

General Information of Karyo SHS

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((The Principle))

The principle of education in the school is to develop students who are healthy, energetic, ambitious, and creative. We hope that these students with motivation and the spirit of inquiry will be able to integrate within an international society in the 21st century, based on the spirit of “The Fundamental Law of Education” and the ideals of the foundation of the school and according to the needs of the times.

((The Goals))

To meet the needs of modern society, as the first prefectural institution offering the improvement of education in every respect.

1. To develop broad-minded students who are impressed by the beauty of nature and the wisdom of humanity.
2. To develop students who have the spirit of inquiry and the ability to face their own problems voluntarily and solve them persistently.
3. To develop students who are willing to improve their own mental and physical health, and who understand the value of life.

((The Policies))

The policies are devotedly put into practice through the years in order to attain the aims of education in the school.

1. To make an effort to develop broad-minded students who can live a meaningful life.
2. To make an effort to develop students who can take an active role in international society in the future, while promoting international relations and understanding as well as respecting their own culture and traditional society.
3. To make an effort to develop students of a practical virtue who can look, think and act for them.

((The Characteristics))

We can mention the following three items as the characteristics of the school management.

1. School with an atmosphere of moderation and trust

To achieve this purpose, each student must “look, think, do” in all educational activities and cultivate independence and creativity in a liberal atmosphere. We are all active members of the Junior Red Cross.

2. School with an international aspect

In order to meet the international age, we actively take part in the following -- to engage a foreign teacher, to offer home stays, to have a sister school in a foreign country, to admit foreign students, to exchange letters with foreign students, and so on. We make great use of the data,

places, and opportunities, given by the 116 countries, which are members of the Junior Red Cross.

3. School with a solid guidance for the future

High school days are the time the students decide how they would like to lead their lives in the future. We give sufficient guidance for their lives as a liberal high school.

It is possible for the students to go on to any college or university in any field. We concentrate our educational energies on English teaching and international education in order to train students to take an active part in international society. More emphasis is placed on English than in other schools.

((School Term))

The school term begins in April and ends in March in Japan. Our school terms are as follows.

1 st semester	April 8 – July 17
2 nd semester	August 28 — December 22
3 rd semester	January 8 — March 18

*During the semesters, there are summer, winter and spring vacations.

((The Day's Schedule))

	Monday – Friday
Short Homeroom	8:50 ---- 9:00
The 1 st Period	9:05 ---- 9:50
The 2 nd Period	10:00 ---- 10:45
The 3 rd Period	10:55 ---- 11:40
The 4 th Period	11:50 ---- 12:35
Lunch Time	12:35 - --- 13:20
The 5 th Period	13:20 - --- 14:05
The 6 th Period	14:15 ---- 15:00
The 7 th Period	15:10 ---- 15:55
Cleaning	15:55 ---- 16:05

Our school begins at 8:50 am on Monday to Friday and ends at 4:05 pm. Before the day's lesson, we have a 10-minute homeroom. Notification is given about schedules and additional information from the homeroom teachers. The students themselves are supposed to clean the educational facilities after the 7th period.

((Credit System))

Japanese schools use the credit system. One credit is given for a lesson of one hour per week for a year. Our school requires the students to obtain about 34 credits in each school year.

((International Education at Karyo SHS))

1. English Seminar for freshmen (April)

We hold a 1-day English Seminar for the 1st graders in the English course. They learn English through various communicative activities in groups with the help of native English speakers who are assistant language teachers (ALTs) and Japanese teachers of English (JTEs).

2. Home-stay Program in English Speaking Countries (July– August)

We offer the opportunity of home-stay program in English speaking countries to the 2nd grade students. This summer, they will spend three weeks in Brisbane, Australia. The program includes tutorials from qualified ESL teachers and experiences of the high school life.

3. School Open House (August)

Every summer, we hold workshops and seminars for potential English course students from Junior High Schools. This includes example ALT classes, Internet education, and watching a school promotional video.

4. School Excursion in Taiwan (December)

Every year, 2nd graders have an annual trip to a foreign country for the purpose of international understanding and cultural exchange.

5. Special Training for STEP (Society for Testing English proficiency) Test

The majority of students take a written test and, if successful, continue onto a spoken proficiency test administered by STEP and the Ministry of Educational, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. (Monkasho).

6. The Opportunities of an Exchange Student Program

We welcome 1 to 3 exchange students from abroad every year. So far more than 50 students from 20 countries (France, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, Thailand, Iceland, Switzerland, the U.S., Germany, Finland, Spain, Romania, Korea, Sweden, Slovenia, Latvia, Holland, and Italy) have studied in and enjoyed Karyo High School's atmosphere. Also many Karyo High School students have received scholarships for study abroad programs in Australia, Belgium, Canada, France and the U.S.

((School Event))

SCHOOL EVENT			
APR	Year opening ceremony Entrance ceremony Orientation Physical examination		Accepting exchange students English seminar
MAY	PTA meeting 1st exams Physical examination	Junior Red Cross volunteer service Class match	
JUN		Students' meeting	English proficiency exam
JUL	2nd exams Evacuation drill PTA meeting	Baseball tournament Junior Red Cross volunteer service	English proficiency exam Overseas home stay program
AUG	Summer vacation	Junior Red Cross volunteer service	Open House Accepting exchange students
SEP	Cultural & Sports festival	Election of student council	
OCT	Second semester opening ceremony 3rd exams	Junior Red Cross volunteer service	English proficiency exam
NOV		Students' meeting Junior Red Cross volunteer service	English proficiency exam
DEC	4th exams Evacuation drill Second term closing ceremony School trip (Taiwan, 2nd graders)	Class match Junior Red Cross volunteer service	
JAN			English proficiency exam
FEB	Road race		English proficiency exam
MAR	Graduation ceremony 5th exams Entrance exams Year closing ceremony	Class match	