

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF COSTA RICA

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 International School of Costa Rica (AIS) is a private, nonprofit association founded in 1970. The school serves students from preschool through grade 12. The school year runs from August through June. 85% of our graduates continue their college education overseas. Read more on the [Overseas Schools Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at ais.ed.cr/admissions.
Special Needs information can be found at ais.ed.cr/learning/support-programs.

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

Mild, Moderate

Please speak with REO if you are considering this post for a high schooler.

ABLE AND WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Hearing Impaired	No	Behaviorally/Emotionally Disturbed	No
Physically or Orthopedically Impaired	Yes	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	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 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 28 Pull Out 21 	Support for special needs preschoolers Yes 	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:		2
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	Yes		
Speech Therapy	Yes	Yes	1:1 Trained Classroom Aide	No
Occupational Therapy	Yes	Yes	Special Transportation	No
Physical Therapy	No	Yes	Transportation Paraprofessional	No
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions)	No	Yes		
Social Skills Group/Social Skills Training	Yes	Yes		

LITERACY & MATHEMATICS SUPPORT

	SCHOOL	COMMUNITY
U.S. Credentialed Reading Specialist	No	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

Reach out to: OverseasSchools@state.gov

Regional Education Officer (REO)
Dr. Robin Heslip
hesliprd@state.gov
Tel: +1 (202) 261-8210

MED/CFP
Child and Family Program Team
MEDCFP@state.gov
Tel: +1-202-663-1815

www.state.gov/m/a/os