

# THE OVERSEAS SCHOOL OF COLOMBO

## 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 **Overseas School of Colombo** (OSC) is an independent, co-educational day school offering a high quality educational program from early years to grade 12 for students of all nationalities. The school was founded in 1957. The school year comprises of two semesters from August to December, and from January to June. The school offers a strong university preparatory program, varied extracurricular and robust service programs, and has a caring and enthusiastic teaching staff. Read more on the [Overseas School Fact Sheet](#).

### MISSION & VISION

The Overseas School of Colombo shall be a model of excellence in education, nurturing and empowering our community of learners to achieve global success. The Overseas School of Colombo, an IB World School, is committed to guiding our global community toward international and intercultural understanding. OSC develops the whole person as a responsible learner, striving for personal excellence within a culturally diverse environment.

### ADMISSIONS

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

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

**Mild to Moderate**

### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

#### DISABILITIES SERVED

<b>Hearing Impaired</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Behavioral/Emotionally Disturbed</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Visually Impaired</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Autistic</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Handicap Accessible</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Non-categorical</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Learning Disabled</b>	<b>No</b>		
<b>Intellectually Disabled</b>	<b>No</b>		

Use of IEP or ILP



Academic support class  
**Secondary School**  
**Yes**

Teacher Accommodations  
**Yes**



Teacher Accommodations with Learning Support Teacher  
**Yes**



Maximum Hours per Week per Student  
**Push In** 4-5 **Pull Out** 3-4



Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom  
**No**

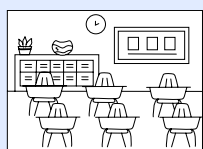


Support for special needs preschoolers



#### SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM

**No**



In Elementary **No**  
In Middle School **No**  
In High School **No**



### SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		<b>1</b>
Psychologist:		<b>0</b>
Social Worker:		<b>0</b>
Special Needs Coordinator:		<b>1</b>
Learning Support Teacher:		<b>2</b>
Guidance Counselor:		<b>3</b>

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](#)

[Portal](#)

or by emailing

[OverseasSchools@state.gov](mailto:OverseasSchools@state.gov).

### SERVICES AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH

#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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

#### SCHOOL

1:1 Trained Classroom Aide:	<b>No</b>
Special Transportation:	<b>No</b>
Transportation Paraprofessional:	<b>No</b>

### LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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