

NOVA 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.



NOVA International School is an independent, university-preparatory, coeducational, day school that offers an educational program from pre-kindergarten (three-year-olds) through grade 12. The school was founded in 1997, and the campus is situated in a residential neighborhood near the city center. The school year is divided into two semesters and extends from late August to mid-June. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [nova.edu.mk/admissions_policy.aspx](#). Special needs information can be found at [nova.edu.mk/center_for_differentiated_learning.aspx](#).

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	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	Yes
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 Yes
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM No 	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out See REO 10	Support for special needs preschoolers Yes 	Use of IEP or ILP Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		3
Psychologist:		1
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Learning Support Teacher:		6
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	Yes	1 : 1 Trained Classroom Aide	Yes
Speech Therapy	Yes	Yes	Special Transportation	Yes
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	Yes	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	Yes	No

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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