

JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA

# AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF JEDDAH

## 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 [American International School of Jeddah](#) (AISJ) is a private, community day school, which offers an American educational program to students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12. American passport holders have priority admission status and make up close to 20% of the student body. AISJ serves more than 1,000 students, representing over 40 nationalities, on a single campus located five minutes away from the Red Sea in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The school year consists of two semesters, the first from August to the end of January and the second from early February to mid-June. Read more on the [Overseas School Fact Sheet](#).

### ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [www.aisj.edu.sa/admissions](http://www.aisj.edu.sa/admissions). Special needs information can be found at [www.aisj.edu.sa/academics/learning-support](http://www.aisj.edu.sa/academics/learning-support).

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

**Mild, Moderate, More Intensive**

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

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

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

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

<b>Teacher Accommodations</b>  Yes 	<b>Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher</b>  Yes 	<b>Learning Support Teacher</b>  Yes 	<b>Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom</b>  No 	<b>Academic Support Class Secondary School</b>  No 
<b>SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM</b>  No 	<b>In Elementary</b> Yes <b>In Middle School</b> Yes <b>In High School</b> Yes	<b>Maximum Hours per Week per Student</b> <b>Push In</b> 25 <b>Pull Out</b> 30	<b>Support for special needs preschoolers</b>  Yes 	<b>Use of IEP or ILP</b>  Yes 

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Social Worker:		0
Nurse:		2
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Special Needs Teacher:		12
Psychologist:		0
School Counselor:		5

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

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

### LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

	SCHOOL	COMMUNITY
U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	No	Yes
Reading Remediation	Yes	Yes
Reading Programs for Dyslexia (Orton Gillingham, etc.)	Yes	No
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: [OverseasSchools@state.gov](mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov)

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