

BANJUL, GAMBIA

BANJUL AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ASSISTED SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS PROFILE

School situations can change quickly, particularly as schools face cutbacks to learning support programs due to the pandemic, 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 fall 2022 and shows the availability of services rather than an assessment of the quality of the services. The profile is intended as a jumping off point for a conversation with the REO and school to understand the best fit for your child. Definitions may vary school to school. If a field is not specified, please reach out to the REO listed below for more information.



Banjul American International School (BAIS) was founded in 1984. It is an independent, coeducational day school for English-speaking students of all nationalities from pre-Kindergarten (age 2+) through Grade 12 (age 18). The school year extends from late August/early September to mid/late June with approximately 180 days of instruction. Official Gambian holidays are recognized, and long breaks are taken for the December/New Year and spring break. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at www.baisgambia.org/admission.

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

Mild

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	Yes	Multiple Disabilities	No
Visually Impaired	No	Other health impairment	Yes
Autistic	No	Speech or Language impaired	Yes
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes	Traumatic Brain Injury	No
Intellectually Disabled	No		

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations Yes 	Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher No 	Learning Support Teacher No 	Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom No 	Academic Support Class Secondary School Yes
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM No 	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out 0 0	Support for special needs preschoolers Yes 	Use of IEP or ILP Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		0
Psychologist:		0
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		0
Learning Support Teacher:		0
Guidance Counselor:		0

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

SCHOOL COMMUNITY	
U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	No
Reading Remediation	No
Reading Programs for Dyslexia (Orton Gillingham, etc.)	No
Math Specialist	No

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to: OverseasSchools@state.gov

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