



KANTO INTERNATIONAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS IN JAPAN

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Age	16–18 years old
Gender	60% girls, 40% boys
Class size	30
School size	1,250
Slogan	Be True, Develop Curiosity, Develop Good Judgment

Goals To empower learners to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become conscientious, active, and productive members of the global community.

Established 1924 by Ms. Hamamoko Matsudaira with the aim of educating women in fulfilling leadership roles in society and commerce. The school became co-ed from 1986.

General facilities The Tokyo campus is conveniently situated near the high-rise buildings of central Shinjuku, five minutes' walk from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building. In addition to homerooms, other facilities include a science room, a music room, two computer laboratories, special language-training facilities, a home economics room, a tea ceremony room, dance rooms, a library, and a gymnasium.

The Katsuura campus (International Training Centre) is located in Chiba prefecture, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. This expansive site covers approximately 370,000m² and has classrooms, dormitories, a hotel restaurant, a gymnasium, equestrian facilities, a pool, tennis courts, soccer and athletic fields, a herb garden, and a farm. Within this wonderful environment, all our students experience a week-long stay twice a year. The Katsuura program includes sports, programs connected to the International Award for Young People, volunteer activities, and outdoor activities through which the students can enjoy nature. The facility is also used as an international educational venue for exchange programs with various countries. It is also where the World School, an international project initiated by Kanto, is held, where bright students and teachers from over 20 partner countries visit to discuss pertinent issues such as environmental concerns.

General ethos Kanto International Senior High School is unlike other international schools in Japan in that we are primarily a Japanese high school

governed by the Japanese Ministry of Science and Education. Classes are taught in Japanese. Students without sufficient fluency in Japanese spend the first year at Kanto's Department of General Education's Liberal Arts course, in intensive Japanese studies through studies in subjects such as Japanese language and social studies (11 hours per week). Students who master Japanese in the first year have the option of studying in various courses offered at Kanto (Japanese intensive language classes are not offered in the second and third year).

We are a Japanese school that constantly asks itself what it means to be "international." We offer an education that has been enhanced with international skills, knowledge, and attitudes in order to empower students with not only a global perspective, but also the ability to constantly question what it means to be responsible global citizens. Our students are kind and caring intellectuals, prepared to take on leadership roles in designing a better future.

Nationalities of children 90% Japanese, 10% non-Japanese

School hours 8:30am–3:10pm and sometimes until 4:10pm. Most of our students stay longer to take part in extracurricular activities.

Usual semester/term dates 1st semester (Apr–Aug), 2nd semester (Sep–Mar).

Usual vacation dates Summer break (end Jul–early Sep), winter break (end Dec–early Jan), spring break (end Mar–early Apr).

Head teacher Mr. Hidenori Fujikura has been a teacher at Kanto International Senior High School for over 30 years.

Key staff Deputy Head Teacher Sayoko Miyazaki; Deputy Head Teacher James Harman; Department of Foreign Studies English, Chinese, Russian, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian Courses Director Reiko Sugaya; Department of Performing Arts Director Hideaki Mizuno; Department of General Studies Director Shinya Sato; University Admissions Director Toshiyuki Tamura; and Admissions and Public Relations Director Shinji Kurosawa.

Staff hired from Locally through websites, newspapers, other advertising media, embassies, and professional recruitment agencies.

Qualifications of staff Must possess valid teaching credentials in the subject area (master's degrees preferred), and be accustomed to the latest teaching methodology and skills.

Awards/recognitions Recognized by the Ministry of Science and Education as a Japanese High School.

Uniform All students are expected to wear the school uniform. Female students are not permitted to wear trousers.

Curriculum We offer 12 different curriculums, depending on the course of specialization, all based on the curriculum recognized by the Ministry of Science

and Education.

Sports Particularly strong in basketball, equestrian sports, softball, volleyball.

Swimming Not taught.

The arts We are the only Japanese private high school in Japan to have a Department of Performing Arts.

Languages taught Chinese, English, Bahasa Indonesia, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Thai, Vietnamese.

Language of instruction Mainly Japanese; languages are taught in the language of study.

Japanese language study support One year of intensive Japanese study designed to merge beginners of Japanese into the Japanese curriculum.

Bicultural children support Japanese language support, entrance examination in a number of languages, and an environment developed to promote cultural diversity and understanding.

Special needs services While no particular facilities or resources are available to accommodate children with special needs, we try very hard to accommodate where possible, on a case-by-case basis.

Gifted child programs Advanced English and science courses available. Other courses use differentiation.

Examinations/standardization tests Japanese High School Diploma.

Typical day All students meet in their homerooms at 8:30am and then proceed to four 50-minute classes until lunch, followed by two–three 45-minute classes in the afternoon. Students take part in various intercultural and other extracurricular activities during lunchtime and after school.

