



Welcome to our holistic learning community

School Information

HIROSHIMA GLOBAL ACADEMY
Junior & Senior High School

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creating a future of wellbeing, peace and sustainability

We are HiGA, a holistic learning community. Students, parents, faculty staff, local people, those in Hiroshima, throughout Japan, and overseas, who have the desire to continue learning so as to create a future of wellbeing, peace and sustainability, are welcomed as members of this learning community.



Mission

To be a global leader in building peace through the power of learning.



Vision

To foster leaders who create in their community "a better future" for peace and sustainable development.



Values

To be a learning community whose global vision is rooted in a local context.



Our 5 Key Competencies



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Key Facts

Learning in English and Japanese

The language learning pathways in HiGA are designed to develop proficient communicative skills in both Japanese and English as competencies contributing towards agency for global citizenship. Students can take all classes in English.

HiGA is authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) of education and does so from grades 7 to 10. The MYP develops inquiry skills and personal attributes relevant to a twenty first century education and the HiGA mission.

The Japanese National Curriculum (JNC) is synergized with the MYP, providing knowledge which is rooted in the local context but which is also applicable to the global vision of HiGA.

A program of social, emotional and ethical learning is another curriculum strand synergized throughout the school. This program fosters the skills and values that graduates will need for creating a future of well-being, peace, and sustainability.

From grades 10 to 12 students will follow the IB Diploma Programme (DP). The dual language DP allows students to choose learning subjects in English and Japanese in various combinations. From grade 10 HiGA will welcome a number of overseas students who will have the opportunity to learn Japanese and experience the culture as they also study for the DP. In addition, for those who wish to improve their Japanese further, we plan to offer individualized Japanese language courses according to proficiency level. The IB diploma is a student' s passport to some of the top universities around the world.

Non-native Japanese speakers do not need to worry. Students who are still learning this language will be given support. The school has native Japanese and native English teachers. All teachers are involved with the students as language teachers, so we can support them with their classes and daily activities.



Global Network

At HiGA we are committed to being an inclusive and diverse community where individual strengths are recognized and all voices are listened to. We believe that diversity is a source of creativity and so we aim to build a community with students from around the world who can study and live together, sharing perspectives and generating new ideas. To this end, Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education has already established relationships with organizations in Africa, New Zealand, Mexico, India and continues to grow this network.



Full board dormitory system

Each dormitory house is designed for 10 students from different grade levels and nationalities. The rooms allow for privacy and studying while a shared open living room provides space for social interactions among the dormitory members.

The dormitory houses are secure. Infrared sensors, security cameras, electric lock gates and fences surround the buildings. Entrance is through an administrative building which is permanently tended by staff. Male and female houses are separate and students cannot go freely between the two. House staff are always on duty to support, counsel and guide students.



A typical weekday

Wake-up and preparation for the day, including a health check

Health checks are mainly carried out by the dorm leader of each unit.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

The school nutritionist and her team ensure the preparation of well balanced meals which include local seasonal ingredients.

School life

Students move from one classroom to another when lessons change. Lunch can be taken at the cafetorium or cafeteria.

After school activities in collaboration with the local community

After-school will be an important time for learning at HiGA. Students can participate in a variety of activities, such as sports, music, drama, video production, Japanese cultural experiences such as flower arrangement, tea ceremony, and Japanese language study.

Bathing, laundry

The dorms are equipped with traditional Japanese baths and western style showers for students to choose from. Additionally, there are laundry facilities available for the students to keep their clothes clean and dried.

Bed-time

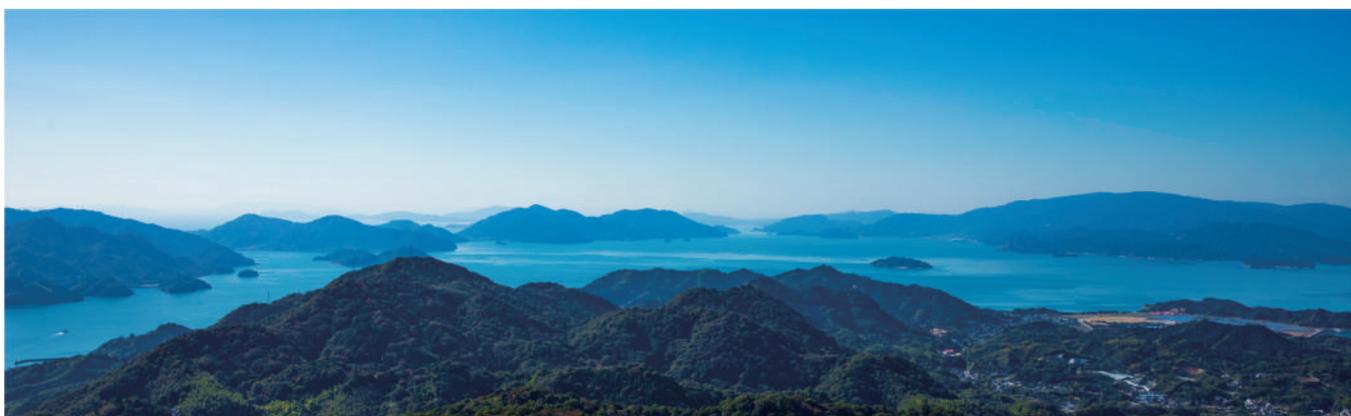
Lights out in the dorms are at 10:30. Students can manage their life and academic tasks from 18:00 – 22:00.

