



Explanation of the form “Opgave Nationaal Programma Onderwijs”

Special and supplementary funding is provided to primary and secondary schools in the Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba) within the framework of the National Education Programme.

In addition to the fact that this funding is paid in US dollars, the amount per student is structured differently because a number of topics such as specific learning needs, catch-up policy and newcomers are handled differently in the Caribbean Netherlands due to the small scale of education.

Education in the Caribbean Netherlands is inclusive. As a result, the amount provided in supplementary funding is higher than in the European Netherlands. For St Eustatius and Saba, this amount has been increased by a further 16% compared to Bonaire due to higher prices.

The goal of the National Education Programme is threefold:

- to help students overcome the educational impact of the Covid pandemic in the various fields,
- to restore equality of opportunity
- sustainably secure the results to be achieved through the National Education Programme in the short term.

Accountability in terms of budget expenditure is assured by the competent authority of a school in the public entity of Bonaire, St Eustatius or Saba in accordance with the BES Annual Reporting Regulations for Education.

With the form “Opgave Nationaal Programma Onderwijs”, the competent authority provides additional information on the activities carried out in this funding framework.

This form should be sent before 1 July 2026 to the department mailbox:
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