

# Schooling Program

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***We help you to find** the best school for your kids*

Assistance in finding your way **in the Dutch school system**

Finding the right school is not just a practical task, it's a crucial step in helping your family feel at home. We offer a comprehensive program to guide your search. If you prefer more intensive support, our tailor-made program can be adapted to meet your family's specific needs. ***Learn how you can give your children the best educational start in the Netherlands.***



Help your little ones  
flourish in their Dutch classroom

## *Every country has its own educational system*

which can make it difficult  
to find your way through the Dutch one.

*What a captivating time! Soon you will relocate to the Netherlands with your family. And your children will start a new exciting chapter as well. They will attend a new school, will proudly tell you all about what they have learned in class, and will meet new friends.*

Arriving in the Netherlands as an expat marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter. But it also comes with a fair share of challenges. While you are still adjusting to Dutch culture, there's a lot to take in.

*In the midst of all this, there's one task that often causes extra stress: finding the right school for your child.*

The Dutch education system is unlike that of many other countries. As an expat, this can quickly feel overwhelming. From the early age at which children start school, to the division between various school types, parental involvement, and the importance of choosing a school that fits your child's learning style, there's a lot to understand.



# *Understanding the Dutch school system is the first step to helping your child feel at home*

To give them a smooth start in their educational journey in the Netherlands, WCFV offers the Schooling Program.

The program includes several key elements designed to support families with school-age children. It begins with an intake before departure to the Netherlands, allowing us to understand the family's specific needs. Participants will receive valuable information and insights about the regional education system. We also offer hands-on support during the school search process, assist in making initial contact with schools, and help schedule appointments. As part of our tailor-made approach, we coordinate and, when desired, accompany families during school visits to ensure a smooth and informed transition.



**From age 4, Dutch children step into a system that values** independence, curiosity, and choice

## *You don't have to do it all alone*



We understand how important it is for your child to be in a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment. A school that not only matches your values, but also understands the emotional and educational needs of international children.

A good school is more than just education; it's part of building a new home. **Let us help you do it with confidence**



Choice is central to Dutch education. **Schools differ, and so do families.**



## ***The Dutch education system stands out in several ways***

- **Early start:** Children begin primary school at age 4.
- **No kindergarten:** The first two years of primary school (groups 1 and 2) are similar to kindergarten, but are part of the same school.
- **Long stay in one school:** Children usually stay at the same primary school for 8 years.
- **Different paths in secondary school:** At age 12, students are placed into different types of secondary education based on their strengths and interests.
- **Focus on independence:** Dutch schools encourage children to think and work independently from an early age.
- **Variety of school types:** There are many types of schools (public, religious, Montessori, Dalton, etc.), but all follow the national curriculum.
- **Biking and freedom:** Most children bike to school and are given quite a lot of responsibility at a young age, something that surprises many international parents!



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*WCFV started this program because we know how important education is. Its impact determines how your child explores the world. Let us guide you in the search of a school that fits your values and your children's needs.*

— Saskia van Donkelaar, Coordinator Schooling Program

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**The question isn't just**  
**'Which school?'** it's 'Which  
environment will help my  
child thrive?'

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Comprehensive  
program, sufficient in  
most cases

## Standard program

€ 665

Assist the family in finding their way  
in the Dutch school system

**Program components,** The following elements will be covered during the program:

- Intake before departure to the Netherlands
- Information and insights regarding regional education
- Support in the search process
- Make initial contact with schools and schedule appointments
- Coordinate school visits

## Tailor Made program

€ 665

+ Hourly Rate\*

Individual  
support

**Program components,**

The following elements will be **extra** in this program:

- Accompanied school visits

Ideal solution for  
situations requiring  
**more intensive support**



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# Happy landing & living in the Food Valley

## Please contact us

If you have **any questions**, please reach out to us via e-mail: [welcome@wcfv.nl](mailto:welcome@wcfv.nl)

We are **happy** to help you!

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