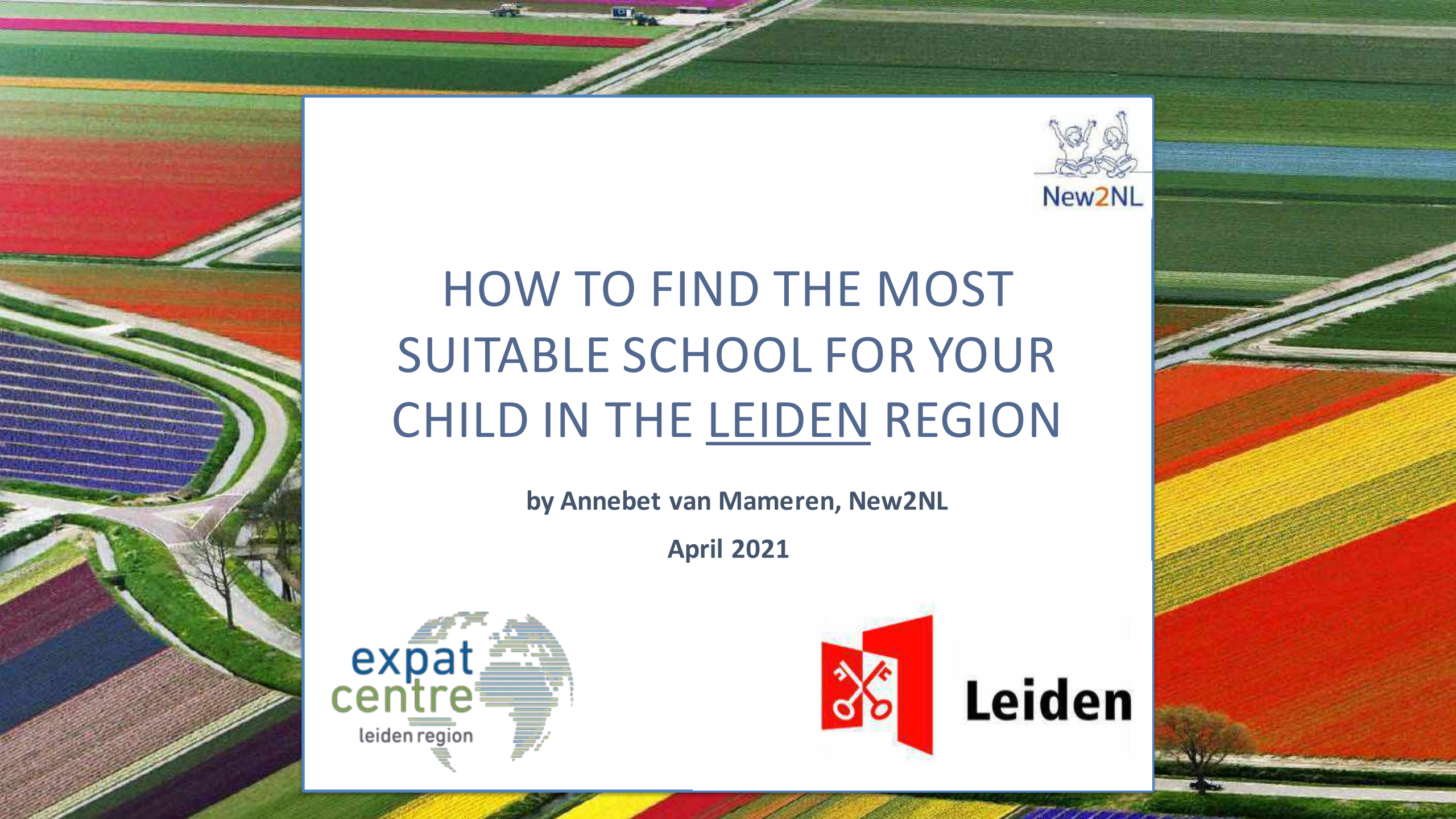

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HOW TO FIND THE MOST SUITABLE SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD IN THE LEIDEN REGION

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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 (€ 30.67 - € 172 per month for 8 hours per week)
- Children with VVE-indication receive 8 hours per week for free
- Daycares with or without preschool program
- TeddyKids: bilingual daycare
- JES Rijnland

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SPL

Smallsteps kinderopvang

Floreo Kids

TEDDY KIDS

jes Rijnland Vertrouwen in je toekomst

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:

New subsidized international school per August 2022 (primary)

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)

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BILINGUAL SCHOOLS

Winford bilingual (per August 2021)

