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HOW TO FIND THE MOST SUITABLE SCHOOL IN THE LEIDEN REGION

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A collage of various educational and relocation resources. It includes:

- A poster titled "EDUCATION IN THE NETHERLANDS, FEB. 2016" with a map of the Netherlands.
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INTERNATIONAL POPULATION OF LEIDEN



- Almost **44 thousand** people living in Leiden have at least one parent who was born outside of the Netherlands (34.5%). (migration background)
- **13.1%** has (only) a foreign passport (16.6 thousand citizens).
-  In 2013, **28.6%** had at least one foreign parent, and **8.9%** a foreign passport.
- Of the people with a foreign nationality, **Italian** is the most common.
- Of the citizens with a foreign-born parent, **Moroccans** form the biggest group.
- The fastest growing group comes from **Ukraine**.
- In total there are **1,927 children** aged 0-17 in Leiden with a foreign passport. Most of them are aged 4-11.
- Most international families live in the neighborhoods of Slaaghwijk, Noorderkwartier, and Houtkwartier.
- 90% of all children in Leiden has the **Dutch** nationality.



International Panel: strengthen the connections between the Leiden municipality and Leiden's international community

PRESCHOOL (PEUTERSPEELZAAL/ VOORSCHOOLSE EDUCATIE)

- Ages: 2 - 4
- Register from 1st birthday
- Min. 2 x 4 hours per week, max. 4 x 4
- Fees depending on partner, work situation, and income (€ 10.93 - 181.33 per month for 8 hours per week and 40 weeks per year)
- Children with a VVE-indication may go to preschool for 16 hours per week, of which 8 hours are free (from age 2.5)
- Daycares with or without preschool program



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



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN/NEAR LEIDEN

Leiden:

International School Leiden (ISL) (Primary)

Theodore International Startup Academy (TISA) (Primary)
(Webster University)

Leiderdorp:

Elckerlyc International (Primary)

Oegstgeest:

Het Rijnlands Lyceum (RLO) (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 The Hague
(private)

Haagsche Schoolvereniging (HSV)
The Hague (pilot)

Bilingual pilot schools on [Nuffic](#)
website



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

DUTCH IMMERSION CLASS

*NIEUWKOMERSKLAS, ITK,
(INTERNATIONALE) SCHAKELKLAS*

Leiden:

- Leimundo (2x)
- Brede school Merenwijk (2x)
- De Singel (3x)

Oegstgeest:

- Daltonschool Oegstgeest (1x)

Topklas

Kopklas (Vlietland College)

ISK (Da Vinci College)

