

# AMERICAN NICARAGUAN SCHOOL

## 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 Nicaraguan School (ANS)** is a private, nonprofit, coeducational day school founded in 1944 to provide a college-preparatory American educational program from nursery (kindergarten age three) through grade 12 for students of all nationalities. The school community includes members of the diplomatic corps, foreign and local businesses, Nicaraguan government, and various international assistance groups working in Nicaragua. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

### MISSION & VISION

The ANS Mission is to provide its multicultural student community with a US-accredited college preparatory program, based on democratic and universal values, that develops critical thinkers and ethical individuals capable of realizing their leadership potential by making meaningful contributions to society.

### ADMISSIONS

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [www.ans.edu.ni/admissions](http://www.ans.edu.ni/admissions).

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

**Mild**

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

#### DISABILITIES SERVED

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

Behavioral/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Autistic	No
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: 2, Pull Out: 5

Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom

No

Academic support class

Secondary School

Yes

#### SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM

No

In Elementary: No

In Middle School: No

In High School: No



Support for special needs preschoolers

Yes

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		3
Psychologist:		0
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		0
Learning Support Teacher:		6
Guidance 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		SCHOOL
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
1:1 Trained Classroom Aide:		Yes
Special Transportation:		Yes
Transportation Paraprofessional:		Yes

### LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to: [OverseasSchools@state.gov](mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov)

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