Schooladvies

Voorkeurslijst

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Lotnummer

Matching



To Secondary education

ocoamsterdam.nl

Program

What is OCO?

The transition to secondary school in 3 parts:

1. **Schooladvice**
2. **Schoolchoice**
3. **Lottery**

Important dates 2026/2027

Useful websites

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OCO Amsterdam

- independent information
- personal advice
- for Amsterdamse parents and students
- questions, problems, worries and complaints about school
- preschool, primary school, secondary school and mbo
- our help is free

vwo

havo



Deel 1: Schooladvice

pro

vmbo

Path to the future



PRIMARY SCHOOL 8 years

PRO
5 years

VMBO
4 years

HAVO
5 years

VWO
6 years

MBO
1 - 4 years

HBO
4 years

UNIVERSITY
minimum of 4 years

WORK

Possible schooladvices



Praktijk onderwijs



VMBO

- vmbo-basis
- vmbo-b/k
- vmbo-kader
- vmbo-k/g/t
- vmbo-g/theoretisch
- vmbo-t/havo



HAVO VWO

- havo
- havo/vwo
- vwo (atheneum/ gymnasium)



Kopklas

Internationale Schakelklas

How does school form the advice?



Schooladvice



•Decides which level on a secondary school a child goes to

•At least two professionals of school decide

- First conversation in group 7 (june 2026)
  Pre advice in group 8 (january 2027)
  Doorstroomtoets (end of january 2027)
  Definite advice in group 8 (march 2027)

•The advice is based on:
  - testresults group 6, 7 & 8 (focus on reading comprehension and math)
  - social emotional development
  - motivation and behaviour

Doorstroomtoets



- Obliged to make for every child in Netherlands
- Objective view

- The test is end of january 2027

It can only work in the favor of a child!
You are protected with the pre advice.

Are the test results disappointing? For example because of stress moment:
No influence on definite advice.

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Schoolchoice



Schoolchoice

Best school doesn't exist

- 88 secondary schools in Amsterdam

- Schools differ

- What do u find important? What suits for the child?

- Ways that can help:
  - keuzegids (guide)
  - scholenArenA
  - open days (overview: schoolkeuze020.nl/open-dagen)
  - search information and feel the atmosphere

Choose together!

- Does your child need support?
  Ask for the 'zorgcoördinator'



Preference list & applying

You need to make a preference list

- How many schools on the list? Depends on the level

  - **vmbo:** 4 schools
  - **vmbo-t & vmbo-t/havo:** 6 schools
  - **havo, havo/vwo & vwo:** 12 schools

- Hand in your preference list in the applying week (25 - 31 of March 2027)

- The primary school will send the application link before that time

- As long as you apply in that week, you have the same chances.

- No priority rules anymore, same chance for everyone)













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Deel 3: Lottery





Lottery

- Everyone participates in the lottery, except:
  - praktijkonderwijs
  - kopklas
  - internationale schakelklas
  - kleinschalig voortgezet onderwijs (KOVO)
  - voortgezet speciaal onderwijs

- Goal: Placing as much children on school of preference

- You can only be placed at a school of your list (plaatsingsgarantie)

- All children get a random lottery number via the computer

Child with lottery number 1 is first to be placed and will look if school of preference has place.

If not, there will be looked at preference school number 2.
This way all children are placed.



Pre selection

- Do you want to go to IVKO (school focused on art)?
  You need to participate through a selection

- Selected?
  You can put the school on your list

- Not selected?
  School can not be put on the list



Hardheidsclausule

- Are there medical, personal or specific reasons and is only 1 school suitable?
  You can hand in a request to be placed through the ‘hardheidsclausule’

- Granted?
  You are already sure you will go to that secondary school

- Not granted?
  You can participate just like the other children in the lottery

- Hand in request at ‘Centraal Loket OSVO’: between 2 - 12 February 2027

- You’ll know decisio before March 18th 2027

- 2% of the capacity on every school

- OCO can help with writing and a request



Results last year

- 74% on number 1 placed
- 91% in top 3 placed
- 96% in top 5 placed





Important dates for the agenda



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Group 7

- Doorstroomperspectief conversation: June 2026

Group 8

- Pre-advice: before January 31st 2027
- Doorstroomtoets: January 25 t/m 29 2027
- Result doorstroomtoets: before Match 15th 2027
- Definite schooladvice: before March 24th 2027

Important dates for the agenda

- Keuzegids (guide) : before November 6th 2026
- ScholenArenA: November 20 & 21 2026 (Passenger Terminal)
- Start open days: January 4th 2027
  - Applying digitally: March 25th - March 31st 2027
- Result lottery: April 15th 2027
- Second round: April 15th t/m April 19th 2027
- Result second round: April 22st 2027

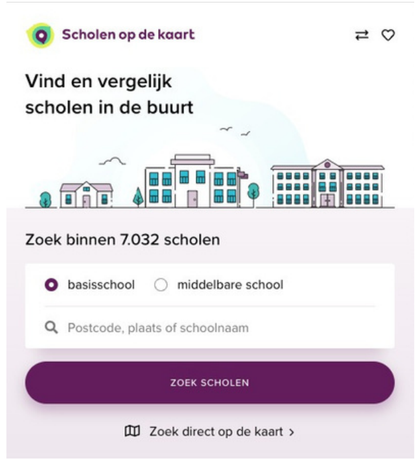
Useful websites



Schoolkeuze 020

Amsterdams
Scholen filteren
Overzicht open dagen

Bezoek website



Scholen op de kaart

Landelijk
Scholen filteren
Onder wi jskwaliteit

Bezoek website



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Amsterdams
Onafhankelijke informatie
Persoonlijk advies

Bezoek website

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Inloopspreekuur

Need advice on choosing a school? Visit
our consultation session at the OBA

OBA Noord

Waterlandplein 302

Every Monday
between 15:00 - 17:00 uur

OBA Nieuw-West

Osdorpplein 16

Elke Tuesday
between 15:00 - 17:00 uur

OBA Zuidoost

Bijlmerplein 393

Elke Thursday
between 15:00 - 17:00 uur