Leidse Houtschool

Haagsche Schoolvereeniging - Den Haag (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
- Merenwijkschool
- De Singel

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

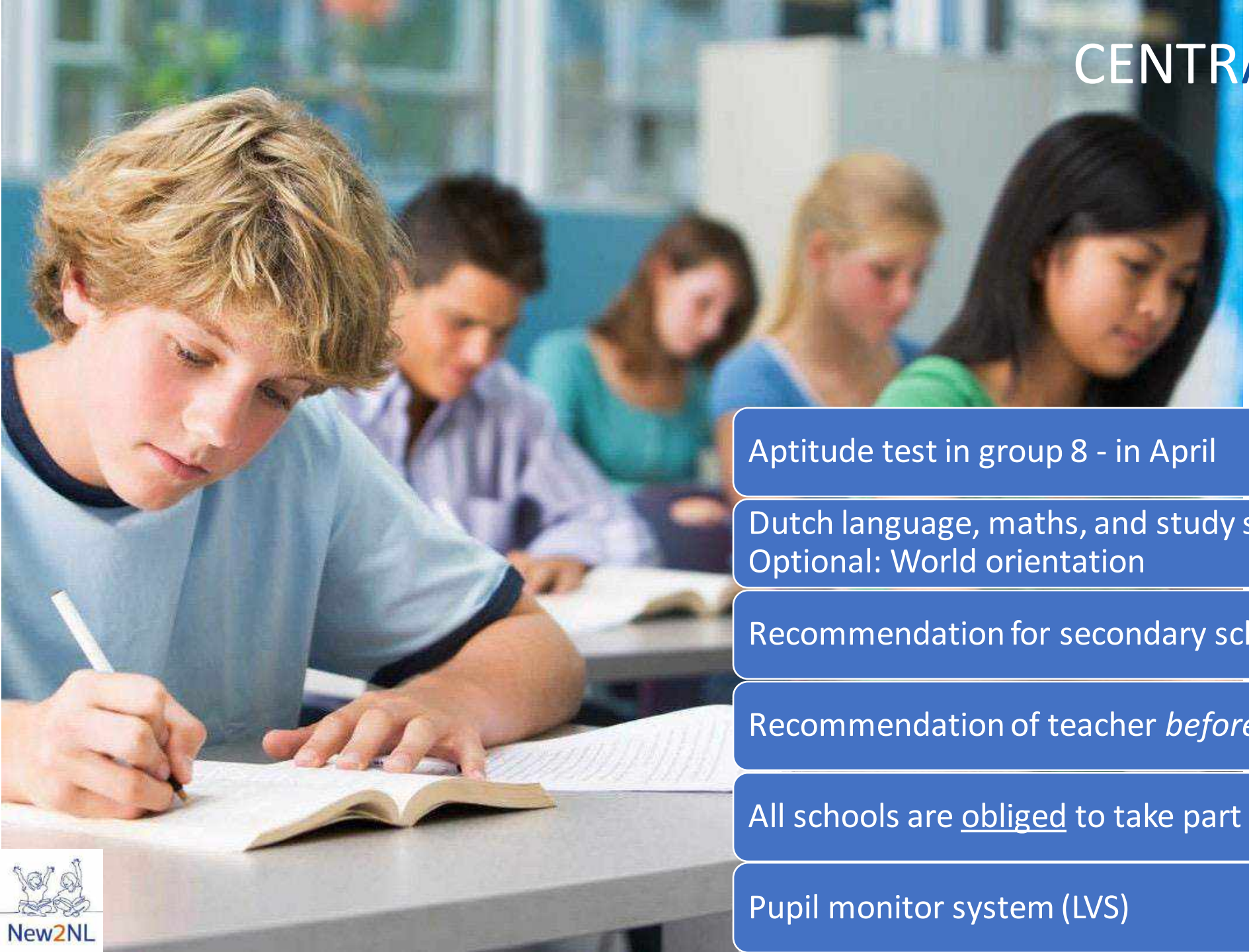
QUALITY OF DUTCH EDUCATION

- 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)

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LEVELS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

