

On the way to practical education or pre-vocational education (vmbo) with learning support

Information for parents

Your child is in grade 8 of primary school. Next year, your child will go to secondary school. You had a conversation with the primary school. Maybe your child can go to practical education (pro) or pre-vocational education (vmbo) with learning support (lwoo). That is why the school would like to register your child for additional research. You will find more relevant information in this brochure.

What is practical education (pro)?

Practical education is suitable for students who like to work in a practical way and learn by gaining experience. Schools for practical education are small schools with a maximum of 300 pupils. As a consequence, the teachers know all the students and can provide a lot of guidance. Above all, students learn everything they need, to go to work later on. That is why a lot of cooperation with companies where students do internships is in place. After obtaining their diploma in practical education, students start working or continue learning in secondary vocational education (mbo).

What is a pro+ class?

Some schools for practical education have a pro+ class. Pupils in this class are expected to be able to do pre-vocational education (vmbo), but they have too much learning deficit to start pre-vocational education (vmbo) immediately after primary school. More time is needed to learn the subjects of the pre-vocational education (vmbo). The students are given a lot of practical lessons. They also work on the subjects of the pre-vocational education (vmbo). They do this at their own pace with much help from teachers. The schools and classes are small and quiet. Many of these students can, for example, go on to the pre-vocational education (vmbo) in class 2 or 3.

What is pre-vocational education (vmbo) with learning support (lwoo)?

Pre-vocational education (vmbo) with learning support (lwoo) is intended for pupils who can handle the teaching material of the pre-vocational education (vmbo) immediately after primary school, but sometimes need extra explanation or help with learning. Many pre-vocational education (vmbo) schools therefore make the learning support (lwoo) classes smaller. Other support can also be provided. Homework tutoring, for example, or training to help students learn better. It varies from school to school which guidance is provided and whether it takes place inside or outside the classroom.

Which schools provide practical education/pro+ classes and pre-vocational education (vmbo) with learning support (lwoo)?

On www.koersvo.schoolprofielen.nl you can find out which schools provide this education. The primary school can also tell you which schools are involved.

Why is research necessary?

In order to see what is appropriate for your child, tests are needed. It's not just about language and math tests e.g. that your child takes in primary school. An intelligence test is also needed to find out what your child can handle. This test is taken by people who have been trained for this purpose. The primary school needs your permission to register your child for this. You don't have to pay anything for this. Sometimes it is necessary for the primary school to take another questionnaire about your child's behaviour.

What needs to be done?

There are 5 important steps:

- 1. June/July group 7 or September group 8**
The primary school will ask you for permission to have your child tested.
- 2. October to December**
The research agency takes an IQ test.
- 3. October to December**
You will receive the results of the test.
- 4. September to January**
If necessary, the primary school will take a questionnaire about your child's behaviour.
- 5. January - February**
The primary school will give you school advice. You will receive a form you can register your child at a secondary school with.

Do you have any questions?

You can always contact your child's primary school for more information.