

HAVANA, CUBA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HAVANA (ISH)

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 spring 2023 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.



International School of Havana (ISH) is a fully accredited (by NEASC and CIS), private, coeducational day school which offers an academic program from preschool (age two-and-a-half) through grade 12. ISH opened its doors in 1965, which was founded, and currently exists, to offer high quality education to the children of foreign diplomats and members of the expatriate business community in Havana. ISH currently has 55 nationalities on campus. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at www.ishavana.org/www/join-ish/admissions.

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	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	Yes
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 No 	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 Yes 	In Elementary Yes In Middle School Yes In High School Yes	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out Yes Yes	Support for special needs preschoolers Yes 	Use of IEP or ILP Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Social Worker:		0
Nurse:		1
Special Needs Coordinator:		0
Special Needs Teacher:		4
Psychologist:		0
School 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		SCHOOL
Psycho Educational Assessment	Yes	No
Speech Therapy	Yes	No
Occupational Therapy	Yes	No
Physical Therapy	No	No
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions)	Yes	No
Social Skills Group/Social Skills Training	No	No
1:1 Trained Classroom Aide		No
Special Transportation		No
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	Yes

Please note, some schools may have an expectation that parents make arrangements for support services even if they are listed as available.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to: OverseasSchools@state.gov Regional Education Officer (REO) [Dr. Robin Heslip](mailto:hesliprd@state.gov) MED/CFP [Child and Family Program Team](mailto:MEDCFP@state.gov)

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