

MASERU, LESOTHO

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LESOTHO

ASSISTED SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS PROFILE

NOTE: 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 [American International School of Lesotho](#) (AISL) is a non-profit, independent coeducational day school, which offers an American style educational program to students from preschool (age three) through grade eight. The school, founded in 1991, serves the needs of the wider American community and other students seeking an American style education delivered in English. The school year is divided into three trimesters extending from August to November, December to March and March to mid-June. AISL is accredited through Middle States Accreditation (MSA). Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at aislesotho.com/admissions-procedure.

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

Mild, Moderate

While saying yes to many of the above questions, being a small school we have limited resources to provide to a wide range of needs. Having said that, our custom is to talk with potential parents to find out the exact needs of the child to be able to make an informed decision, in consultation with the parents, as to whether what we can provide is enough. There are limited resources for support in the community, but there are more options in the nearby towns in South Africa. Again, depends on the level of support required.

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	Yes
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	Yes		

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations	Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher	Learning Support Teacher	Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom	Academic Support Class Secondary School
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM	In Elementary	Maximum Hours per Week per Student	Support for special needs preschoolers	Use of IEP or ILP
Yes	Yes	Push In Pull Out	Yes	Yes
	Yes	5 5		
	Yes			

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		1
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	1 : 1 Trained Classroom Aide	Yes
Speech Therapy	No		Yes	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		No		

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Regional Education Officer (REO)		MED/CFP
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