

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF DOUALA

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.



The **American School of Douala** (ASD), founded in 1978, is an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian, nonprofit day school. ASD provides an English language educational program following an American curriculum from preschool through grade 12. We are an international community of learners who are acquiring the skills needed to positively impact a rapidly changing world. We provide a supportive, multi-cultural environment with a high standard American curriculum that encourages students to reach their maximum potential. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at [ASD Admissions](#).

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

Mild, Moderate

"Students with special needs are admitted on a case by case basis. Our special needs capacity is limited. We have 3 learning support teachers with some special needs training, a psychologist with a broad knowledge of special needs, and our classroom teachers are provided with professional development opportunities in school to learn about various types of special needs and strategies for teaching students with special needs. Despite our limitations, we are by far the best school in Douala for students with special needs."

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	Yes	Other health impairment	Yes
Autistic	Yes	Speech or Language impaired	Yes
Specifically Learning Disabled	Yes	Traumatic Brain Injury	No
Intellectually Disabled	Yes		

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
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SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM

No 	In Elementary No In Middle School No In High School No	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out See REO See REO	Support for special needs preschoolers Yes 	Use of IEP or ILP Yes
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SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Nurse:		1
Psychologist:		1
Social Worker:		0
Special Needs Coordinator:		0
Learning Support Teacher:		4
Guidance Counselor:		1

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

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to: OverseasSchools@state.gov

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