

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HELSINKI

ASSISTED SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS PROFILE

School situations can change quickly, particularly as schools face cutbacks to learning support programs due to the pandemic, current unrest, and economic uncertainty. For the most current information, work with the REO and school. Information in this document was collected by the Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools directly from the school in late 2020. If a field is not specified, please reach out to the REO listed below for more information.



The International School of Helsinki (ISH) The International School of Helsinki is an independent, coeducational day school that offers an educational program from kindergarten through grade 12 for students of all nationalities. The school was founded in 1963. The lower school (K-5) and upper school (6-12) operate on semesters that run from August to June. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

MISSION & VISION

Wellbeing-pursue comfort, health, and happiness for all- Focus on Community, Social/Emotional Development, Wholeness & Balance. Belonging- ensure all kinds of people feel valued within a community-Focus on Individualizing, Collaboration, and Value in Diversity. Autonomy- develop skill in making one's own decisions that matter-Focus on Challenge, High expectations, Self-actualization and Agency. Connection-know one's actions contribute to an increasingly complex world-Broaden experiences, Deepen empathy, Take responsibility, Seek purpose.

ADMISSIONS

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at ishelsinki.fi/welcome-to-ish-admissions.

IN GENERAL, THE SCHOOL CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS WHOSE LEARNING SUPPORT NEEDS ARE

Mild

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

DISABILITIES SERVED

Hearing Impaired	Yes	Behavioral/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Visually Impaired	Yes	Autistic	No
Handicap Accessible	Yes	Non-categorical	No
Learning Disabled	No		
Intellectually Disabled	No		

Use of IEP or ILP
Yes

Teacher Accommodations
Yes

Teacher Accommodations with Learning Support Teacher
Yes

Maximum Hours per Week per Student
Push In **Not Specified** Pull Out **Not Specified**

Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom
Yes

Academic support class
Secondary School
Yes

SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM

No

In Elementary **No**
In Middle School **No**
In High School **No**



Support for special needs preschoolers
Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		1
Psychologist:		1
Social Worker:		1
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Learning Support Teacher:		1
Guidance Counselor:		1

Staffing numbers are listed as full school totals. A breakdown by elementary, middle, and high school levels can be found on the [School Summary Information Portal](#) or by emailing OverseasSchools@state.gov.

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

SCHOOL		COMMUNITY	SCHOOL	
Psycho Educational Assessment:	Yes	No	1:1 Trained Classroom Aide:	Yes
Speech Therapy:	Yes	No	Special Transportation:	No
Occupational Therapy:	No	Yes	Transportation Paraprofessional:	No
Physical Therapy:	No	Yes		
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions):	No	Yes		
Social Skills Group/Social Skills Training:	No	Yes		

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

SCHOOL		COMMUNITY
Reading Specialist:	Yes	No
Reading Remediation:	Yes	No
Reading Programs for Dyslexia (Orton Gillingham, etc.):	Yes	No
Math Specialist:	Yes	No

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to: OverseasSchools@state.gov

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