Dormitory event example:

Pupils will plan and hold events with a global and local focus. A house is made up of five units and inter-house competitions will also be held.



Key Facts



Rich environments for experiential learning

HiGA is located on the island of Osakikamijima in the Seto Inland Sea, an area renowned for its outstanding beauty. On the island are citrus groves, woodlands, beaches and hills, providing an ideal context for cultivating understandings of sustainability. Local fishing, shipping and renewable energy industries are integrated into the local environment and present further learning opportunities. Less than 2 hours away is Hiroshima, the city of peace where students can learn so much of value.

Students will learn about the lasting value of peace by seeing the post war reconstruction of Hiroshima firsthand. Additionally, they will take part in many different initiatives, festivals, ceremonies and programs that emphasizes the importance of building a sustainable future. Students will be encouraged to also pursue their own projects to answer for themselves "What is peace?"

Career Support

HiGA career support is to help each student identify his or her pathway to a fulfilling future where each can flourish as an individual while contributing to community. The knowledge, skills, attributes and qualifications that students will have accomplished while at HiGA are anticipated to support their tertiary education in colleges and universities both in Japan and overseas.

In reality, since we plan to provide a curriculum that will allow all students the opportunity to get the International Baccalaureate's (IB) full diploma, we anticipate that many students will consider using the IB's diploma score to enter universities in Japan and abroad.

Our school has established a network with various universities, including MoU agreements with Hiroshima University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU).



Public IB World School

HiGA is a public school funded by the Prefectural Board of Education. As a public school, HiGA tuition fees are reasonable. HiGA offers outstanding learning opportunities for motivated students from all over Japan, regardless of their economic circumstances. Overseas students are invited to join the senior high school and help create a culture of diversity through the sharing of cultural perspectives.

Annual tuition fees :	118,800 JPY
Annual Dormitory Fees :	444,000 JPY
Annual Miscellaneous Fees :	258,000 JPY

If students' parents / guardians live outside of Japan, they are eligible for the High School Tuition Support Fund and can receive free tuition.

Facilities



School Life



Application process

May	Admission policy and application guidelines announced on the website
Sep	Required documents to be submitted for review
Oct	Online Interviews
Nov	Successful applicants notified
2022 April	Enrollment

Eligibility requirements

If you wish to apply to Hiroshima Global Academy for Grade 10 enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year, you must meet one of the two following criteria:

1 Applicant is a citizen of a country other than Japan, was born between April 2nd, 2005 and December 31st, 2007, and has completed an amount of courses equivalent to 9 years of schooling, or will have by August 2022.

or

2 Applicant is a citizen of Japan, was born between April 2nd, 2005 and April 1st, 2007, and has completed an amount of courses to 9 years of schooling, or will have by August 2022, and has more than five years of schooling abroad as a general rule.

FAQ

Q. What level of English language proficiency is required?

We plan to ask applicants to take the entrance examination and submit documents in English. In addition, classes in our school will be held mainly in English. Therefore, students need to be able to listen, speak, read, and write at an intermediate level or higher in English.

Q. Do you accept students only in April?

Due to there being differences in school academic year schedules, students will be accepted on finishing their grade 9 studies up until August.

Messages

Kazuhiko FUKUSHIMA

School Principal

Our overall goal in HiGA is well-being and peace: everyone in our learning community is important in cultivating this. We value our agency as social innovators. We also value diversity and are always open to anyone who wants to join us.



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Senior Director

Honorary President of the Japan Association of Research into IB Education

I am very honoured to be a part of HiGA and to contribute to the development of a school culture and community that nurtures the well-being of all students, not only in the academic sphere, but also in the social, emotional and ethical spheres.

