

Admissions procedure Optimist International School

Thank you for your interest in the **Haarlemmermeer Lyceum Tweetalig**. We hope that this page will provide you with all the relevant information you need when considering applying for our school.

Our application period is open from **25 March till 31 March 2026** through De-Overstap.nl ([De Overstap | Regio Haarlemmermeer](#)). All applications submitted thereafter will be considered based on available places.

Entry criteria

Haarlemmermeer Lyceum Bilingual is an internationally oriented school that caters for the needs of foreign students who will be residing in the Netherlands for at least 5 to 6 years. We offer admission to our bilingual and Dutch as a Second Language programmes for students aged 11–14.

Students aged 11–12 and coming from Optimist International School are admitted from level A1.

Admissions process:

Optimist International School and Haarlemmermeer Lyceum Bilingual have created an admissions procedure for students who wish to apply for our school.

In January or February, the Group 7 teacher will provide guidance on the academic level that best suits the student.

A. The advice is derived from benchmark assessments: PTE, PTM, NGRT, NGST, CAT4, PASS

B. The guidance is informed by work ethics, concentration, independence, organization, and social-emotional development.

C. The advisory committee convenes to assess each student against Criteria A and B, providing a final recommendation thereafter.

D. Parents are tasked with submitting applications to their preferred secondary school through **DE-OVERSTAP.NL** from **March 25 to March 31, 2026**.

E. Optimist International School issues a definitive recommendation during the midpoint of Group 7, and no modifications can be made thereafter.

F. On April 11th, the student and parents/guardians will receive the placement letter.

G. In April/May, students will be invited for an introductory meeting.

H. In May, students will take an entry-level Dutch test and a language aptitude test.

I. Haarlemmermeer Lyceum is accountable for the allocation of students to specific classes and will communicate this information to parents by 10 June 2026.

J. On June 24th, all students will meet their class and mentor during the introductory afternoon.

NB. Students from Optimist International School are exempt from the Haarlemmermeer lottery process.