

BISHKEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (BIS)

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.



Bishkek International School (BIS) is a liberal, secular, nonprofit community school, founded in 2010 to provide excellent international education in a happy environment for both international and local families in Bishkek. BIS has 380 students from Pre-K through grade 12 (from two to 18 years of age). Around 50% of students are Kyrgyz citizens, with international students representing over 30 countries worldwide. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Admission criteria and procedures can be found at www.bis.kg/school/admissions. Special Needs information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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

Mild to Moderate

Speak to REO about secondary level services.

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	Yes
Visually Impaired	Yes
Autistic	Yes
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes
Intellectually Disabled	No

Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Multiple Disabilities	No
Other health impairment	Yes
Speech or Language impaired	Yes
Traumatic Brain Injury	No

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations Yes 	Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher Yes 	Learning Support Teacher No 	Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom Yes 	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 5 Pull Out 5 	Support for special needs preschoolers Yes 	Use of IEP or ILP Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		2
Psychologist:		2
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.

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

SCHOOL		COMMUNITY
Psycho Educational Assessment	Yes	Yes
Speech Therapy	No	Yes
Occupational Therapy	No	No
Physical Therapy	No	Yes
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions)	Yes	Yes
Social Skills Group/ Social Skills Training	Yes	No

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Regional Education Officer (REO)		MED/CFP
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