

JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL BERLIN

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.



The John F. Kennedy School, founded in 1960, is a bilingual, bicultural, German-American, college-preparatory public school. Students of both nationalities are taught together in the same classroom with the goal of developing respect, tolerance, and understanding for each other and for the partner culture. The school year consists of two semesters normally extending from the third week in August to early July.

Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at jfks.de/admissions.
Special needs information can be found at jfks.de/student-support-services/welcome.

Please speak with the REO if you are considering this post for a high schooler.

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 | Yes | Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed | No |
| Physically or Orthopedically Impaired | Yes | Multiple Disabilities | Yes |
| Visually Impaired | Yes | Other health impairment | Yes |
| Autistic | Yes | 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 Yes | Learning Support Teacher Yes | Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom No | Academic Support Class Secondary School No |
| SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM No | In Elementary: No In Middle School: No In High School: No | Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In: 2 to 4 Pull Out: 2 to 4 | Support for special needs preschoolers No | Use of IEP or ILP Yes |

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

| | | |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Nurse: | | 0 |
| Psychologist: | | 0 |
| Social Worker: | | 2 |
| Special Needs Coordinator: | | 1 |
| Learning Support Teacher: | | 2 |
| Guidance Counselor: | | 3 |

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

| | SCHOOL | COMMUNITY |
|--|--------|-----------|
| U.S. Credentialed 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

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| Reach out to: OverseasSchools@state.gov | Regional Education Officer (REO) | MED/CFP |
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