

# WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA WINDHOEK 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 [Windhoek International School](#) was founded in December 1990, the year in which Namibia achieved independence. It is open to students of all nationalities and is the most diverse community of learners in Windhoek. WIS is a fully accredited coeducational day school offering educational programs, enrichment activities, and learning support services for children aged three through 18. WIS is the only International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in Namibia. It is also the only school in Namibia to offer the U.S. high school diploma. The school follows a northern hemisphere academic calendar. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

### ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [www.wis.edu.na/procedure](http://www.wis.edu.na/procedure). Special needs information can be found [here](#).

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

**Mild**

Admissions decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	Yes	Multiple Disabilities	Yes
Visually Impaired	No	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

<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> No 
<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> Push In Pull Out 5  5	<b>Support for special needs preschoolers</b> Yes 	<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:		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](mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov).

### SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

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

### LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to: [OverseasSchools@state.gov](mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov)

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