VMBO - preparatory secondary vocational education: 4 years

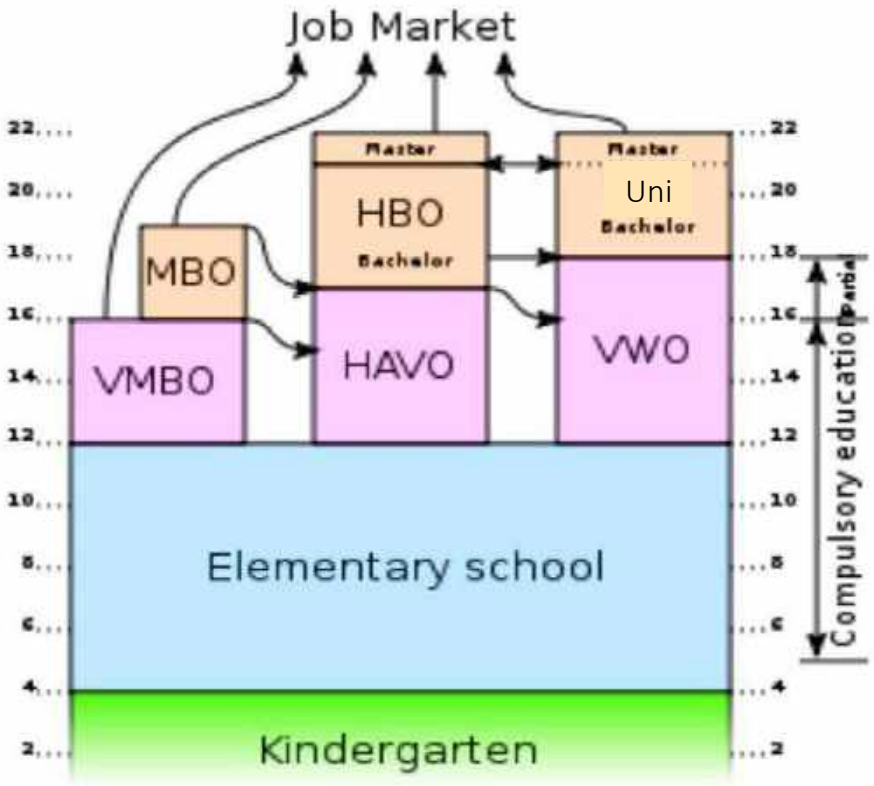
HAVO - senior general secondary education: 5 years

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%.



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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, Real estate agent, Advisor, Engineer (Ing.), Consultant, Midwife, Artist, Pilot

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

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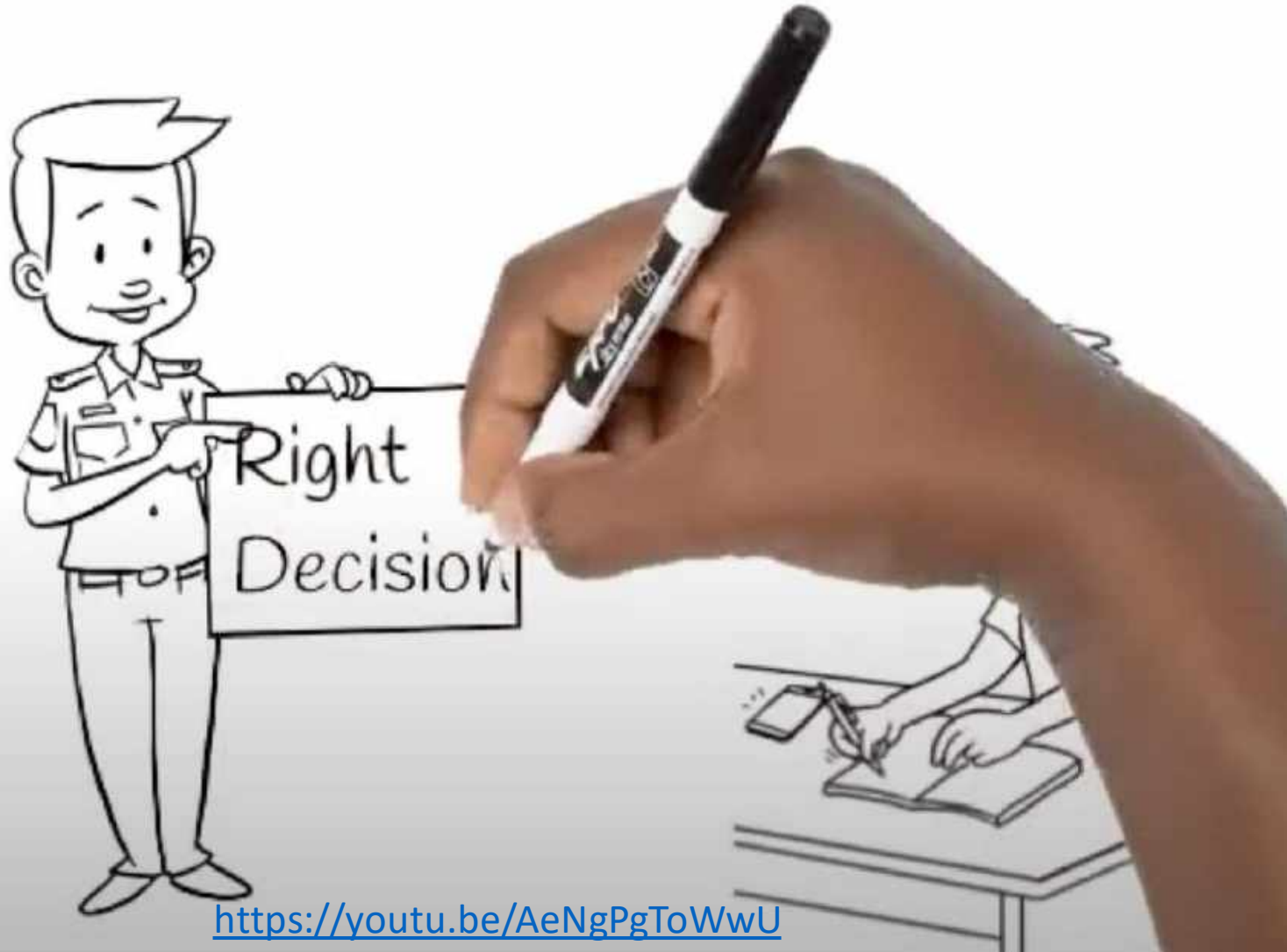
UNRAVELLING THE ACRONYMS IN THE DUTCH SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM



