

BEIRUT, LEBANON AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BEIRUT

ASSISTED SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS PROFILE

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 fall 2022 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 [American Community Beirut](#) is an independent, coeducational day school, which offers an educational program from nursery through grade 12 for students of all nationalities. The school was founded in 1905. The school year is divided into semesters extending from September through June. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

Admission criteria and procedures can be found at [their admissions page](#). Special needs information can be found [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

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

Mild

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	Yes	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	No	Multiple Disabilities	No
Visually Impaired	No	Other health impairment	Yes
Autistic	No	Speech or Language impaired	Yes
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes	Traumatic Brain Injury	No
Intellectually Disabled	No		

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations Yes 	Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher Yes 	Learning Support Teacher Yes 	Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom No 	Academic Support Class Secondary School No
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM No 	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Varies Pull Out Varies	Support for special needs preschoolers No 	Use of IEP or ILP No

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		2
Psychologist:		0
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		0
Learning Support Teacher:		3
Guidance Counselor:		6

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	SCHOOL	
Psycho Educational Assessment	No	Yes	1:1 Trained Classroom Aide	No
Speech Therapy	No	Yes	Special Transportation	No
Occupational Therapy	No	Yes	Transportation Paraprofessional	No
Physical Therapy	No	No		
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions)	No	No		
Social Skills Group/Social Skills Training	No	Yes		

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Regional Education Officer (REO)

MED/CFP

Reach out to:

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