

In international IB (International Baccalaureate) World schools, students first follow the Middle Years Programme (MYP). After successfully completing this five-year programme with a MYP certificate, students enroll either in the Diploma Programme (DP) or Careers-related Programme (CP).

The aim of these programmes is to develop active learners and internationally minded people, who, recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better, more peaceful world. IB learners strive to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. These are all included in the IB Learners Profile, which is used as a guideline in educating students.

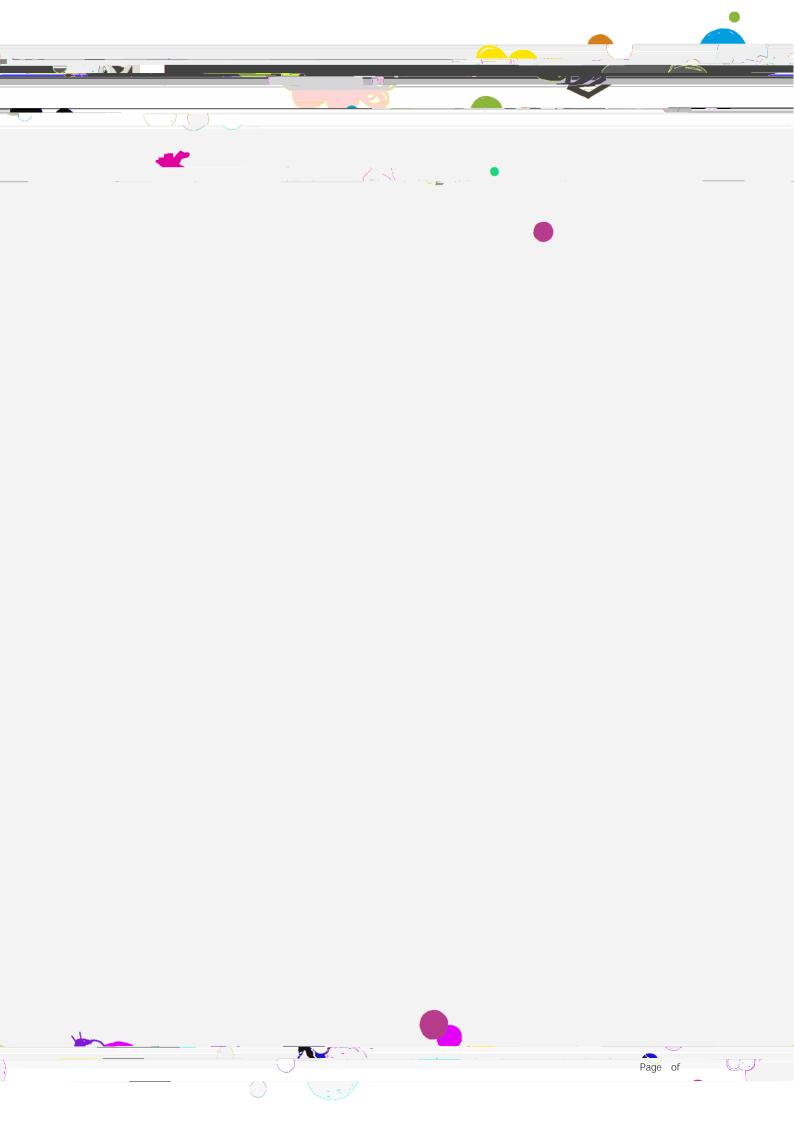
The International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) is for students aged 11-16. The MYP is a challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world.

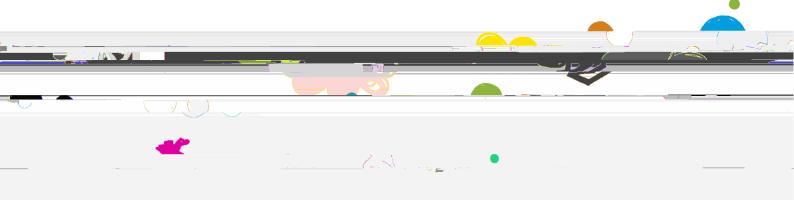
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- * Language acquisition
- * Language and literature
- * Individuals and societies
- * Sciences
- * Mathematics.
- * Arts
- * Physical and health education
- * Design

 $The \ curriculum \ is \ made \ up \ of \ the \ DP \ core \ and \ six \ subject \ groups. \ Made \ up \ of \ the \ three \ required \ components, \ the \ DP \ core \ aims \ to \ and \ six \ subject \ groups.$





In the scheme below all elements of the Dutch education system from primary education via secondary education up to vocational education and higher education are illustrated, after which they are further explained.

