBS De Pionier
- Fortgensschool (Voorhouten),
- Het Dok (Oegstgeest)

APPLICATION



- Letter from the Municipality
- You can apply from your child's 3rd birthday
- Some schools have established a catchment area, apply other priority criteria, or organize a lottery
- Some schools fill up quickly
- Be prepared for disappointments and frustration :-)



OEGSTGEEST

4x Openbaar (incl. Montessori & Dalton)
3x Protestant
1x Catholic (Jenaplan)
1x 'neutral' school with their own board

Application procedure varies per school

English from group 1:

Daltonschool Oegstgeest

OBS De Vogels

Some other schools: English from group 5 or 6

IPC: *Het Dok*

More info: CJG Oegstgeest - Basisschool

LEIDERDORP

4x Openbaar (incl. 1x Jenaplan)

5x Protestant (incl. 1 Reformed)

2x Catholic (incl. 1x Dalton)

1x 'neutral' school with their own board (=Elckerlyc;
Dutch Montessori + international department)

Application procedure varies per school

English from group 1:

- Elckerlyc Montessori school
- De Schakel
- De Regenboog
- De Bron
- Daltonschool De Leeuwerik
- Willem de Zwijgerschool
- Bolwerk
- Kastanjelaan

More info: CJG Leiderdorp- Basisschool



KATWIJK

2x Openbaar
15x Protestant
1x Catholic

Application procedure varies per school

English from group 1:

- Oranjeschool
- Gisbertus Voetiuschool
- De Duinroos

More info: CJG Katwijk- Basisschool

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ZOETERWOUDE

2x Catholic

Application procedure varies per school

English from group 1:

- Bernardusschool
- Het Avontuur

More info: CJG Zoeterwoude - Basisschool



VOORSCHOTEN

- 1x Openbaar
- 3x Protestant
- 2x Catholic
- 1x 'neutral' school with their own board
- 1x co-operation Openbaar/Catholic

Application procedure varies per school

English from group 1:

- De Vos
- De Vink
- NutsBasisschool
- De Regenboog

The British School in The Netherlands
(BSN) - Senior School Voorschoten

More info: *CJG Voorschoten - Basisschool*

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Q & A

QUESTIONS?

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