

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA WINDHOEK INTERNATIONAL 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 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 [Windhoek International School](#) was founded in December 1990, the year in which Namibia achieved independence. It is open to students of all nationalities and is the most diverse community of learners in Windhoek. WIS is a fully accredited coeducational day school offering educational programs, enrichment activities, and learning support services for children aged three through 18. WIS is the only International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in Namibia. It is also the only school in Namibia to offer the U.S. high school diploma. The school follows a northern hemisphere academic calendar. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at www.wis.edu.na/procedure. Special needs information can be found [here](#).

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

Mild

We admit children with special needs, if we can meet their needs either with differentiation or with individual education plans (IEPs).

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	Yes	Multiple Disabilities	No
Visually Impaired	No	Other health impairment	Yes
Autistic	Yes	Speech or Language impaired	Yes
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes	Traumatic Brain Injury	No
Intellectually Disabled	Yes		

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations

Yes



Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher

Yes



Learning Support Teacher

Yes



Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom

Yes



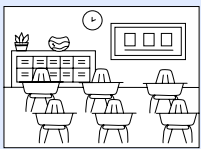
Academic Support Class Secondary School

Yes



SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM

No



In Elementary No
In Middle School No
In High School No

Maximum Hours per Week per Student
Push In Pull Out

4



4

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: 1

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](#)

[Portal](#)

or by emailing

OverseasSchools@state.gov.

SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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

SCHOOL

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	Yes	Yes
Reading Remediation	Yes	Yes
Reading Programs for Dyslexia (Orton Gillingham, etc.)	Yes	Yes
Math Specialist	Yes	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:

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