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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 founda-tion 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

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PHILOSOPHIES: MONTESSORI

Montessorischool Apollo (Leiden)

Openbare Montessorischool Oegstgeest

Elckerlyc (Leiderdorp)

"HELP ME TO DO IT MYSELF"

Doodly video on educational philosophies: https://youtu.be/CMP7Yv1UNlU

PHILOSOPHIES: DALTON

De Ley (Leiden)

De Leeuwerik (Leiderdorp)

Daltonschool Oegstgeest

“FREEDOM - INDEPENDENCE - WORKING TOGETHER”

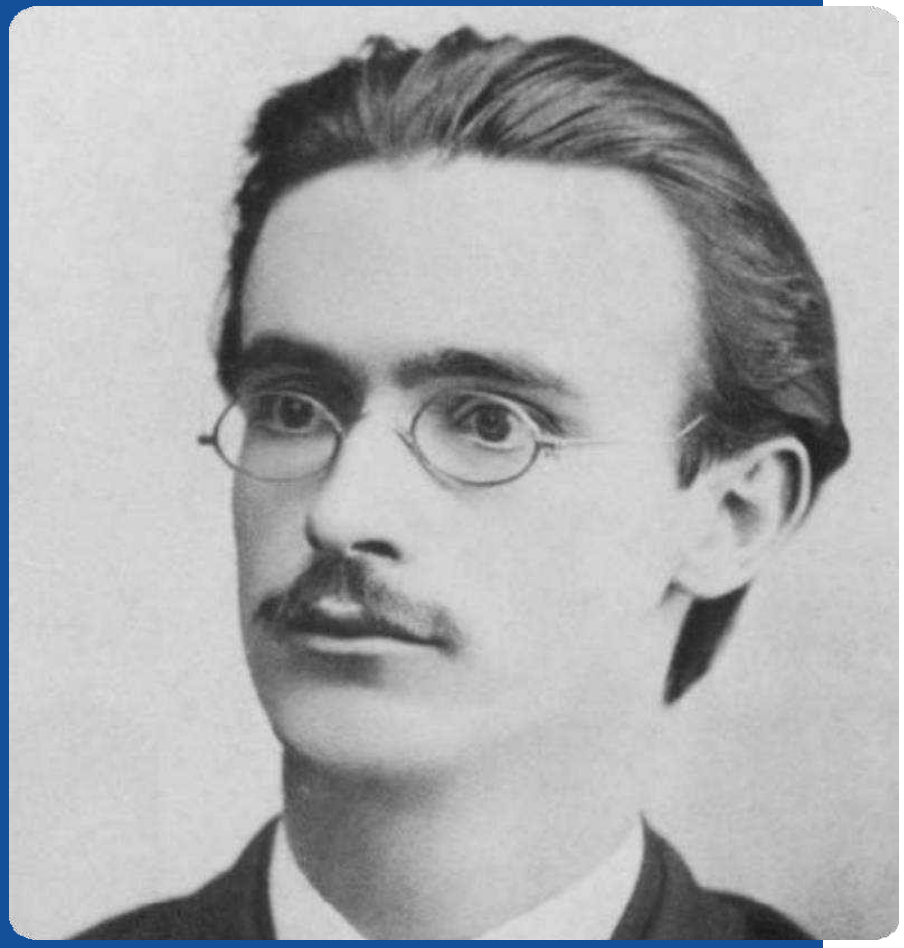
PHILOSOPHIES: JENAPLAN

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

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SCHOOL HOURS & VACATIONS

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

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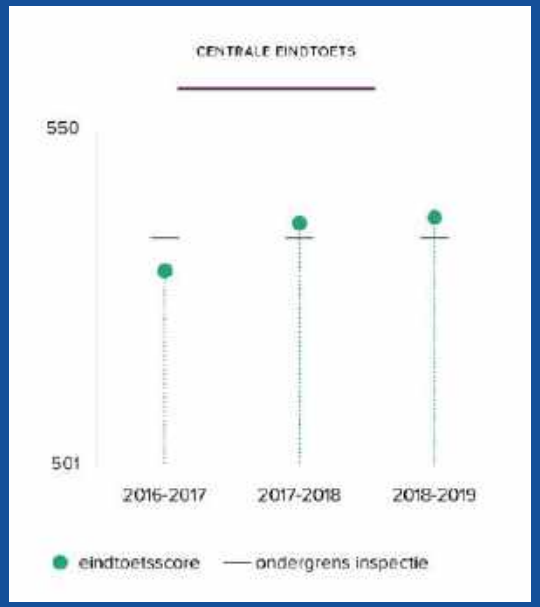
RESULTS (RESULTATEN)

Scholen op de kaart



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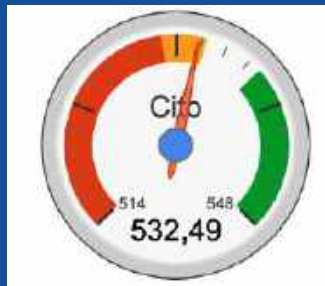

