

Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest

Oegstgeest, Netherlands



One of five schools worldwide that piloted the IB Middle Years Programme, pairing Dutch rigor with a bilingual, Leiden-rooted campus.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	59/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	68/100
Prestige & heritage	69/100
Alumni network	1/100
Facilities	68/100
Transparency	61/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest sits in a narrow and serious lane of the Dutch market: a non-religious day school for ages 11 to 18 that teaches in both Dutch and English and carries IB World School accreditation alongside a Dutch curriculum. The point of difference is not vague “international mindedness” but structure. This is one of the five schools worldwide that piloted the IB Middle Years Programme, and that matters because it places the school at an unusual junction between Dutch academic discipline and a programme built around breadth, independent organisation and cross-subject thinking. For families in the Leiden area who want more range than a standard Dutch secondary route without abandoning academic rigour, that is a **rare combination**.

Its market position is also unusually clear. At an average annual day fee of **€8,742**, Rijnlands is not priced like a premium expatriate enclave; it sits far closer to the Dutch mainstream than to the high-fee international sector. That makes it a *high-value* option for parents who want bilingual teaching and an IB footing without paying international-school tariffs. The school's age range, *11–18*, gives it a full secondary ladder, and the bilingual setting will suit students who can handle movement between Dutch and English without treating language support as an afterthought. Parents looking for a soft landing, heavy hand-holding or a glossy all-through campus model should look elsewhere.

The right child for Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest is academically resilient, linguistically confident and happy in a school that asks for intellectual flexibility rather than constant coaching. This is a strong fit for Dutch and internationally minded families rooted in South Holland who want access to both Dutch and IB pathways. It is a weaker fit for students who need a highly sheltered environment or who want a fully international, English-only culture detached from the local system. What puts Rijnlands on a shortlist is straightforward: a foundation date of 1935, a bilingual Dutch-English model, IB World School status, and a long-standing connection to the MYP that gives the school *real educational substance* rather than imported branding. The proposition is *serious, grounded and distinctive*.

STRENGTHS

- Offers both Dutch and IB curricula
- Dutch and English instruction broadens access
- IB World School accreditation is established
- Day school suits Leiden-area families

TRADE-OFFS

- No boarding; unsuitable for non-local families
- Dual Dutch-IB structure may complicate choice
- Founded year is inconsistent across sources

ADMISSIONS

Rijnlands Lyceum Oegstgeest is a non-religious day school in Oegstgeest for pupils aged 11–18, offering both the Dutch route and the IB Diploma, with teaching in Dutch and English. For admissions purposes, the natural entry point is the start of secondary schooling at around age 11, with later entry also possible in older year groups if places exist. The school’s published profile confirms the dual-track structure, but the publicly available material provided here does not set out a detailed admissions timetable or year-by-year intake pattern.

The school also does not publish, in the material supplied here, a full public breakdown of assessment format, interview procedure, or any distinctive selection mechanism for Dutch versus IB applicants. Likewise, no bursary or financial-aid provision is stated in the sources provided. Parents should therefore expect to check directly with the school for current deadlines, required documentation, language expectations, and whether internal assessment or prior school reports are used in placing pupils onto the Dutch or IB pathway. One note of record: the supplied sources disagree on the founding year, listing both 1935 and 1956.

WTS RATING 

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