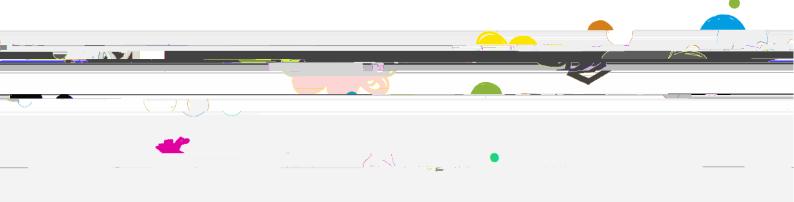


After attending primary/elementary education, children in the Netherlands go directly to secondary or high school (in Dutch: voortgezet onderwijs; literally "continued education"). After that they go to vocational or higher education.

Secondary education, which begins at the age of 11/12, is offered at several levels. Informed by the advice of the primary school, a choice is made for either:

- * Preparatory vocational secondary education (VMBO/MAVO)
- * Selective secondary education: HAVO or VWO

Since the Dutch educational system normally does not have middle schools or junior high schools, the first year of all levels in Dutch high schools is referred to as the brugklas (literally "bridge class"), as it connects the primary school system to the secondary education system. During this year, pupils will gradually learn to cope with the differences between school systems, such as dealing with increased personal responsibility.



In the Netherlands there are the following main educational routes after secondary education.

Vocational education

MBO (middle-level applied education), which is the equivalent of junior college education is designed to prepare students for either skilled trades and technical occupations and workers in support roles in professions such as engineering, accountancy, business administration, nursing, medicine, architecture, and criminology or for additional education at another college with more advanced academic material. MBO is the equivalent of junior college education. Many pupils with a VMBO-diploma attend MBO. The MBO lasts one to four years, depending on the level. There are 4 levels offered to students:

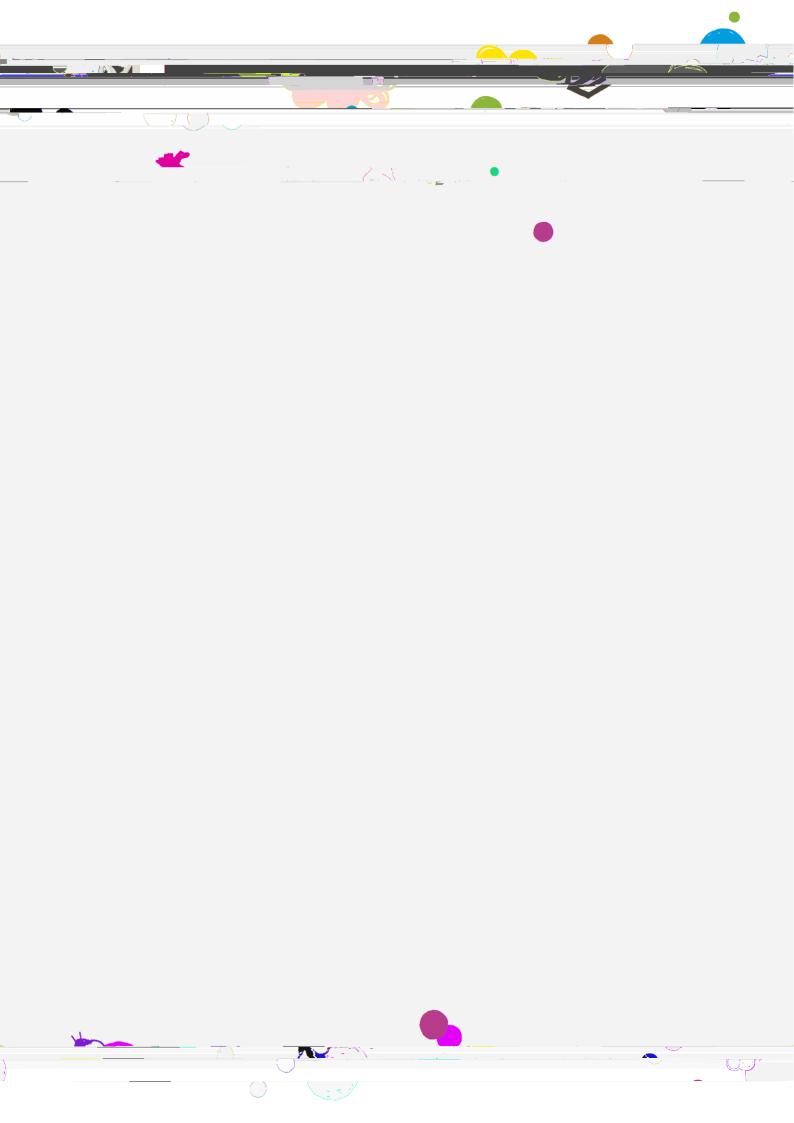
- * MBO level 1: Assistant training. It lasts 1 year maximum. It is focused on simple executive tasks. If the student graduates, they can apply to MBO level 2.
- * MBO level 2: Basic vocational education. The programme lasts 2 to 3 years and is focused on executive tasks.
- * MBO level 3: The programme lasts 3 to 4 years. Students are taught to achieve their tasks independently.
- * MBO level 4: Middle Management VET. It lasts 3 to 4 years and prepares for jobs with higher responsibility. It also opens the gates to Higher education.

