

Protocol Dutch as a second language (NT2)

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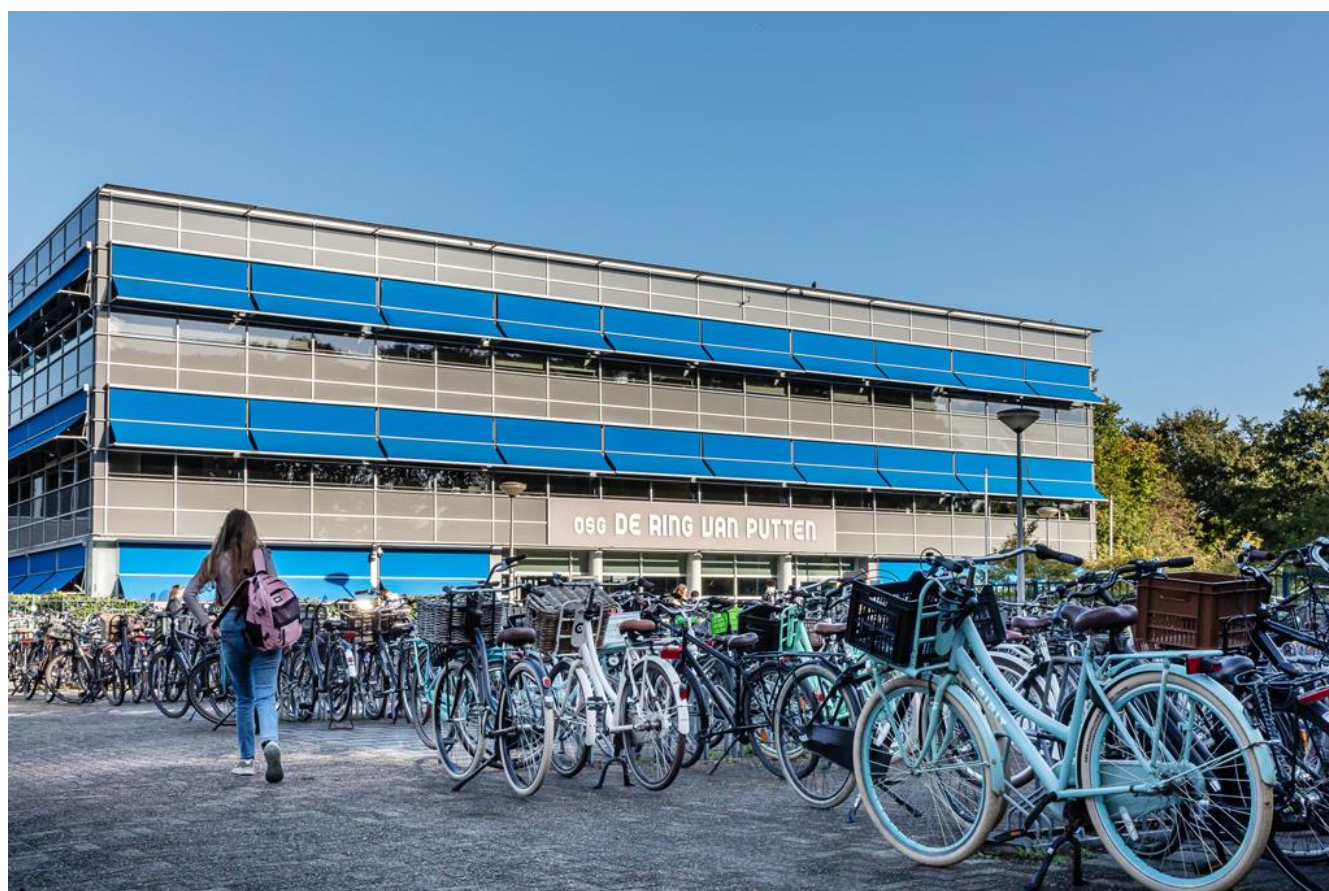


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Introduction

De Ring van Putten believes that every student has the right to good and appropriate education; education that challenges students, meets their capabilities, and takes their limitations into account. This also applies to students who have not lived in the Netherlands for very long and therefore have difficulty with the Dutch language. When these students start at our school, they are still in the middle of the process of mastering a second language. Following lessons and taking tests is an extra challenge for these students. Not only do they have to focus on mastering the subject knowledge, but at the same time work on their Dutch language skills.

To guide these students towards a diploma as best as possible, we offer them extra guidance and support. In this document we explain how we do this at De Ring van Putten.

Yours sincerely,

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1. Definition NT2-student

NT2 means Dutch as a second language. NT2 students were not born in the Netherlands and Dutch is usually not their mother tongue.

The extra support and guidance is only for students who have lived in the Netherlands for less than 6 years.

2. Partial attendance

When children have just arrived in the Netherlands, they often start in a newcomer class or bridging class (ISK) before entering regular education. In Nissewaard there are two ISKs; these are De Kameleon for children aged 6-13 and ISK Nissewaard from 12-18 years. At an ISK, students receive education for a maximum of the first two years in the Netherlands. The goal is to teach the students the Dutch language as quickly as possible. In general, students pick up the Dutch language quickly and can move on to regular education after two years. The language level of NT2 students when entering regular secondary education is sufficient to be able to take part in lessons. However, the vocabulary is still far from being at the level of a Dutch student. Language development continues for approximately another four years.

