

# ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI (ACS)

## 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 School of Abu Dhabi (ACS)** is an independent, coeducational day school, which offers an educational program from preschool through grade 12 for English-speaking students of all nationalities. The school was founded in 1972. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

## ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [www.acs.sch.ae/join-us/admissions](http://www.acs.sch.ae/join-us/admissions).

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

**Mild to Moderate**

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	Yes
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	No	Multiple Disabilities	Yes
Visually Impaired	No	Other health impairment	Yes
Autistic	Yes	Speech or Language impaired	No
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**

Yes



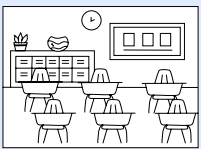
**Academic Support Class Secondary School**

Yes



### SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM

No



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

Maximum Hours per Week per Student  
**Push In** See REO  
**Pull Out** See REO



Support for special needs preschoolers



Yes

Use of IEP or ILP



Yes

## SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		2
Psychologist:		1
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		1
Learning Support Teacher:		8
Guidance Counselor:		8

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		SCHOOL
Psycho Educational Assessment	Yes	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	No	Yes
1:1 Trained Classroom Aide		No
Special Transportation		No
Transportation Paraprofessional		No

## LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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

Regional Education Officer (REO)

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