Newcomer education in Leiden:
<https://nieuwkomersonderwijsregioleiden.nl>

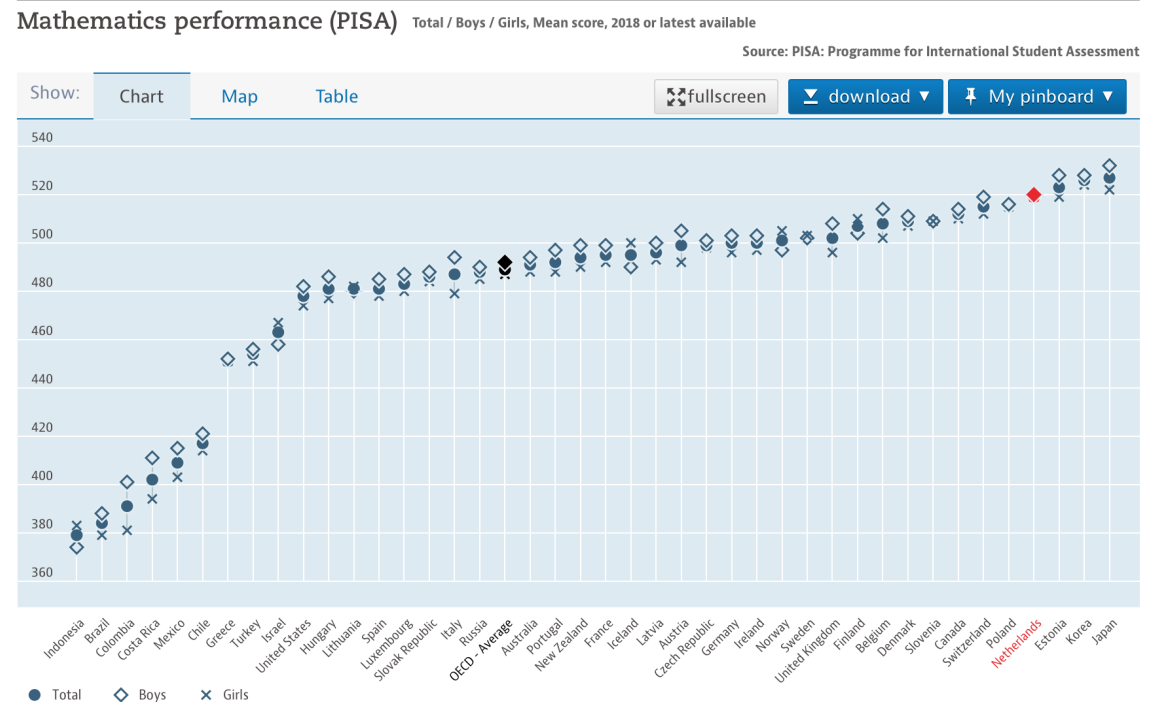
Find all immersion schools on www.lowan.nl

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 (1st grade)

Usually no homework in lower classes

Home schooling is generally not allowed

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

TRANSITION TEST FOR GROUP 8

Aptitude test in group 8 - in February

Dutch language, math

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

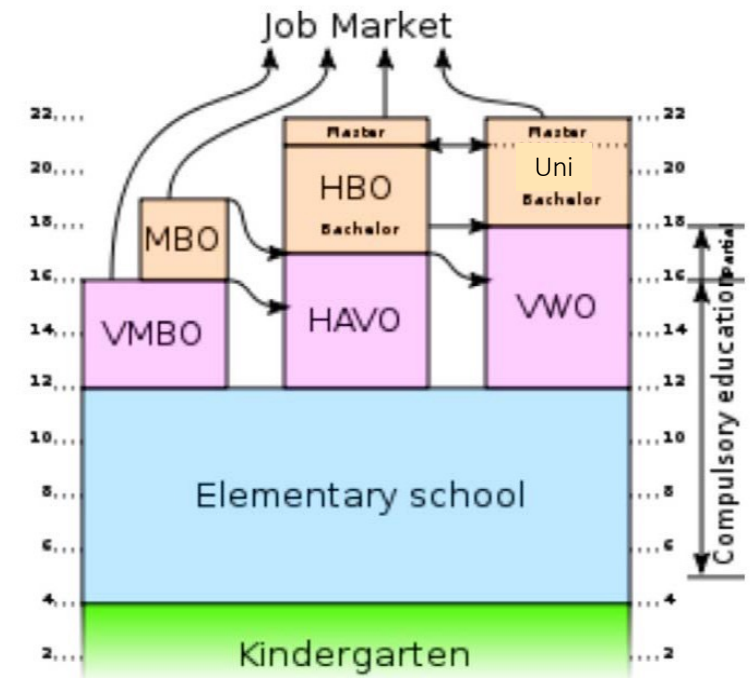
VWO - pre-university education: 6 years

Many secondary schools have a mixed level 'bridge class' in the first 1-3 years

Age group of 25-34:

Netherlands: 52% of men and 61% of women have a tertiary education qualification.

OECD average: 41% for men and 54% for women.



Source: Wikipedia



EDUCATION -> PROFESSIONS

- **MBO:**

Assistant (e.g, dental, medical, office, legal), Secretary, Security officer, Installation technician, Woodworker, Hairdresser, Nurse, Childminder.

