

Educational organisation of Oscar Romero, short overview.

Oscar Romero is one of the schools of the Tabor-foundation in Hoorn. Purpose of our foundation is to provide high-quality secondary education in Hoorn and surroundings. The foundation was originally based upon Catholic principles, nowadays it's still a private foundation, but with a more general Christian identity. Students of all backgrounds are permitted.

Together the Tabor-schools provide all educational levels that are possible in The Netherlands and within these levels all programs that can be required by schools for vocational studies or universities of different kinds. Within the schools there's a wide range of optional subjects and extra-curricular activities.

At this moment Tabor has 4400 students and the number is increasing continuously. Oscar Romero has 1740 students.

The foundation's board installed three directors, one for each school-location. They are principle of their own school and together they are responsible for the daily management of the whole foundation.

Each location has a number of headmasters, shaping and organising educational activities on their location.

Within Tabor Oscar Romero is the most innovating location with a specific "study-house" for the higher grades of the senior highschool. This attracts national attention. Representatives of the school perform outside the school as experts on the organisation of "new learning".

Oscar Romero enlists students who are being tested and selected by their own elementary schools for middle and higher levels of vocational studies and scientific studies. Oscar Romero provides junior and higher highschool education for these students. The school also has a traditional gymnasium-department (senior high with classical languages).

Students enter our school when they are 12 years old (average) and study on our school for 4 to 6 years, depending on the level or stream.

After one selection-year students are divided over three main streams:

VMBO: theoretical preparation for the middle level of vocational education. 4 years.

HAVO: general theoretical education preparing for university/bachelor studies. 5 years.

VWO: general theoretical education preparing for university/master studies. 6 years.

Each stream is divided in a junior highschool period and a senior highschool period. Each one of these periods has a department-leader who is responsible for the educational results in the department and for the guidance and counselling of the students.

Almost all teachers are member of a department team (although they give lessons in different streams) and are "mentor" of a group of students.

Students in all streams enter national exams, the diploma's give a guarantee to enter the next study-level. The exam-results of the school are good, an average of 90 %.

A special team of raster-makers produces the schedule of lessons and activities. Lessons being planned in units of 50 minutes, with a maximum of 8 lessons on one day.

Schematic picture on the other side.

Oscar Romero, general educational organisation

