



School Profile 2019-2020

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Introduction of YIS

Kanagawa Prefectural Yokohama Senior High School of International Studies (YIS) is a public high school established in April, 2008. Our school buildings are located in a quiet residential area, luxuriously blessed with vibrant greenery as well as a view of the "Minatomirai" scenery in the distance. Young schoolers knock at our doors, with a view to "Soar To the World" and we understand our mission as offering students their "wings"; tools to be actively engaged in a globalized society. Basic academic skills are fostered through a variety of learning experiences, such as English Proficiency Tests (GTEC, TOEFL-ITP, and TOEIC), special tutoring sessions, and mock examinations. Our School Partnership with Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS) helps our students gain access to expertise in international studies. Our first Diploma Programme launches in January 2020.

Our Educational Goals

We encourage our students to become self-reliant world citizens so they can play an active role in the future as leaders, not only in Japan but also throughout the world.

Our Education Policy

- We develop our students' ability to communicate with others positively and widely in the international arena.
- We encourage our students to understand and respect cultural diversity so they can create a more peaceful world.
- We develop our students' empathy and compassion towards others so they can contribute to an inclusive society based on intellectual, physical, and emotional balance.
- We foster a spirit of curiosity and inquiry so our students can tackle problems rationally, logically, and fairly.
- We support and encourage a diversity of knowledge to promote personal development and a life-long desire to learn.

International Studies Course

Our "International Studies Course" is based on the Course of Study set by MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology). A variety of language lessons are offered to give students chances to develop deep insights into language acquisition. English lessons consist of well-balanced activities, tutored by native and non-native English teachers. High-level communicative skills are acquired.

► Educational Features

High-level English Education

We offer many small intensive English classes. Highly-experienced native-speaking teachers are in charge of subjects such as

"Communicative Skills", "International Communication" and "Discussion & Research", where our students develop their ability to understand others and express themselves in English.

First year students take part in a four-day English Camp. Classes are limited to ten students per one native speaker of English. All activities are conducted in English in order to improve their English skills and help them acquire deeper intercultural understanding.

Second Foreign Languages

In addition to English classes, our students are required to choose a second foreign language from French, Spanish, German, Chinese, Korean and Arabic in the first year. Our school is the only public high school in Japan which offers Arabic as one of its language choices. At least two of three classes a week are conducted by native speakers. Most of our students continue on to intermediate classes of each language in the second year, and the advanced class in the third year. We have school exchange programs with schools in the U.S, Australia, Taiwan, Germany, France, Spain and Morocco. Exchange students (short-term or yearly-based) also visit our school.

A Three-year course of "the Periods for exploration activities"

In the first year, students explore multi-faceted research fields and decide one specific topic for their research. The class is called "Subject Research".

During the second year, students take part in the class "Project Research." They are expected to obtain basic academic skills by

researching on the theme of his/her choice, writing a research paper, and giving a presentation in front of their peers.

In the 3rd year students take the "Discussion & Research" class. Based on the results from their second year, students deepen their research further, and submit a research paper written in English.

International Baccalaureate Course

We offer International Baccalaureate Course from April, 2019. We strongly believe the IB Diploma Programme will further encourage our students to think critically, take action and contribute to the peaceful development of the world. Our IB program is a perfect fit with our mission. Our IB course design meets MEXT requirements, therefore students gain Japanese High School Diploma and IB Diploma at the graduation.

► Educational Features

The Diploma Program (target age 16 to 19) will begin in the International Baccalaureate Course, in the 2019 academic year. The program is a Dual Language Diploma Programme. English B and Mathematics are conducted in English, and other subjects will be conducted in Japanese.

First year students mainly study compulsory subjects set for the Course of Study of Japan. A second foreign language choice or one English subject (Communicative Skills I) is also offered. Second and third year students will study mainly Diploma Programme subjects. The first two-year Diploma Programme course is set to start in January, 2020.