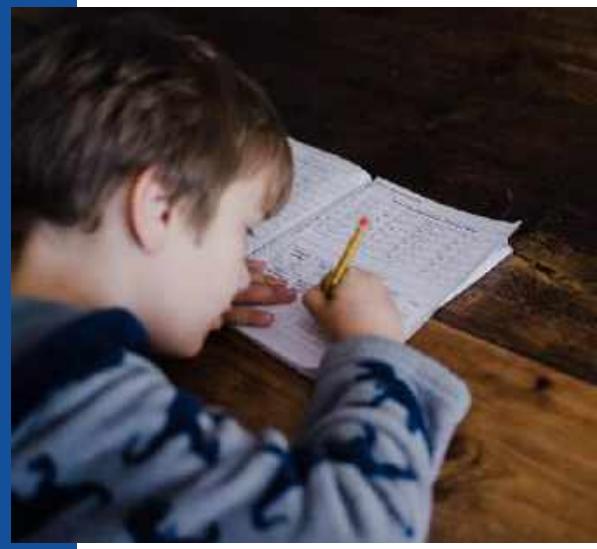

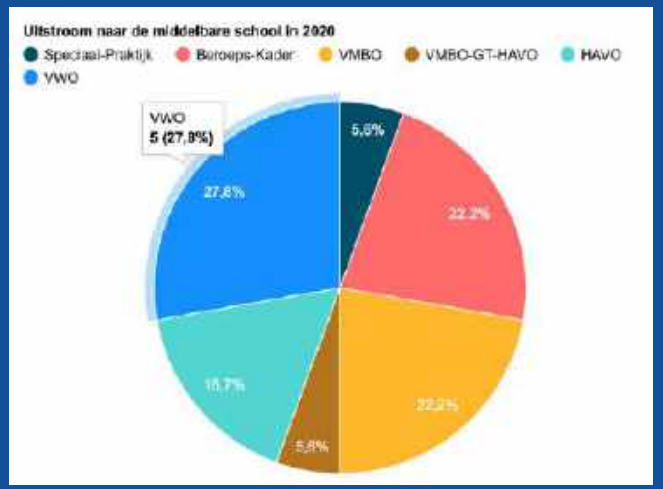

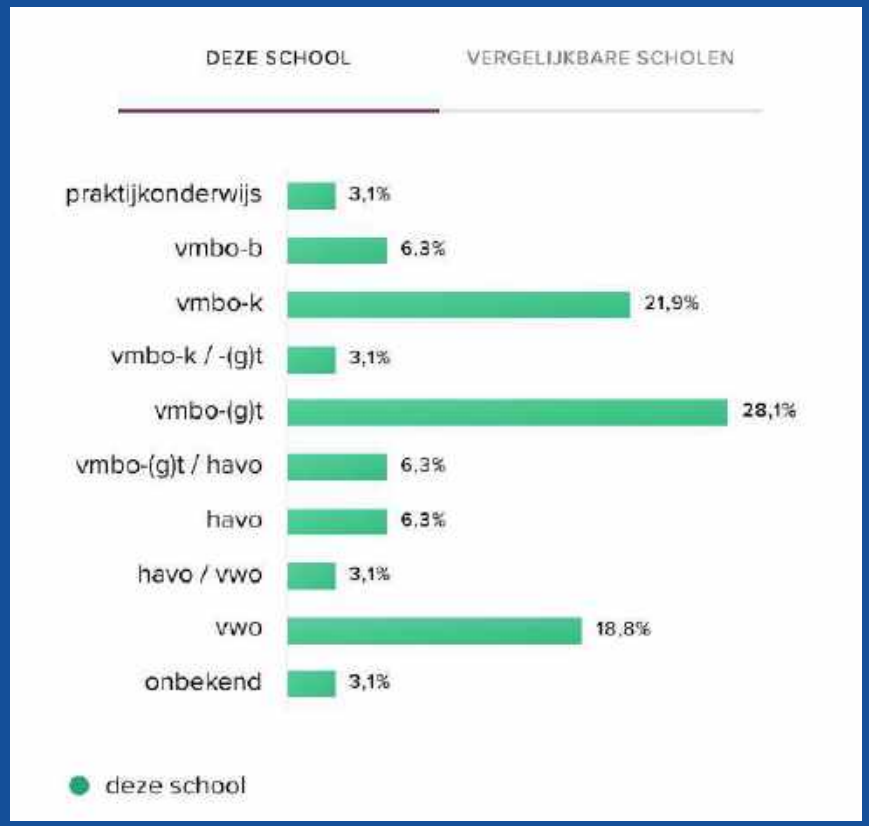

SECONDARY SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION (ADVIES) given to pupils of group 8:

- 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!

https://toezichtresultaten.onderwijsinspectie.nl

HOW TO SELECT A SCHOOL

- Priority criteria
- Educational philosophy/religion
- Average CITO-score + 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

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WHAT MAKES A GOOD SCHOOL?

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YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Make appointments to visit the schools
- Most schools regularly organize ‘information mornings’ (informatie-ochtend) 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

