

ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

# THE ALMATY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (AIS) (QSI ALMATY)

## 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.



**The Almaty International School (AIS) (QSI Almaty)** is a fully accredited American curriculum and Advanced Placement (AP) School, founded in 1993 by Quality Schools International. The school year is comprised of three terms extending from late August until mid-June. AIS is fully accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) and is a member of the Central and Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA). Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

### ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Admission criteria and procedures can be found at [almaty.qsi.org/admissions](https://almaty.qsi.org/admissions).  
Special needs information can be found at [almaty.qsi.org/student-services/learning-support](https://almaty.qsi.org/student-services/learning-support).

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

**Mild to 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	Yes		

### 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
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out 1 0	Support for special needs preschoolers	Use of IEP or ILP
No			Yes	Yes

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Social Worker:		0
Nurse:		2
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Special Needs Teacher:		1
Psychologist:		0
School Counselor:		2

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

### LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

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:	Regional Education Officer (REO)	MED/CFP
<a href="mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov">OverseasSchools@state.gov</a>	Mary Russman <a href="mailto:russmanme@state.gov">russmanme@state.gov</a>	Child and Family Program Team <a href="mailto:MEDCFP@state.gov">MEDCFP@state.gov</a>

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