

AMERICAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

ASSISTED SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS PROFILE

NOTE: 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.

Founded in 1955, [The American Cooperative School \(ACS\)](#) of La Paz, Bolivia, is a private, nonprofit, non-denominational, coeducational international school offering an exceptional educational program for learners in preschool to grade 12. The school year is divided into two semesters extending from August 19 to December 21 and from January 11 to June 2, 2023. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).



ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at acslp.org/admissions.

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

Mild, Moderate

See REO about services in the community.

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	Yes	Speech or Language impaired	No
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes	Traumatic Brain Injury	No
Intellectually Disabled	No		

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations No 	Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher No 	Learning Support Teacher Yes 	Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom No 	Academic Support Class Secondary School No
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM Yes 	In Elementary Yes 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 No 	Use of IEP or ILP Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

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

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	Yes		
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions)	Yes	Yes		
Social Skills Group/Social Skills Training	Yes	No		

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

SCHOOL		COMMUNITY
U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	Yes	Yes
Reading Remediation	Yes	Yes
Reading Programs for Dyslexia (Orton Gillingham, etc.)	Yes	Yes
Math Specialist	Yes	Yes

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

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