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

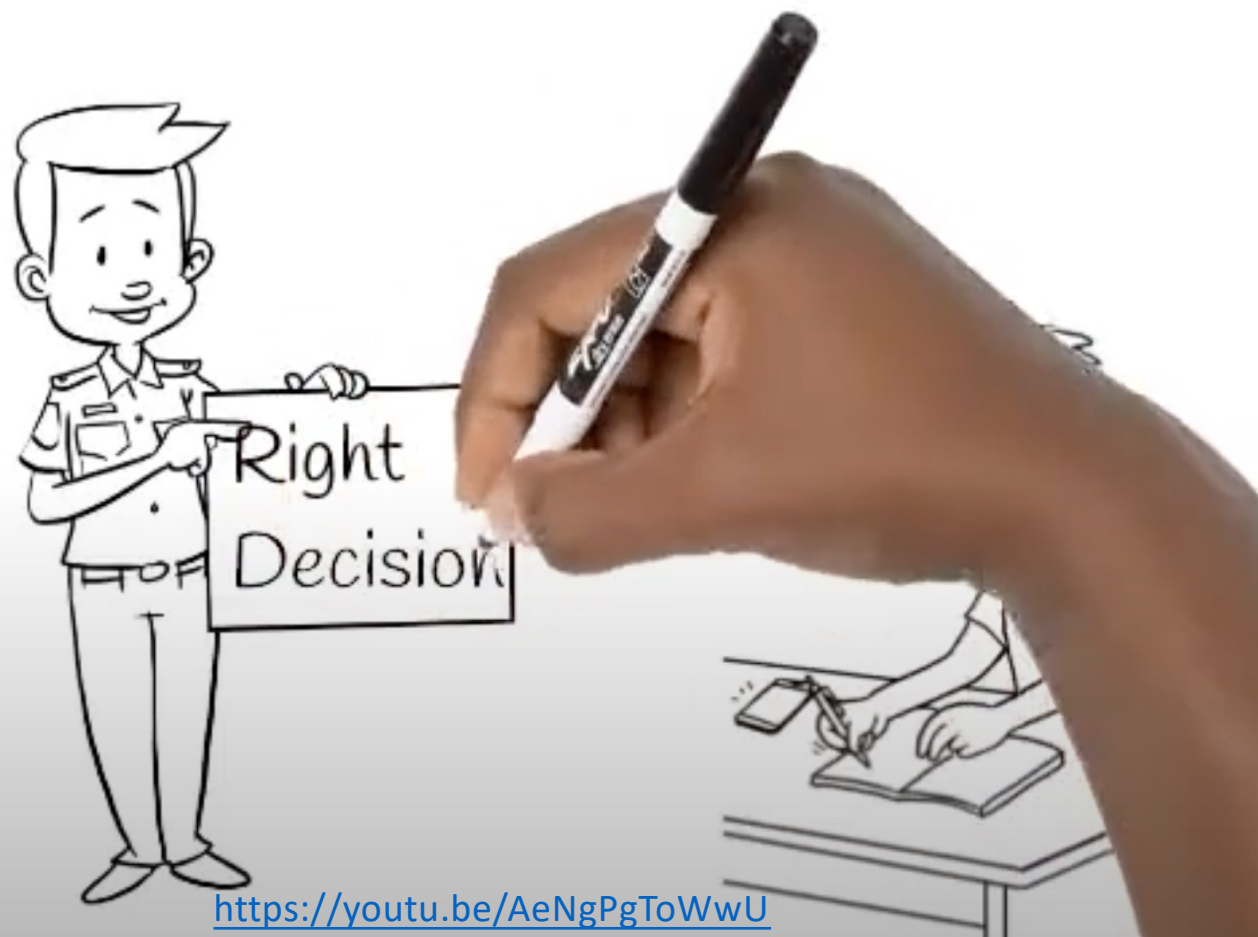
Teacher, Accountant, Manager, Team leader, Banker, Architect, Art director, Journalist, Translator, Estate agent, Advisor, Engineer (Ing.), Consultant, Midwife, Artist, Pilot.

