

EERSTE OPVANG ANDERSTALIGEN (EOA)

Eerste Opvang Anderstaligen (EOA) translated as the first admission of foreign speakers is the new name for the international transition class ISK (Internationale schakelklas). This is the education for students between the ages of 11 (12 during the school year), and almost 18, who do not master the Dutch language sufficiently to partake in mainstream Dutch education.

More and more students from all over the world are knocking on our door. They have left their home countries for many different reasons. At the EOA they learn to master a new language and find their place in Dutch society.

The EOA of the Lodewijk College has fulfilled a regional function since 2011. All newcomers in “Zeeuws-Vlaanderen” take lessons at the Oude Vaart Location of the Lodewijk College

First of all, these newcomers have to feel at home in the Netherlands. Learning to speak Dutch plays an important part in this process.

That is why the EOA offers 16 hours NT2 (Dutch as a second language) per week, 5 hours of maths with the emphasis on the linguistic aspects of maths, 2 hours of swimming so they can achieve an A certificate, 2 hours of other sports, 4 hours of a creative subject, 1 hour of knowledge of Dutch society and 1 counselling hour with a mentor.

This programme will vary during the course because it is made to measure. To help them fit in the students can already get English lessons and maths amongst other subjects, take part in guest lessons in mainstream Dutch classes on all kinds of levels, get work experience in companies, The possibilities are limitless, but always made to measure for the individual student. Also, career orientation receives proper attention.

The EOA core team is equipped with a whole array of specialised tools which have been adapted to all levels and ages.

The groups are small with a maximum of 15 to 16 students per class. The mentor teaches a minimum of 12 lessons per week to his/her personal class. This creates a sound relationship between mentor and student based on mutual trust.

The students of the EOA take part in all school-wide activities like film nights, parties, sports competitions etc.

For each pupil, the main objective is to make a smooth and timely transition to Dutch mainstream education at a level that best fits individual possibilities. This includes the possibility of making a transition to the Dutch labour market.

Intake:

Every youngster is subject to compulsory education as soon as he arrives in the Netherlands. He can be enrolled, even if his/her papers are not (yet) in order. The student, parent(s) and/or guardian needs to be present at the intake. Depending on the linguistic knowledge of the attendees there will be an interpreter present or an interpreter can be contacted on the telephone.

Please bring all available papers and school reports.

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