

HAMBURG, GERMANY

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF
HAMBURG

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 International School of Hamburg (ISH) was founded in 1957 as Germany's very first international school. It remains the only educational institution in Hamburg accredited by the Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. ISH is an independent, coeducational, state-recognized, supplementary day school that serves students aged three (preschool/kindergarten) through grade 12. The school year comprises two semesters extending from late August 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.ishamburg.org/admissions/welcome. Special needs information can be found [here](#).

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	Yes
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	No		

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	Yes
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out 1.5 2.5	Support for special needs preschoolers	Use of IEP or ILP
No			Yes	Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:	2
Psychologist:	0
Social Worker:	0
Special Needs Coordinator:	1
Learning Support Teacher:	3
Guidance Counselor:	4

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

SCHOOL	COMMUNITY
U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	No Yes
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

Reach out to:	Regional Education Officer (REO)	MED/CFP
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