

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ALMERE THE NETHERLANDS

INTRODUCTION

This document serves to account for the educational time at the International School Almere for the academic year 2016-2017.

Table 1 presents total number of guided educational hours throughout the year.

The ministry of education (OCW) have set a minimum number of 1040 hours(60minutes) for MYP1-3. For MYP4- DP1, a minimum of 1000 guided hours have been set and for the exam year (DP2), a minimum of 700 hours.

Guided educational activities contribute to the total hours if they meet the following criteria:

1. The activity should be done under the pedagogical responsibility of a thereto qualified member of the teaching staff;
2. The hours should be part of the regular educational programme attended by all students attending the particular grade or stream;
3. The hours should be inspiring and challenging and of adequate level to provide a meaningful contribution to the educational programme of the student.

Customised activities (*Maatwerkactiviteiten*)

A maximum of 60 hours are allocated to customised educational activities. These hours are available to all students, but not seen as compulsory activities. Examples of these activities are after school clubs, community and service activities, assemblies, performances, school play, sports tournaments etc.

EDUCATIONAL TIME TABLE

Table 1

School year	Year Group	Lesson hours per week	Clock hours per week	Standard number teaching weeks per year	Clock hours per year	Activities at the start of the school year	Exams	School trips and excursions	Community & service CAS	Other extracurricular activities	PP/EE	Customized activities	Total clock hours per year	Standard clock hours per year (Per OCW)	Regional correction Urennorm jaarlaag regiocorrectie not calculated	Difference between ISAlmere hours and OCW hours
0	MYP1	33	25	36	891	50		20	20	10		60	1051	1040	0	11
1	MYP2	32	24	36	864	50		30	25	12		60	1041	1040	0	1
2	MYP3i	34	26	36	918	50		70	25	12		60	1135	1040	0	95
2	MYP3b	31	23	36	837	50		70	25	12		60	1054	1040	0	14
3	MYP4i	35	26	36	945	50		70	30	15		60	1170	1000	0	170
3	MYP4b	35	26	36	945	50		70	30	15		60	1170	1000	0	170
4	MYP5i	35	26	36	945	50	23	70	30	15	40	60	1233	1000	0	233
4	MYP5b	35	26	36	945	50	23	70	30	15	40	60	1233	1000	0	233
5	DP1	28	21	36	756	50		70	100	15	30	60	1081	1000	0	81
6	DP2	28	21	29	609	30	23	20	50	10	10	60	792	700	0	92

EXPLANATION OF EDUCATIONAL TIME INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ALMERE

The horizontal rows refer to the parts in the lesson schedule and activities that accounts for the official educator guided educational time for the academic year 2015/16.

The first vertical column refers to the groups per year level.

In calculating the hours, the following two principles have been applied. In calculating the hours, the decimals are rounded off and the minimum number of educational hours actualised were used throughout.

Standard lessons per week

This column represents the number of lessons a student would follow as part of the compulsory lessons offered in the academic programme. These are the regular subject lessons, group mentor lessons, practical (lab) hours and projects.

Standard clock hours per week

The ISAlmere runs 45 minute lessons. This column shows the conversion to 60 minute (clock) hours.

Standard number of teaching weeks per year

The lesson weeks per year are presented twee weeks short of the actual number to compensate for 4 staff study days in the year, 2 staff prep day at the start of the academic year and two lesson free half days at the end of the academic year as well as any other educational time lost through staff absenteeism.

Standard clock hours per year

This column presents the clock hours per year though multiplying the number of clock lesson hours per week by the number of lesson weeks in the year.

Activities at the start and end of the school year

Students spend a minimum of 4 hours at school on the first “administration day”. In all year groups, there is an extended introduction to the school and programme results in 2 and a half school days on an outside location (introductory camp).

The last week of school 25 clock hours have been allocated for activities like the sports day, student activities day, community and service presentation day.

Exams

An average of 23 exam clock hours have been used for MYP5 students and DP2 students with 6 subjects and 26 clock hours for DP2 students with 7 subjects.

