

## The Netherlands

### Educational Timeline

- School year: September- June; Graduation occurs in June
- Primary education (*primair onderwijs*) is seven to eight years depending on the age upon entrance, and is typically followed by five to six years of secondary education (*voortgezet onderwijs*)
- The Netherlands' educational system allows mobility between and amongst the different secondary pathways. Students presenting educational timelines including multiple "Group A" documents will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

### Group A: Documents That Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Students presenting documents other than those listed below will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

*Hoger Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (HAVO)* Diploma of Senior General Secondary Education  
-Must be accompanied by a corresponding *Cijferlijst* (Transcript of Grades)

*Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)* Diploma of University Preparatory Education  
-Must be accompanied by a corresponding *Cijferlijst* (Transcript of Grades)

*Middelbaar Beroepsonderwijs (MBO)* Diploma of Intermediate Vocational Education (Levels 1-4)  
-Must be accompanied by a corresponding *Cijferlijst* (Transcript of Grades)

### Group B: Documents That Do Not Meet High School Graduation Requirement

Comparable to less than completion of US high school

*Voorbereidend Middelbaar Beroepsonderwijs (VMBO)* Diploma of Preparatory Secondary Vocational Education  
*Voorbereidend Beroepsonderwijs (VBO)* Diploma of Preparatory Secondary Vocational Education (pre-2002)  
*Middelbaar Algemeen Voortgezet Onderwijs (MAVO)* Intermediate General Secondary Education Diploma (pre-2002)

### GPA Calculation

Calculate the cumulative high school GPA by using the final grades (*eindcijfers*) listed on the transcript (*cijferlijst*) accompanying the certificate from "Group A." Convert all the numeric final grades line-by-line to US equivalents and convert to quality points, weighting all grades equally, excluding the separate parts of the combined grade (*Onderdelen van het combinatiecijfer*).

### Grading Scale (May not be all inclusive):

| Description            | Translation         | Numeric Grade      | US Grade | Quality Points         |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|
| <i>Uitmuntend</i>      | Excellent           | 10 ( <i>tien</i> ) | A        | 4                      |
| <i>Zeer Goed</i>       | Very Good           | 9 ( <i>negen</i> ) | A        | 4                      |
| <i>Goed</i>            | Good                | 8 ( <i>acht</i> )  | A        | 4                      |
| <i>Ruim Voldoende</i>  | Amplly Satisfactory | 7 ( <i>zeven</i> ) | B        | 3                      |
| <i>Voldoende</i>       | Satisfactory        | 6 ( <i>zes</i> )   | C        | 2                      |
| <i>Bijna Voldoende</i> | Almost Satisfactory | 5 ( <i>vijf</i> )  | D        | 1 lowest passing grade |
| <i>Onvoldoende</i>     | Insufficient        | 4 ( <i>vier</i> )  | F        | 0                      |
| <i>Gering</i>          | Low                 | 3 ( <i>drie</i> )s | F        | 0                      |

|                    |          |                   |   |   |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------|---|---|
| <i>Slecht</i>      | Bad      | 2 ( <i>twee</i> ) | F | 0 |
| <i>Zeer Slecht</i> | Very Bad | 1 ( <i>een</i> )  | F | 0 |

## Class Ranking

Class rank is evaluated based on a letter written and submitted by the headmaster or principal of the institution from which the student graduated. The letter must confirm both the student's final position in their secondary school class and the total number of students in the graduating class (e.g. the student is 41st in a total graduating class of 112 students). However, students completing tracked or separate degree programs (e.g. *VWO*) must be ranked against all other students in a given class who completed the same degree program.

## Post-Secondary Education

Students will be charged terms of attendance and considered transfer students if they have enrolled as a regular student and attended one or more courses at any of the types of institutions listed below (may not be all inclusive) or any other institution that requires proof of high school graduation as a pre-requisite for admission (subject to review on a case-by-case basis).

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Universiteit</i> | University         |
| <i>Hogeschool</i>   | University/College |
| <i>Academie</i>     | Academy            |

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