



Meikei High School

Meikei – Making the Difference

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About Meikei High School



Our Mission

"We aim to nurture young learners who contribute to the humanity and the nation, with well-balanced intellectual, moral, physical abilities and rich creative thinking skills."

In 1979, Meikei High School was founded by Meikei Kai, the alumni association of the University of Tsukuba, to provide education to the children of researchers in Tsukuba, the international Science City of Japan. Since then, we have been committed to holistic, all-round education that values students' decision-making power, resilience, and a rich sense of humanity.

Our History

Meikei High School was founded as a progressive education school by Meikei Kai, the alumni association of Tokyo Normal Higher School (the first teacher-training school for secondary-level education in Japan, currently known as the University of Tsukuba), which has a history of 130 years. Our creative education has fostered the unique characteristics of each student. Many Meikei graduates have achieved outstanding success in various fields including scientific research, medicine, business, education, and arts in both domestically and internationally. Their achievements are the proof of the significance of Meikei education.



Our Journey of Growth



As an IB World School

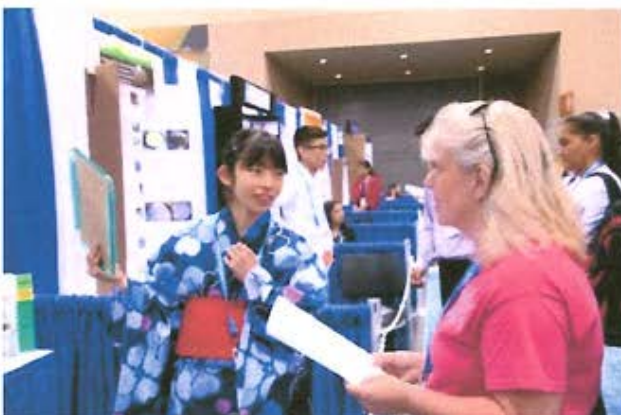
In 2016, Meikei High School was authorized to offer the Diploma Programme (DP) by the International Baccalaureate. Since 2022, many subjects are taught in English and international students have easy access to the international-standard education. Offering an international-standard curriculum both in English and Japanese, our school plays an active role as a World School.

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.





To Be a Global School

Meikei High School has accepted many "returnees," or Japanese students who have lived abroad. We currently have approximately 250 returnees, which corresponds to about 17% of the total student population of 1527.

Our school is also characterized by the diverse international students from Europe, America, and Asia, and other regions. In recent years, we have signed agreement with many prestigious schools around the world. About a total of 200 students visit our school for academic, cultural and sports exchange, and various school experiences.

Meikei as a Super Science High School (SSH)

Meikei High School has been designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as a Super Science High School (SSH) which offers practical education on science and technology. Our mission is to help students to acquire scientific thinking and decision-making skills through a wide variety of events and curriculums. We aim to ensure our students can collaborate with others in exploring how to tell the right information from the wrong, cultivating a sense of scientific ethics, and addressing global issues.



Outstanding Achievements

- "Japan Science and Technology Agency Award (科学技術振興機構賞受賞)" Japan Science & Engineering Challenge (JSEC)
- Japan national team member, intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), Arizona, US
- "Best Presentation Awards" Global Science Link, Singapore



Individual Research Project

Every Senior 2 student works on the individual research project, in which they decide their own research topic, design a study, and investigate under the supervision of a teacher for a year. The subjects of study include not only natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, but also a wide range of areas such as arts and sports science. This project is called "the Thesis at Age 17."

Their research activity stimulates the students to think seriously about their future. It even serves as the starting point of their professional career, and some alumni pursued their research after graduation and became a researcher, architect, craftsperson, and artist. The individual research project not only cultivates students' academic skills but motivates them to take a first step toward their future.



Collaboration with Universities

In July 2019, Meikei High School signed a "Global Promotion Agreement" with the University of Tsukuba. Starting with this agreement, we also formed agreements with International Christian University (ICU), Seikei University, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, and Juntendo University. We are to facilitate all aspects of educational and research exchanges to nurture talents with a global perspective for the future.



Our Two Courses: MG and IB

MG Course: Japanese Curriculum

MG course is for those who aspire to go a university in Japan. To study in MG course, students need to have JLPT N3 or higher level of Japanese proficiency at the beginning of Senior 1. International students in MG course study most subjects with Japanese students. Some subjects such as classic Japanese and social studies have special classes for students with no or limited Japanese educational background, so they can start learning from the basics.

Senior 1: Students study a wide range of subjects, including humanities, science, physical education, and arts. At the end of the academic year, they undertake the "Individual Research Project." Throughout the project, they explore their field of interest, which provides them food for thought in considering their future career.

Senior 2: Students select suitable subjects considering their career after graduation. Most subjects are elective, and students engage in more specialized and advanced learning. Meikei High School is particularly strong in science, and more than half of the students pursue the path in science.

Senior 3: Students plan and prepare thoroughly for the university entrance examination.

After graduation: With a Japanese high school diploma, most students enter universities in Japan. They take various paths including humanities and arts, and many students proceed to the science and medical field.