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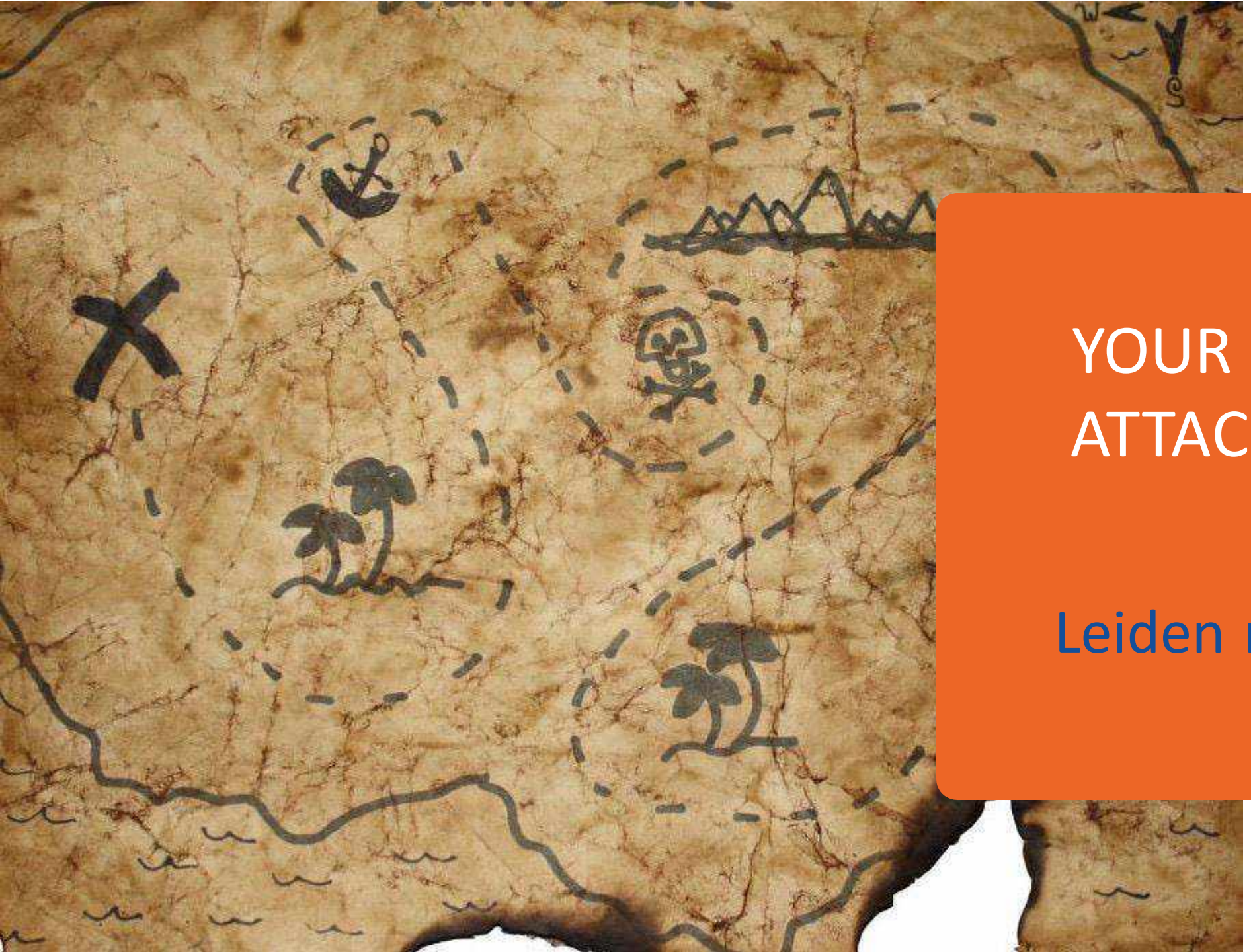

YOUR PLAN OF ATTACK