School trips and excursions

All students attend one school trip week per year (38 clock hours) for one of the MYP year groups and also for one of the DP year groups. All other year groups follow various excursions within the country through the school year (20 clock hours).

Community&Service and CAS(create,action,service)

For the IB MYP the prescribed compulsory school hours have been added. These hours are year group dependent.

For the IB Diploma programme, students full fill the two-year requirement of 150 hours for CAS. These are split over the two academic years according to approximate workload.

Other extracurricular activities

Students attend a number of extracurricular activities at the school after school hours. These are for example iPad speed-geeking evenings, debating competition, social events related to internationalisation, MUN delegations and parent-teacher meetings related to their academic and social progress.

For these activities a total of 10 clock hours have been calculated.

MYP4 and MYP5 attend an additional two information evenings with regard tot their stream and subject choices. For this an additional 2 clock hours have been calculated.

Personal project (MYP grade 10) and Extended essay (DP)

In MYP4 of the Middle Years Programme 40 hours have been allocated for the personal project as prescribed by the IB. In DP1 and DP2 students are required to spend a minimum of 40 hours over two years on their Extended Essay. These 40 hours have been split over the two years based on approximate workload.

Customised activities (Maatwerk)

Students follow after-school clubs from 15.30-16.30. Students from MYP4 onwards have to participate in at least one after-school club. MYP1-MYP3 students are welcome to join in. These students participate in many competitions and show case their activities during school assemblies and presentations to the parent body and visitors to the school. Examples are Hip Hop dance

club, school play, music performances etc. A maximum of 60 clock hours per year have been used in the calculation.

Total clock hours per year

The sum of all guided educational hours at the ISAlmere per year level.

Standardised clock hours prescribed by OCW per year

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Regional correction (Urennorm jaarlaag regio correctie)

This refers to the regional correction for differences in lesson weeks due to holidays shifting. This has not been taken into account in the calculations.

Difference between ISAlmere hours and OCW hours

This column shows the deficit or surplus of guided teaching hours offered by the school compared to the prescribed hours by the ministry of education (OCW).

**OVERVIEW LESSON TABLE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME
(YEARS MYP1-MYP5)**

Subject	MYP1	MYP2i	MYP2b	MYP3i	MYP3b	MYP4i	MYP4b	MYP5i	MYP5b
Dutch A	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	3
Dutch B	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	3
English A	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
English B	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
Spanish	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Spanish ab initio						3	3	3	3
French	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
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Individuals& Societies	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Science	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Design Technology	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Drama	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Visual Arts	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Music	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Physical Education	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Mentor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assembly	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAAL	33	33	33	34	34	38	38	38	38

OVERVIEW LESSON TABLE IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (DP1 and DP2)

Subject	DP1		DP2	
	Standard Level ⁴	High Level ⁵	Standard Level ⁴	High Level ⁵
Theory of Knowledge ³	2		2	
Assembly ³	1		1	
Mentor ³	1		1	
	Standard Level ⁴	High Level ⁵	Standard Level ⁴	High Level ⁵
Dutch A	3	5	3	5
Dutch B	3	5	3	5
English A	3	5	3	5
English B	3	5	3	5
French	3	5	3	5
Spanish	3	5	3	5
Spanish Ab Initio	3		3	
Self-Taught Language	1		1	
History	3	5	3	5
Economics	3	5	3	
Business and Management	3	5	3	5
Environmental systems and societies	3			
Physics	3	5	3	5
Chemistry	3	5	3	5
Biology	3	5	3	5
Mathematics	4	5	3	5
Math Studies	4		3	
Visual Arts	3	5	3	

³ Mandatory subjects for all students

⁴ Students need to choose 3 subjects from this list

⁵ Students need to choose 3 subjects from this list

* Highly motivated students can choose a 4th subject from the Standard Level list.

* Students that follow 6 subjects have a total of 28 lessons per week and students that follow 7 subjects have a total of 31 lessons per week.