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Going to primary school for the first time

When a child is four years old, they can go to primary school. Registration and allocation of places is done in the same way at almost all primary schools in Amsterdam.

Register for primary school

Around the third birthday of your child, you will receive the primary school preference form (voorkeursformulier) from the municipality of Amsterdam and a brochure with an explanation of the admission policy (beginning of November 2021).

You register your child by submitting this form to the school of your first preference.

We regularly organize information meetings. Are you interested in this? The dates can be found on the website: www.kindercampuszuidas.nl/aanmelden

priority schools

Your child has priority at the eight nearest primary schools. Which schools these are is determined by the walking distance between your child's official home address and the primary school.

When you enter your child's home address and date of birth on:

www.schoolwijzer.amsterdam.nl you will see whether our school is a priority school for your child.

What do you have to do?

If our school is your first preference, please submit the preference form (not a copy or scan) to our school.

- Your child's name, date of birth and home address are pre-printed on this form. If it contains errors, please change it on the preference form.
- Enter at least five primary schools in order of preference. Put your first preference at number 1; put at number 2 the school you choose next, and so on. You can choose both priority schools and non-priority schools.
- Note: Even if an older brother or sister is already at our school, it is necessary that you submit this form to us. In this case, it is not necessary to specify multiple preferences.
- The form must also be handed in if your child goes to the preschool of the school.
- Submit the completed and signed form to our school.
- As soon as we have processed your preference form, we will send you proof of registration by email.

Please check this proof of registration and contact us immediately if there is an error.

In some cases it is necessary to show documentary evidence at registration. This applies in the following situations:

1. your child has a VVE yes indication;
2. your child attends our IKC;
3. the pre-printed residential address on the preference form is incorrect;
4. you use a preference form without pre-printed personal data of your child (blank form).

No preference form

If you do not have a preference form, you can download it from the website of the school boards: bboamsterdam.nl

You can also get this preference form at our school. In this case, always take a proof of address with you, so that we can check the address and personal details of your child.

Delivery dates for the preference form

The date on which the form must be submitted depends on your child's date of birth. The deadlines are for:

- children born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 March 3, 2022
- children born between 1 January 2019 and 30 April 2019 2 June 2022
- children born between May 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019 November 3, 2022

A place in primary school

After the submission date, the urban placement of all registered children will be automated in March, June and November under the responsibility of the school boards.

If there are enough places in a school, all registered children will be placed.

In recent years, more than 90% of children have been given a place in their first preference school.

When there are more children registered at a school than there are places, lots are required.¹

If your child is drawn at our school, he or she will be eligible for the following preferred school(s) you specify. Each child will be offered a place at the highest possible school of your choice.

Place Assignment

Places in all schools are allocated in the following order.

For the 1st preference, this goes as follows:

1. An older brother or sister will be attending school when your child turns 4; your child has a place guarantee.
2. a. The child has a VVE yes indication follows pre-school education at the pre-school affiliated with the school and has the school as a priority school;
b. The child goes to our Integral Child Center (IKC) twice a week for at least 8 months and has the school as a priority school.
3. The parent of the child has an employment contract at the school for an indefinite period.
4. The child has the school as a priority school.
5. The child has no priority at this school.

After that, the registered children who did not come to the 1st preference will be placed as follows:

6. The child has a priority school as 2nd to 10th preference.
7. The child has a non-priority school as 2nd to 10th preference.
8. The child lives outside Amsterdam.

¹ In recent years, Kindercampus Zuidas has placed almost all registered children.

Sign up and register

After placement, you will receive a letter from the school where your child can be placed. This letter states the latest date on which you must inform the school that you want to use this place reserved for your child. Make sure you do this registration on time. Only then will your child have a permanent place at this school; the official registration follows as soon as it is 4 years old and starts at school.

Exception:

If during this registration interview it appears that your child needs special care that our school cannot offer, it may be decided not to admit your child. In consultation with the parents, our school will then arrange for another school that can provide this care.

More information

For questions about the admission policy, you can also contact the helpdesk of the BBO (the joint school boards) tel. 020 716 3801 or Admission Policy@bboamsterdam.nl
On the website of the BBO bboamsterdam.nl you will also find more information about, among other things, the available capacity and the results of past placements.