Religious affiliation None.

School lunches Students bring their own lunches.

Disciplinary procedures A chain of communication is followed that involves homeroom and specialist teachers. A great amount of time and emphasis is placed on understanding the reasons behind behaviour that requires disciplinary procedures to be followed. We also encourage those involved to understand the effect that such behaviour has on peers and society as a whole.

Bullying Kanto is a very close-knit community of students who are encouraged at all levels to accept and greatly value cultural diversity and different points of view. A multi-national team of educators work hard to create a constant line of communication with students, aiming to address students' concerns on a day-to-day level. Bullying is not tolerated at Kanto International Senior High School because it runs contrary to our ethos of the open-mindedness that is necessary for the development of truly international citizens.

Separation of older children from younger Students are split into three-year

groups.

Personal development issues including sex education Experts offer sex education classes in the first year, and much emphasis is placed within the homeroom classes on manners and respect for oneself as well as others.

Parking at school Not available.

Nearest stations Shinjuku, Hatsudai (New Keio line), Shinjuku Go-chome (Toei Oedo line).

Transportation to and from school Not provided.

Security Students all wear identification tags, and we have 24-hour, state-of-the-art security monitoring systems throughout the school.

Expected parental involvement We believe that international education is a process in which all who may influence a child's development must play key roles. We encourage parents to take an active role in the student's day-to-day development by keeping in constant communication with the school via an intranet system, as well as through participating in various activities held at school.

Equipment parents expected to provide None.

Homework expectations Vary between one and two hours per night, depending on age level and subject. We encourage students to take an active role in the pursuit of enquiry and the joy of learning, and we like parents to be as supportive as possible with homework assignments.

Annual school trips In the pursuit of international understanding and acquisition of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to create global citizens, we send over 350 second-year students to more than 12 countries each year.

Summer school programs Additional support covering main subject areas is provided to students that need it, and is also given to students studying for university entrance examinations.

After-school/extracurricular activities A large number, including, but not limited to, World School Society; additional language-related extracurricular activities in all the languages taught at Kanto; debate team; sports activities, including equestrian activities, gymnastics, volleyball, softball, basketball, and handball; *kendo*; tea ceremony; modern and traditional dance; cheerleading; photography; music; etc. There are also activities related to the International Award for Young People.

Special school events We have the World School International Forum (end Oct–early Nov), where students representing partner schools in countries and regions located around the world gather for cultural exchange and the discussion of pertinent themes. We also have a summer festival (end Aug), international festival (end Oct), exchange programs throughout the year, and various activities

related to debate, language, and culture.

Social activities for parents/families In addition to PTO meetings, parents are encouraged to take an active role in helping students develop a global perspective. Participation includes assistance in school festivals, international forums, and as home-stay families for numerous short visits by students from partner schools located throughout the world.

Alumni go on to Schools include, but are not limited to, the following: Japan—Kyoto, Ochanomizu, Waseda, Keio, Sophia, ICU, Rikyo, Meiji, Aoyama, Chuo Housei Seikei, Gakushuin universities; other parts of Asia—Beijing, Suchow, Kyun Hee, Far Eastern National, St. Petersburg universities; Australia—Griffith, QUT, ACU universities; USA—SFS, LMU universities, Canada—SFU, Alberta universities; UK—Wales, Surrey, Warwick universities.

Alumni network Our alumni network—which also includes students from partner schools located around the world—plays an active role in school life, including assistance in hosting international forums, school festivals, introductions, and the provision of advice to students seeking information about university entrance around the world, and support for club activities.

Famous alumni Numerous actors and actresses in Japan and other parts of Asia, an NHK announcer, a *Japan Times* reporter, and a radio DJ, among others.

School fees One-time-only fees: application fee ¥25,000, enrollment fee ¥240,000, other entrance fees ¥234,200, uniform fee ¥200,000. Average annual building/education fee ¥47,200 (may differ depending on year and course). Monthly tuition fee ¥52,500 (depending on year and course).

Financial support The enrollment fee of ¥240,000 is waived for students who show exceptionally gifted aptitudes on their entrance examinations.

Sibling discount Not available.

Application procedures The following documents are necessary: a completed application form (with two photos and proof of application fee transfer), a school transcript, and a certificate of graduation or proof of anticipated graduation from junior high school. A pre-interview is necessary to verify qualifications. The screening process includes a writing test in English and mathematics (the test is available in various languages), a review of student records or school transcripts, and an applicant interview (accompanied by a guardian).

Criteria used for acceptance Students must be 15–16 years old on April 1, reside with their guardians in Japan, and have either finished nine years of school curriculum in Japan or another country by March 31, or will have finished Japanese junior high school or the equivalent but have studied in Japan for less than three years. Applicants must also show a strong motivation to learn Japanese and perform at or above grade-level standard.