

# AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF COSTA RICA

## ASSISTED SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS PROFILE

School situations can change quickly, particularly as schools face cutbacks to learning support programs due to the pandemic, current 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 late 2020. If a field is not specified, please reach out to the REO listed below for more information.



**The American International School of Costa Rica (AIS)** is a private, nonprofit association founded in 1970. The school serves students from preschool through grade 12. The school year runs from August through June. 85% of our graduates continue their college education overseas.

Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

### MISSION & VISION

AIS provides small-school instruction in a caring environment. Through student-centered instruction, we strive to meet the social, emotional, and intellectual needs of our students. We encourage character building, respect, and leadership. We value cultural diversity and the students' varied learning styles. AIS prepares students to succeed in higher education and the world at large. To prepare responsible, confident leaders who embrace challenges and succeed in a global society.

### ADMISSIONS

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [ais.ed.cr/admissions](https://ais.ed.cr/admissions)

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

**Mild**

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

#### DISABILITIES SERVED

Hearing Impaired	Yes
Visually Impaired	No
Handicap Accessible	Yes
Learning Disabled	Yes
Intellectually Disabled	Yes

Behavioral/Emotionally Disturbed	Yes
Autistic	Yes
Non-categorical	No

Use of IEP or ILP

Yes



**Teacher Accommodations**  
Yes

Teacher Accommodations with Learning Support Teacher  
Yes

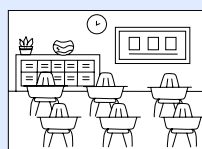
Maximum Hours per Week per Student  
Push In Not Specified Pull Out 12

Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom  
No

Academic support class  
Secondary School  
Yes

#### SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM

Yes



In Elementary Yes  
In Middle School Yes  
In High School Yes



Support for special needs preschoolers

Yes



### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		1
Psychologist:		2
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Learning Support Teacher:		2
Guidance 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

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:	Yes	Yes

#### SCHOOL

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

### LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Reading Specialist:	Yes	Yes
Reading Remediation:	Yes	Yes
Reading Programs for Dyslexia (Orton Gillingham, etc.):	Yes	Yes
Math Specialist:	No	Yes

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Regional Education Officer (REO)

MED/CFP

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