

LILONGWE, MALAWI

# BISHOP MACKENZIE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## 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 **Bishop Mackenzie International Schools (BMIS)** The Bishop Mackenzie International Schools (BMIS) is an international, coeducational, day school, which offers an educational program from kindergarten through grade 12 for pupils of all nationalities. The school year comprises of three trimesters extending from mid-August to early December, from early January through late March, and early April to late June. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

### ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [www.bmis.mw/why-bmis](http://www.bmis.mw/why-bmis).

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

**Mild, Moderate**

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

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

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

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

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		1
Psychologist:		0
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Learning Support Teacher:		4
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](mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov).

### SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

SCHOOL		COMMUNITY
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	Yes

SCHOOL	
1 : 1 Trained Classroom Aide	Yes
Special Transportation	No
Transportation Paraprofessional	No

### 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	No		Yes

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Regional Education Officer (REO)		MED/CFP
Dr. Tim Stuart		Child and Family Program Team
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