

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FREETOWN

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 Freetown (AISF) began as a U.S. Embassy-sponsored school in 1986. It is a non-profit, private, coeducational day school, which offers an educational program from age three through high school to students of all nationalities. All instruction is in English. For grades PK to grade 8, the school year is divided into three trimesters, beginning in September and ending in June. AISF offers high school education, grades 9 to 12, using an online system for academic courses with onsite electives in PE, Art, and Computer Programming. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at www.ais-freetown.net/home/admission-2. Special needs information can be found [here](#).

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

Mild

Given AISF's small size and given the lack of professional support offered in Freetown, AISF is only able to support children with mild learning difficulties that can be dealt with by the class teacher and assistant.

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	No	Multiple Disabilities	No
Visually Impaired	No	Other health impairment	No
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
No	No	No	No	No
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out 0 0	Support for special needs preschoolers No	Use of IEP or ILP No

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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