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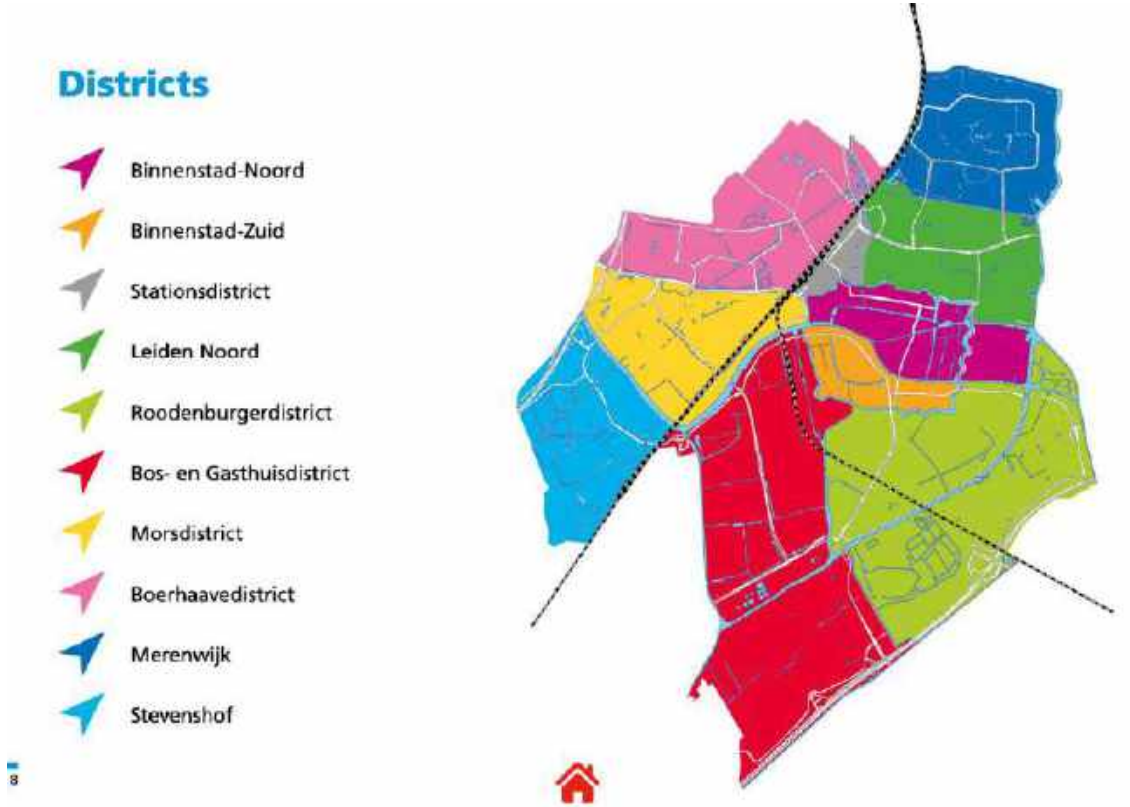
SCHOOLS IN LEIDEN