IB Course: A Worldwide-Standard Curriculum

The IB course is suited for those who aim for admission to both Japanese universities and universities worldwide. In the IB course, Senior 1 students can take many subjects in both Japanese and English. From Senior 2, they may take all subjects in English. Therefore, even non-native speakers of Japanese can earn credits in English.

Senior 1: It serves as a preparatory period for the IBDP course. While students mainly follow the Japanese curriculum, they also start their study in the IB curriculum using both Japanese and English. From January of Senior 1, they begin to the worldwide-standard curriculum.

Senior 2: The IBDP is not only an effective preparation for university admission, but it is also a high-level, balanced program that cultivate necessary skills for life. It is composed of three core elements, namely "Theory of Knowledge" (TOK), the "Extended Essay" (EE), and "Creativity, Activity, Service" (CAS), and six-subject groups, which offer students with detailed and diverse learning opportunities. Students may take most subjects required to earn diploma in English, by selecting classes delivered in English.

Senior 3: Students take the final exam in November to obtain an IB diploma. Depending on the score of the exam, they decide which universities to apply for.

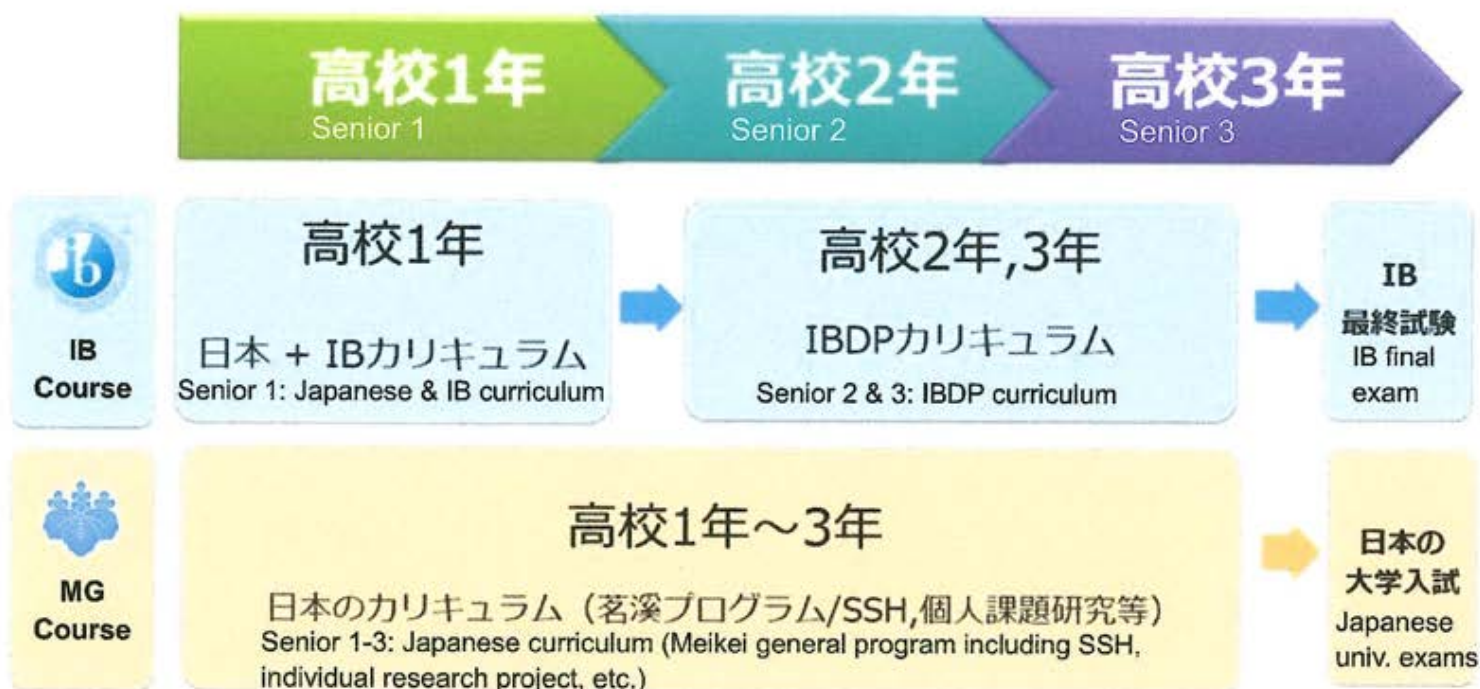
After graduation: With both a Japanese high school diploma and an IB diploma, students can obtain admission to both public and private universities in Japan, and also to some top-level universities overseas.