Students who have almost finished the ISK and receive MAVO, HAVO and/or Atheneum advice can partially attend lesson at De Ring van Putten. This means that students attend classes as guest students at De Ring van Putten one or more days a week. The remaining days they still attend classes at the ISK. In this way, students can experience what it is like to be taught at a regular secondary school and become acquainted with a number of new subjects, such as German or biology. For the Ring van Putten and the ISK, partial attendance is a good way to see whether the advice a MAVO, HAVO and/or Atheneum advice is in accordance with a student's capabilities.

If a student wants to partially attend classes at De Ring van Putten, the ISK will contact our SEN-coordinator. Subsequently, a timetable will be made to suit both schools. De Ring van Putten will provide the new student with books and/or worksheets, if necessary. If a student attends De Ring van Putten for 3 or more days, the student will receive a locker without any costs for parents during the partial attendance.

Students who partially attend De Ring van Putten are not obliged to go to De Ring van Putten when they are ready to transfer completely to a secondary school. They are free to choose for a different school. However, you will be asked to complete a registration form so that students can gain access to the student tracking system.

3. Facilities NT2-students

NT-2 students are entitled to the following facilities until they have been in the Netherlands for 6 years:

Extra time during tests

NT2 students are entitled to 30% extra time in tests and exams. When a test lasts 50 minutes, a student will be allowed to spend an extra 15 minutes on finishing their test or exam.

During testing weeks, students sit in a separate classroom together with all other students who have extra time in tests and exams. Any other test or quiz that does not take place during a testing week will be made in their regular classroom.

NT2 lessons

NT2 students attend weekly NT2 lessons. These lessons are given by teachers from the ISK and Regional Expertise Center (REC) Nissewaard. During these lessons, students are pretaught on biology, history and geography. With pre-teaching, students receive an explanation about the upcoming lesson, any subject related terminology that might be tricky for students can and will be explained. This allows students to better understand the teacher's explanation during the actual lesson. During the NT2 lessons, students also work on strengthening their Dutch language skills and preparing oral presentations.

Use of an NT2 dictionary

NT2 students may use an NT2 dictionary during tests and school exams, unless it is specifically stated that a dictionary is not permitted. The NT2 dictionary was created to learn Dutch if it is not your native language. It uses descriptions without difficult words and clear examples.

This dictionary can be borrowed by students from the school library at De Ring van Putten and may be borrowed for the entirety of the school year instead of the usual 3 weeks. Students will have to express their wish to borrow such a dictionary to the school's librarian.

4. Ending NT2-facilities:

When students have lived in the Netherlands for more than 6 years, they will no longer be entitled to extra time during tests and exams and the use of an NT2 dictionary during tests. The SEN- coordinator will inform students and/or parents about this in advance.

It is also possible that students no longer want to use the facilities themselves, especially in regard to participating in the NT2 lessons. Students below the age of 16 need permission from their parent(s)/guardians and the department coordinator. Students who are (older than) 16 years old can request their department coordinator to stop NT2 lesson without their parents' permission.

Before a decision is made, the department coordinator and the EN-coordinator will assess the request and may ask the NT2 teachers for advice. The decision will be communicated to the parents and/or students by the department coordinator.

5. Exemption from modern foreign language

In many cases, students in the Netherlands study a second modern language as their official school curriculum. English is a compulsory subject and we offer our students the possibility to follow French and/or German. NT2 students can receive an exemption for French and/or German, meaning they do not have to follow this subject. To qualify for exemption, students and/or parents must submit a request to the department coordinator. The conditions associated with this and the extent to which a replacement course must be chosen are explained below.

Exemption for students in the lower forms:

Article 2.3 of the WVO 2020 Implementation Decree states that students who have received comparable education outside the Netherlands and have received little or no education in French or German can receive an exemption from this subject. Students can only receive an exemption through this rule if they have been admitted for the first time to a school for MAVO, HAVO or Atheneum in a higher grade than the first.

It is up to the school to determine whether the student meets the criteria for an exemption.

The students do not have to take another subject in its place. However, it might be possible that students will be asked by their department coordinator to work on a variety of school related tasks.

Exemption for students in the upper forms:

MAVO:

Article 2.33 Implementation Decree WVO 2020 states that if a student chooses a study program that includes a second modern language, they can receive an exemption for this. This only applies if they have also received an exemption in the lower forms or if a student has entered Dutch Education in the upper form. In the event of an exemption, the second modern language is replaced by Arabic language, Turkish language, Spanish language, social studies, history and government, or geography.

HAVO:

Article 2.14 of the WVO 2020 Implementation Decree states that a second modern foreign language is not mandatory in the upper form of HAVO in three of the four study programs. HAVO students can avoid the second modern foreign language by choosing a program which is not 'Culture and Society'.

Atheneum:

Article 2.9 of the WVO 2020 Implementation Decree states that students in the upper form of the atheneum must take a second modern foreign language in addition to English. French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Arabic, Turkish or Frisian can be offered for this purpose. Students can be exempt from this if they have a mother tongue other than Dutch.

It is the school's responsibility to review this on a case-by-case basis. No prior permission from the inspectorate is required for this. Instead of the language, the student must choose an alternative subject with a normative study load of at least 440 hours. The choice depends on the school's offering.

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