

BARCELONA, SPAIN

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (BFIS)

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 [Benjamin Franklin International School](#) (BFIS) is an independent, coeducational, IB world school which offers an English-language, college-preparatory program from Nursery through Grade 12 for students of all nationalities. BFIS is a truly international school with a student body representing 56 nationalities and cultural heritages. BFIS also has a highly engaged school community and strong Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Read more on the [Overseas School Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Admission criteria and procedures can be found at www.bfischool.org/admissions.

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

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

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 |
| No | Yes | Yes | No | No |
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| SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM | In Elementary Yes In Middle School Yes In High School Yes | Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In 0 Pull Out 0 | Support for special needs preschoolers | Use of IEP or ILP |
| No | | | No | Yes |
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SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

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|----------------------------|--|---|
| Social Worker: | | 0 |
| Nurse: | | 1 |
| Special Needs Coordinator: | | 2 |
| Special Needs Teacher: | | 7 |
| Psychologist: | | 0 |
| School Counselor: | | 4 |

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

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

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| Reach out to: | Regional Education Officer (REO) | MED/CFP |
| OverseasSchools@state.gov | Mike Emborsky emborskym@state.gov | Child and Family Program Team MEDCFP@state.gov |

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