

KAOHSIUNG AMERICAN 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.



**Kaohsiung American School** (KAS) is a private, nonprofit, college-preparatory school with an American curriculum modeled on stateside standards and learning objectives. The school serves foreign passport holding students from the international community of South Taiwan. The school calendar includes 182 school days, in two semesters: from August to December and from January to June. Students are enrolled from PK4 to grade 12. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [www.kas.tw/admissions](http://www.kas.tw/admissions).

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

Mild, Moderate

We have limited support in school and there are limited resources (in English) in our city. We would assess each applicant on a case-by-case basis, and convene a committee to review and special needs applications.

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	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> 5 <b>Pull Out</b> 4 	<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:		.5
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		2
Learning Support Teacher:		1
Guidance Counselor:		3.5

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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