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www.expatcentreleiden.nl/uploads/tekstblok/schoolkeuzegids_2019_engels.pdf

PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN LEIDEN

14 X OPENBAAR

Incl. Montessori, Jenaplan, and ‘development-oriented’

6 X PROTESTANT
incl. 1x Dalton

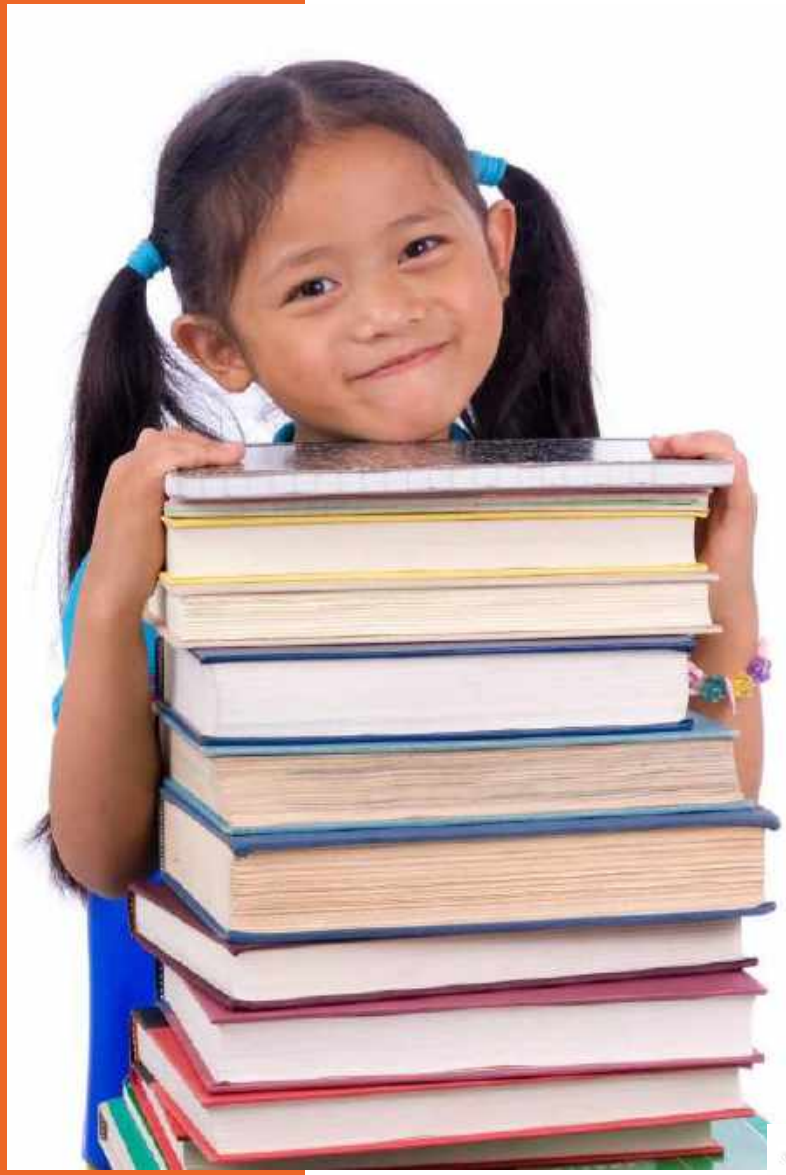
6 X CATHOLIC

1 X ISLAMIC

1 X VRIJE SCHOOL (WALDORF/STEINER)

2 X ‘NEUTRAL’ SCHOOLS WITH THEIR OWN BOARDS

5 X SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL



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INTERNATIONALIZATION

VVTO (English as a subject from group 1)

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

Vrije school Mareland: **German**

IPC (International Primary Curriculum)

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

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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 :-(

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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

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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

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KATWIJK

2x Openbaar
15x Protestant
1x Catholic

Application procedure varies per school

English from group 1:

- Oranjeschool
- Gisbertus Voetiusschool
- 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

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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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