

FLORENCE, ITALY

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF FLORENCE

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 spring 2023 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 **International School of Florence** is an independent, non-profit, coeducational day school which offers an educational program from preschool through grade 12. The school was founded in 1952. The 2021-2022 school year comprises three terms, extending from September with each reporting period lasting approximately twelve weeks, and concluding in June. Read more on the [Overseas School Fact Sheet](#).

ADMISSIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

The school's admission criteria and procedures can be found at www.isfitaly.org/apply/admissions-process.

Special needs information can be found at www.isfitaly.org/apply/admissions-policy.

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

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT SERVICES

Teacher Accommodations	Teacher Accommodations Learning Support Teacher	Learning Support Teacher	Co-Teaching/ Team Teaching in the Classroom	Academic Support Class Secondary School
No	No	Yes	No	No
SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOM	In Elementary Yes In Middle School Yes In High School Yes	Maximum Hours per Week per Student Push In Pull Out 3 0	Support for special needs preschoolers	Use of IEP or ILP
No			No	Yes

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT STAFF IN THE SCHOOL

Social Worker:	0
Nurse:	1
Special Needs Coordinator:	1
Special Needs Teacher:	5
Psychologist:	1
School 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	No	No
Occupational Therapy	Yes	No
Physical Therapy	No	No
Behavior and/or Autism Specialist (ABA/Behavior Plan/Interventions)	No	Yes
Social Skills Group/ Social Skills Training	No	No
1 : 1 Trained Classroom Aide		Yes
Special Transportation		No
Transportation Paraprofessional		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

Please note, some schools may have an expectation that parents make arrangements for support services even if they are listed as available.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL FIT FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Reach out to:	Regional Education Officer (REO)	MED/CFP
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