

Membership

Criteria for Membership

1. COS Member Schools need to have received full operational licenses from Swiss authorities.
2. COS Member Schools shall have a clearly communicated educational philosophy, mission statement, pedagogical concept, and set of objectives visible on their website and in written documentation, which supports the positive development of each individual child.
3. COS Member Schools need to have a quality curriculum which reflects international standards at each age level and each child's progress is clearly monitored.
4. Staff members of COS Member Schools have the necessary qualifications, diploma recognitions and appropriate experience to fulfill each individual role given within the organization.
5. Teachers of COS Member Schools instructing within an academic curriculum and within a specific language must have that specific language as their strong language (C2 level), not only in fluency of speech but also culturally and emotionally.
What formerly has been described as mother tongue, first language or native speaker-level (academically incorrect terms in the multilingual world today) are nevertheless understandable descriptions of the language level expected of the school's teachers.
6. COS Member Schools' daily operations, their overall leadership, administration, finances and their policies, offer clear long-term stability to ensure a positive learning atmosphere for children and adult employees.
7. COS Member Schools have a clear Health and Safety policy and its implementation is visible at all times.
8. COS Member Schools' location, grounds, materials and equipment are regularly maintained and of good quality to ensure each child's safety and adequate stimulation.

Rules and Regulations

- COS Members agree to keep personal data from other members confidential.
- Any private information about staff will not be disclosed, except in the case of criminal activity committed against individuals.
- COS Members provide educational establishment logos to COS for COS publication purposes only.
- Purchases made in the COS shop may not be resold, copied, or reproduced without COS Board approval.
- Misuse of the COS name or logo will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted.
- Upon becoming a COS member, all members agree to refrain from starting up similar organizations within a five year time period.
- Members may use the COS logo which states their membership status in publications.
- Responsible use of logo includes:
 - no changes in format font or color scheme
 - no appearance in any publication that has a negative impact for COS or COS members
 - no violation of human rights

Apply for membership

Please apply for individual (Sfr. 100.-- p.a.) or institutional (Sfr. 150.-- p.a.) membership.

Each school location sending a head or a representative from the Senior Management Team incurs the annual membership fee. Large schools may nominate up to three representatives.