



Student Support Policy for 2023-2024

TASIS has limited provision of English Language Development and Learning Support. Students who request or are recommended for ELD or Learning Support must first qualify.

ELD

TASIS provides English Language Development for students who are non-native English speakers. Students are tested upon admission or may be recommended by teachers. Support is typically provided two to three times per week, during the academic day. ELD replaces Portuguese in the Elementary School and French/Spanish in Middle School. Once students meet the WIDA threshold for English language fluency, they graduate from the program. Students are expected to exit the support program within two years or less. If students require further support, the School may provide it, for a fee, where there is space. Otherwise, parents are responsible for this support, typically by hiring an external tutor. Language assessment (WIDA) has an accompanying fee of €75, which is in addition to tuition.

Learning Support

Some students may require additional academic assistance due to diagnosed learning differences and can benefit from the support of trained experts in smaller groups or on an individual basis, in addition to their classroom teachers. In such cases, parents have the following options: (i) Utilize the in-school resources provided by our Learning Support Department for an additional fee (€20/hr), or (ii) Hire an external professional to assist your child with their learning needs, which can be done on campus if desired.

Option (i) requires students in 3rd Grade or higher, to have a psycho-educational assessment by a certified professional. Once this assessment is completed, the School creates an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and accommodations and/or support are provided. If additional resources are required for the accommodations and support, parents are charged a fee in addition to their tuition. For this fee, the student receives curriculum support one to two times a week.

Option (ii) is recommended for students who require more specialized intervention. TASIS Portugal is happy to welcome practitioners on campus so this support can take place during the school day. IEPs and additional fees are not required for students in 2nd Grade or lower to receive internal support.

Student Support in Middle School:

Middle School ELD and Learning Support students are combined into a Student Support class. The focus of Student Support lessons is language and literacy support. Modelling, scaffolding, pre-teaching, and deliberate practice are some of the strategies used for supporting students in literacy-dense subjects. Student Support is offered from 5th to 8th grade. The Student Support team does not offer internal curricular support to IGCSE and IB students. High School students may work with external providers during independent study blocks.

Fees

ELD assessments: €75 (charged upon intake and at the program's completion).
ELD Support & Learning Support (third grade or higher): €20/hour billed at the beginning of each term.