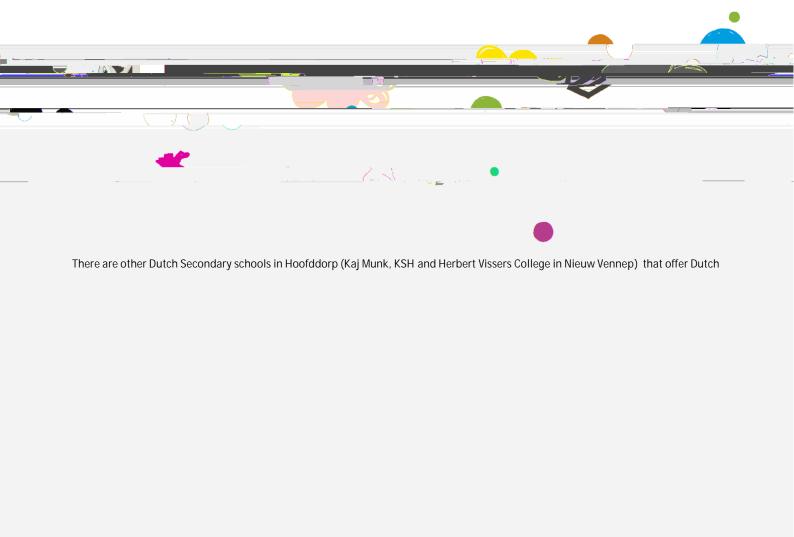
Higher education

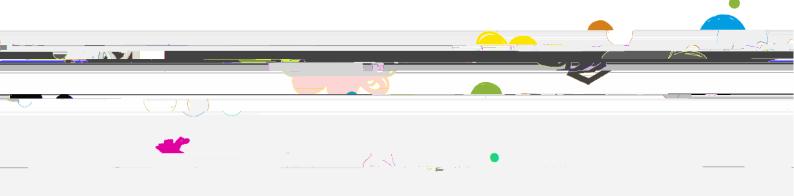
Higher education in the Netherlands is offered at two types of institutions: universities of applied sciences (hogescholen; HBO), open to graduates of HAVO, VWO, and MBO, and research universities (universiteiten; WO) open only to VWO-graduates and HBO graduates (including HBO propaedeuse-graduates).

The HBO (Hoger beroepsonderwijs; literally "higher professional education") comprise of general institutions and institutions specializing in a particular field, such as agriculture, fine and performing arts, or educational training, while the latter comprise twelve general universities as well as three technical universities. HBO institutions are known as universities of applied sciences.

HBO is oriented towards higher learning and professional training. HBO is therefore the equivalent of college education in the United States. HBO graduates can be awarded with the Dutch title Baccalaureus (bc.) or Ingenieur (ing.). Usually, their diploma states the







The advisory committee for the bilingual department of Haarlemmermeer Lyceum applicants is made up of the Group 8 teachers, the Learning Leader, the School Counsellor, the Director of OIS, and the Head of Department for the first year at Haarlemmermeer Lyceum. This committee meets and reviews each student based on the criteria outlined above and final advice is given.

Parents are responsible for applying to the secondary school of their choice. This must be done by the parents via the differ ent schools' application processes and must be done before the advertised deadline. At OIS we organize information sessions about secondary education, in which most secondary schools nearby participate. All secondary schools advertise open days and taster sessions through their websites.

OIS is not responsible for applications to Secondary School.

OIS starts the conversation with parents at the learning conferences in Group 5. Firstly we give advice on the most appropriate learning pathway to follow in Milepost 3 of OIS: the International programme or the DEP. This includes a conversation about length of stay in the Netherlands, future plans, and the best fit for the child. Secondly we want to make sure parents are aware of the secondary school options available. This communication continues in Group 6, 7 and 8.

The final advice for Haarlemmermeer Lyceum applicants will be given halfway through Group 8. This takes place in January or February. Once the final advice for Haarlemmermeer Lyceum bilingual department has been given no changes are made.

Haarlemmermeer Lyceum is responsible for assigning students to specific classes and will communicate this with parents.