- **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

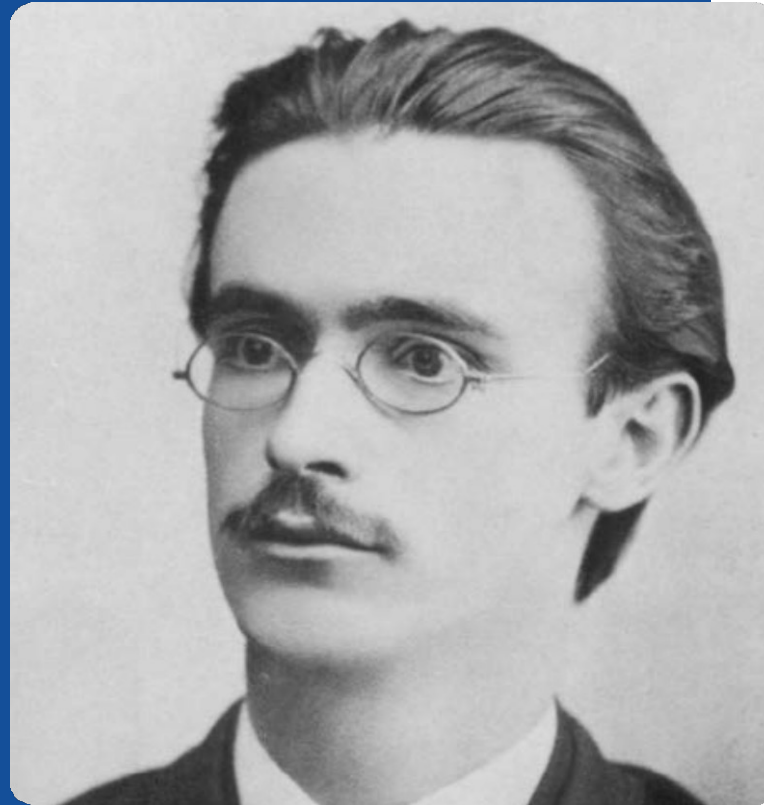


De Dukdalf (Leiden)

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

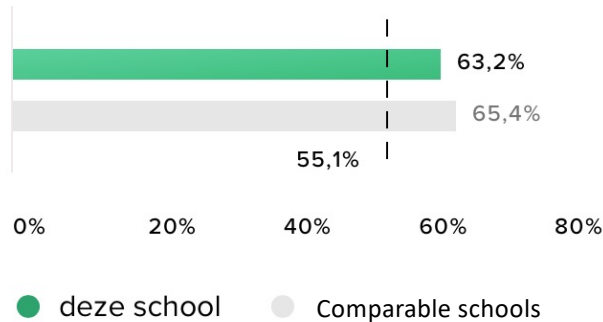
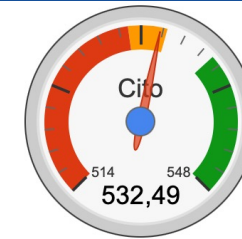
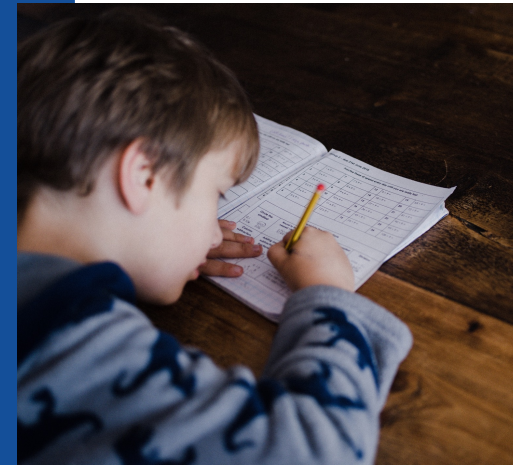