Language Proficiency Desired upon Admission (Japanese & English)

Course	Year	Month of entry	Duration of Enrollment	Required education background	Desired minimum Japanese Level	Desired Minimum English Level
MG	Senior 1	April	3 years	Completed junior high school	N3	TOEFL 72 IELTS 5.0
		September	3.5 years		N4	
	Senior 2	April	2 years	Completed Senior 1	N2-N1	
		September	2.5 years		N2	
IB	Senior 1	April	3 years	Completed junior high school	N3	TOEFL 94 IELTS 5.5
		September	3.5 years		N4	
	Senior 2	April	2 years	Completed Senior 1	N4-N3	
		September	2.5 years			

Our Two Courses: IB and MG

Three Years in the IB and MG Courses



IBDP Subjects List (in 2025 Academic Year)

*Classes in bold are offered in English.

Group 1	Japanese A Language and Literature (SL/HL), English A Language & Literature (SL/HL)
Group 2	English B (SL/HL) , Japanese B (SL/HL), English A (SL/HL) , Japanese AB Initio
Group 3	History (HL), Economics (SL/HL) Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)
Group 4	Physics (SL/HL), Biology (SL/HL) , Chemistry (SL/HL) Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)
Group 5	Mathematics: analysis and approaches (SL/HL)
Group 6	Economics (SL/HL) , Chemistry (SL/HL) , Film (SL) Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)



Dormitory Life



The school dormitory currently hosts 200 junior high and high school students. Some are from Japan and others are from various countries around the world. Through the experience in the dormitory, they learn to think how they can make life better together and cultivate self-esteem and respect others. The dormitory prepares students to be independent and active on the global stage in the future.



Safety and Health Management

There are four separate houses for junior high and high school boys and girls. On each floor resides a staff member called a "house master" with their family. The school principal also lives in the dormitory and supports students. In case of illness or injury, an on-site dormitory nurse takes care of the students promptly.

Dormitory Meals

Meals are served three times a day (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) in the dining hall next to the dormitory. Cooking staff prepares nutritionally balanced meals under the supervision of a certified nutritionist. Once a month, there is a "special menu" based on the students' requests.

Rooms and Facilities

In the high school students' dormitory, each room accommodates two students and is divided into living and study areas. Each floor is equipped with washing machines, a fridge, a microwave, and a hot-water server. There is a public bath and private shower booths and students can bathe during designated hours in the morning and evening.

Studying and Learning Opportunities

Every evening, dormitory students have a self-study time. It allows them to establish a regular study routine and deepen their thoughts. They can also attend individual tutoring sessions to overcome their academic weaknesses or prepare for university exams. Furthermore, students can take private lessons to learn languages such as Japanese, Spanish, German, Chinese, or practice instruments such as the piano and violin. The dormitory is ready to offer students various customized learning opportunities.



Dormitory Timetable (High School)	
06:45	Wake up, roll call
07:00	Breakfast
08:30	Leave for school
16:30~	Bath
17:30~	Dinner
18:30	Curfew
19:30	Evening roll call
	Study time (Free time on Sat.)
22:30	Get ready for bed
23:00	Lights out

Dormitory Video

Meikei Dormitory Website



After Graduation



As a runway to leading universities such as Stanford Uni., UC Berkeley, Uni. of Tokyo, Kyoto Uni., Waseda, Keio, and Sophia Uni.

At Meikei, there are designated school recommendation slots from over 120 universities, including Waseda Uni., Keio Uni., Sophia Uni., Chuo Uni., Rikkyo Uni., International Christian Uni., Tokyo Uni. of Science, and more, totaling more than 340 slots. These cover nearly all departments, from science and humanities to arts. A 100% college acceptance rate is ensured because the number of offers from universities far exceeds the number of Senior 3 students. For the latest enrollment track record, check out our website.



Enrollment track record (MG graduates)



Enrollment track record (IB graduates)

Extra-curricular Activities



Extra-curricular activities are a unique part of Japanese school culture, and the best opportunity for international students to make friends with others. Find your favorite clubs and enrich your time at Meikei High School!

Sporting

About 60% of the students belong to sport clubs and many perform brilliantly at the national level.

Rugby	Kendo	Judo	Gymnastics
Badminton	Tennis	Table Tennis	Swimming
Soccer	Baseball	Dance	Basketball
Volleyball			

Cultural

About 40% of the students are the member of cultural clubs. Some clubs have more than 100 students. Some clubs such as the Science, Art and Calligraphy clubs receive high evaluations and have won awards at national-level contests and competitions.

Science	Art	Calligraphy	Wind Orchestra
Chamber Music	Chorus	Guitar	Drama
Photography	Language		

Circles

Dokokai typically have fewer members, but they are an active part of the extra-curricular activities at Meikei.

Rakugo (Japanese Comedy)	Japanese Tea Ceremony
Illustration	Computer System
Junior Red Cross (JRC)	



Our City and Access



Meikei High School is located in Tsukuba City: The Science City of Japan. It is the largest academic city in Japan, with numerous major public and private research facilities. In Tsukuba, one out of every 14 residents is a researcher and there are 8000 residents with a PhD. It takes only 45 minutes from Akihabara, Tokyo by train and 50 minutes from Narita Airport by bus. Our city is easily accessible from the Tokyo metropolitan area and the world.



From Narita Airport: 50 minutes by bus

From Akihabara: 45 minutes by train

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