

Hand-out for parents with a child born from September 1, 2020



New admission policy Primary education Amstelveen and Ouderkerk aan de Amstel

When children reach the age of four, they are eligible for primary school; quite a milestone. With a wide choice of primary schools in Amstelveen and Ouderkerk aan de Amstel, there is always a primary school near your home.

Shared rules for enrolment and registration

The primary schools in Amstelveen and Ouderkerk aan de Amstel, in coordination with both municipalities, will switch to shared rules for enrolment and registration for future four-year-olds. The school boards of Amstelwijjs and Onderwijsgroep Amstelland have decided to do so after positive advice from their participation councils. The boards of the other regular primary schools have decided to participate.

This new admission policy applies to all children born on or after September 1, 2020 and will attend primary school for the first time in the school year 2024-2025.

These new rules for enrolment and registration guarantee every child (under equal circumstances) an equal chance at a preferred primary school. Priority is given at the four schools closest to the homeaddress. Any school can be chosen, priority schools as well as or non-priority schools.

Registration

Around the time your child turns three an enrolment form will be sent. From that moment on your child can be registered for primary school by submitting the enrolment form to the school of your first preference.

Fill in your preferred schools in order and preferably at least four. You can choose any primary school in Amstelveen and Ouderkerk aan de Amstel. Each school processes the enrolment form in a central registration system and sends you a proof of enrolment.

Placement

After the deadline has expired, all enrolled children will be placed during the official placement. Children with an older brother or sister at the school are guaranteed a place at this school. Children living in Ouderkerk aan de Amstel are guaranteed a place at one of the schools in Ouderkerk aan de Amstel.

If the school has enough places for all enrolled children, they will all be granted a place. If there are more enrolments than there are places, children with priority status will be placed first and then all non-priority enrolments will follow.

When your child cannot be placed at the school of first preference, he/she will be placed at the second school of preference. If this school is also full, your child will be placed at the third school of preference, et cetera. The result of the placement will be that every child is placed at the school of the highest possible preference.

After the placement (at least 6 months before the 4th birthday) you will receive a letter from the school where your child is placed. Placement is only certain when this registration has been confirmed and completed.

Introduction

The introduction of this new admission policy will be done in the coming months.

By the end of September 2023 children (born between September 1, 2020 and August 31, 2021) will receive an enrolment form and information about registration for a primary school. From that moment on enrolment can be done (for these children). Applying earlier is not possible.

Always enroll (again)

Children who already have an older sister or brother registered at the school of preference, still need to be enrolled by submitting an enrolment form to this school.

Children with a written confirmation of a place at a specific school, have to re-apply again via the new enrolment form. Deliver the form and a copy of the written confirmation to the school of your first choice.

Born after August 31, 2021

Children born after August 31, 2021 and who attend school for the first time in the school year 2025 - 2026, will receive an enrolment form in October 2024. From that moment on, these children can be enrolled.

More information

From mid-September 2023 information about the new rules for enrolment will be available on the websites of the boards, schools and municipalities.

From that moment on a helpdesk will be there to answer your questions.