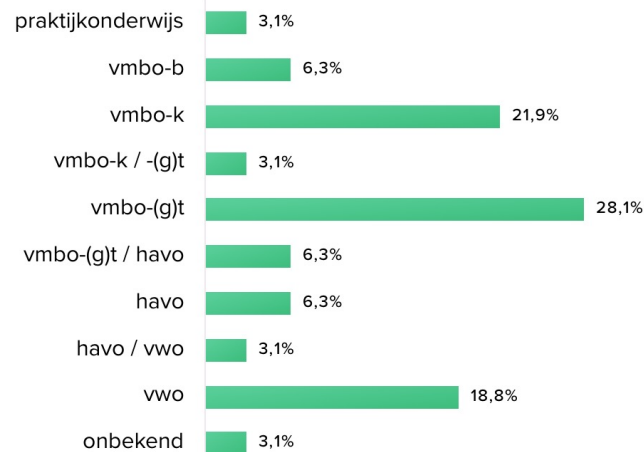
SCHOOL HOURS & VACATIONS

- Wednesday afternoon off
- Lunch break (*TSO*)
- After-school care (*BSO*)
- 40 school weeks / 12 weeks off
- Leiden is in the central region (Midden). www.schoolvakanties-nederland.nl/schoolvakanties-2024.html

RESULTS (RESULTATEN)



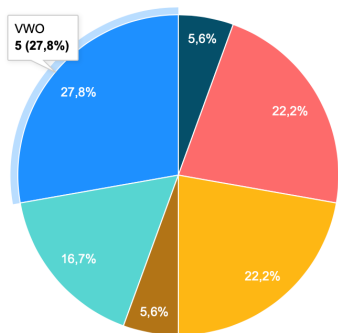
DEZE SCHOOL VERGELIJKBARE SCHOLEN



● deze school

Uitstroom naar de middelbare school in 2020

● Speciaal-Praktijk ● Beroeps-Kader ● VMBO ● VMBO-GT-HAVO ● HAVO ● VWO



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

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

(**VMBO 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!



<https://toezichtresultaten.onderwijsinspectie.nl>

HOW TO SELECT A SCHOOL

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





WHAT MAKES A
GOOD SCHOOL?



YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Schedule your school visits in time
- 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



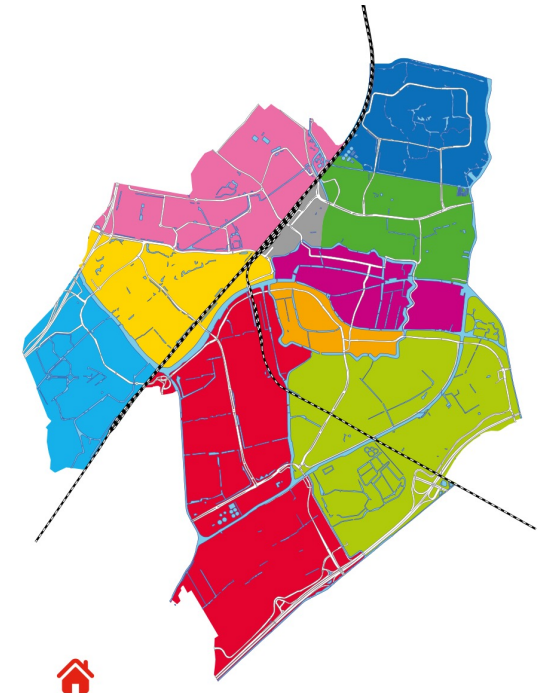
Guide to choosing a school

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



4 X PROTESTANT

incl. 1x Dalton



5 X CATHOLIC

Incl. 'Conceptual learning', and 'development-oriented'

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):

- De Singel
- De Tweemaster
- De Wereldwijzer
- Dukdalf
- ELS
- Leidse Houtschool
- Leimundo
- Pacellischool
- St. Joseph
- Woutertje Pietersen
- Zijlwijkschool

Vrije school Mareland: **German**

IPC (International Primary Curriculum):

- De Leidse Houtschool,
- OBS Stevenshof
- OBS De Pionier
- Fortgensschool (Voorhouten) + VVTO
- Het Dok (Oegstgeest)

APPLICATION



- Letter from the Municipality
- You can officially apply from your child's **3rd birthday**
- Some schools work with a - non-binding- pre-application (*vooraanmelding*) form
- Some schools have established a catchment area, apply other priority criteria, or have 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. Jenaplan + development-oriented)
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
- 't Bolwerk
- Kastanjelaan

