

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 sister schools in foreign countries, 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.

1st semester	April 9– July 20
2nd semester	August 31 — December 21
3rd semester	January 8 — March 20

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

## The Day's Schedule

	Monday – Friday
Short Homeroom	8:50 ---- 9:00
The 1st Period	9:05 ---- 9:50
The 2nd Period	10:00 ---- 10:45
The 3rd Period	10:55 ---- 11:40
The 4th Period	11:50 ---- 12:35
Lunch Time	12:35 - --- 13:20
The 5th Period	13:20 - --- 14:05
The 6th Period	14:15 ---- 15:00
The 7th 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Medical checkups		Accepting exchange students English seminar
MAY	Physical fitness test PTA's general meeting Midterm exams	Junior Red Cross volunteer service	
JUN	Orientation meeting of English Course (I)	Students' meeting	English proficiency exam
JUL	Term-end exams Evacuation drill	Baseball tournament Junior Red Cross volunteer service	English proficiency exam Overseas home stay program

	Parent-teacher-student meeting		
AUG	Summer vacation Extra-curricular lessons	Junior Red Cross volunteer service	Open House Accepting exchange students
SEP	Cultural & Sports festival Appreciation education (Drama)	Election of student council Traffic Safety lesson	PNU exchange program
OCT	Second semester opening ceremony Midterm exams	Junior Red Cross volunteer service	English proficiency exam
NOV	Orientation meeting of English Course (II)	Students' meeting Junior Red Cross volunteer service	English proficiency exam
DEC	Term-end exams Evacuation drill Second term closing ceremony School trip (Taiwan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders)	Class match Junior Red Cross volunteer service	
JAN	Third term opening ceremony		English proficiency exam
FEB	Road race	Blood contribution	English proficiency exam
MAR	Graduation ceremony Year-end exams Entrance exams Year closing ceremony	Class match	