

# 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 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.



**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](http://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	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	No
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes	Traumatic Brain Injury	No
Intellectually Disabled	No		

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

<b>Teacher Accommodations</b> No 	<b>Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher</b> No 	<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> No 	In Elementary: No In Middle School: No In High School: No	<b>Maximum Hours per Week per Student</b> 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

Social Worker:		1
Nurse:		2
Special Needs Coordinator:		2
Special Needs Teacher:		2
Psychologist:		1
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](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	Yes
Social Skills Group/Social Skills Training	Yes	Yes
1:1 Trained Classroom Aide		No
Special Transportation		No
Transportation Paraprofessional		No

### LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

SCHOOL COMMUNITY	
U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	Yes
Reading Remediation	No
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](mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov) | Regional Education Officer (REO) [Mary Russman russmanme@state.gov](mailto:russmanme@state.gov) | MED/CFP [Child and Family Program Team MEDCFP@state.gov](mailto:MEDCFP@state.gov)