

Admissions procedure Optimist International School

Thank you for your interest in the **Haarlemmermeer Lyceum**. 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** ([Ouderportaal - De Overstap](#)). All applications submitted thereafter will be considered based on available places.

Entry criteria

Haarlemmermeer Lyceum Bilingual is an internationally oriented school that supports foreign students who reside in the Netherlands and will complete their secondary education in the Netherlands.

Students receive education at HAVO or VWO level, taught in Dutch and following the Dutch national curriculum. They complete their secondary education with a Dutch-language diploma. This diploma grants access to universities of applied sciences (after HAVO) and research universities (after VWO).

We offer admission to our Dutch for Academic Succes program for students who have completed DEP 8 at Optimist International School and have achieved at least A1 language level.

Admissions process:

Optimist International School and Haarlemmermeer Lyceum have established a joint admissions procedure for students applying to our school.

In February, the DEP year 8 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 DEP year 7, and no modifications can be made thereafter.
- F.** On April 11th, the student and parents/guardians will receive the placement letter.
- G** In May, students will take an entry-level Dutch test and a language aptitude test.
- H.** In June, students will receive a letter of invitation for our introductory meeting.
- 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.