More info: CJG Leiderdorp- Basisschool



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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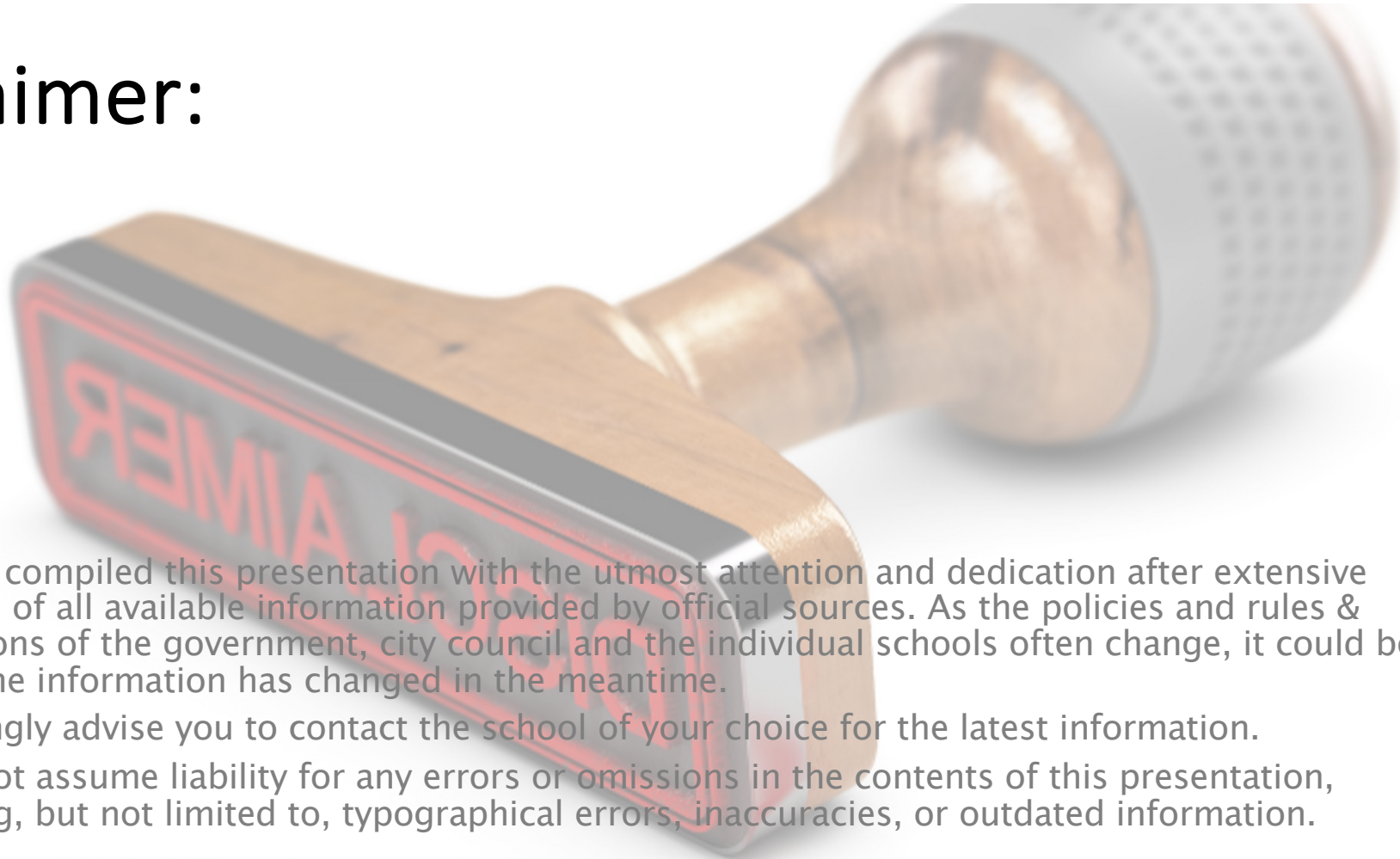
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