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Where we aim to create a more peaceful and sustainable world.

We are Hiroshima Global Academy (HiGA), a holistic learning community. We welcome people who have the desire to continue learning to create a future of wellbeing, peace, and sustainability, to join our learning community.



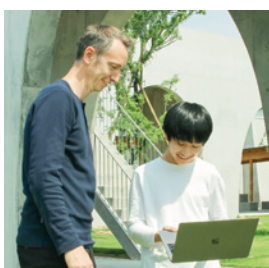
## Mission

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.

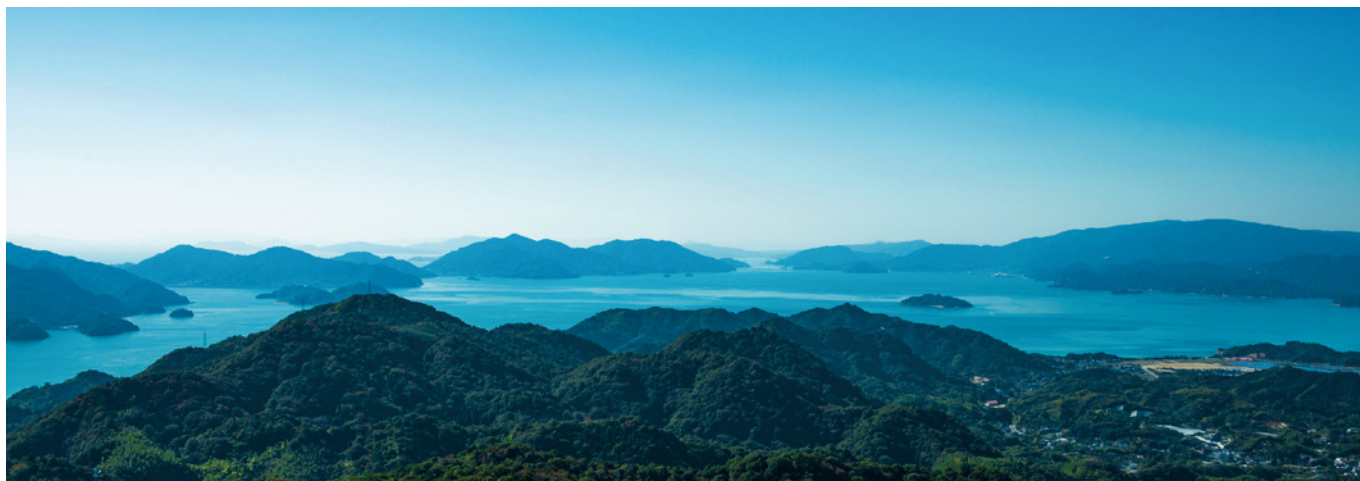


## Values

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



Key Facts



## Natural Environment

HiGA is located on an island called Osakikamijima. It is surrounded by the Seto Inland Sea, an area of outstanding natural beauty abounding with citrus groves, woods, and beaches. It is an ideal environment for students to cultivate their emotional and academic potential. With its marine and shipbuilding industries, local produce, and farming, the island's culture is deeply connected to the beauty of the land and ocean. As students learn alongside locals in the real world, they will put their ideas into practice, better understanding that peace and sustainability begin at home.

Osakikamijima is about 1.5 hours from Hiroshima, the city of peace, which is valuable to our identity. 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 emphasize the importance of building a sustainable future. Students will be encouraged to pursue their own projects to discover the true meaning of peace.

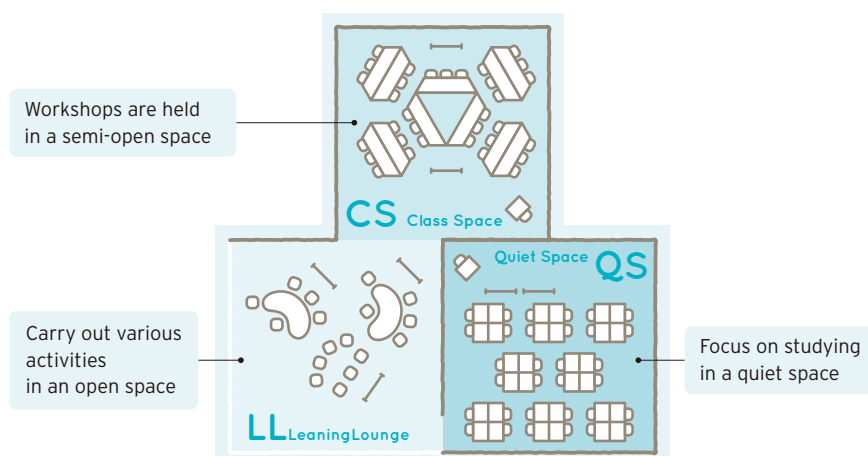
## Learning Environment

We are located near a beautiful beach called Okushi Beach. Famous for its campgrounds and summer festivals. Students have access to marine and mountain ecosystems to help them better explore their curriculum. Additionally, our school's curriculum is immersed in the local community. Indeed, subjects across both junior and senior high schools explore the natural and human systems of the island to gain more holistic insights into the connections between these two systems.

Our open plan classrooms are designed to provide students with the freedom to explore the curriculum through inquiry-based learning projects. These learning spaces facilitate creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.



### 3 types of classrooms according to class style





## Living Environment

Student dormitories house up of 10 students from all grade levels and nationalities. The dormitory is made up of rooms that can be separated for privacy. Rooms are equipped with a bed and a space for studying in comfort. The open living room allows free-and-easy social interaction with other dorm members. Each dorm will be managed by a student leader and a student deputy leader. Their duties will include collectively deciding dormitory living rules, as well as providing support to younger dorm members.

HiGA staff members are on duty in the dorm administration center as "house masters". We also allocate school counselors to further support our students with social, emotional, and ethical problems. The student dormitories cannot be entered without passing through the Administration Building, which is permanently tended by dormitory staff. In addition, students cannot move freely between the male and female dormitories. The area surrounding the dormitories is enclosed by fences, Infrared sensors, security cameras, and electric lock gates.

## Dormitory event example:

Students will plan and hold events with a global and local focus. For example, students collaborate on projects, culture day preparations, and other extracurricular activities.



## Daily Schedule

### Beginning the day

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

### Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Local seasonal ingredients are on the menu and nutritionally balanced meals are provided. Individual needs are also catered for, such as low-calorie, allergy-friendly, and/or halal meals. Students will have their meals in the cafeteria or cafeteria.

### School life

Students move from one classroom to another when lessons change.

### After school activities and community collaboration

Students can participate in a variety of activities, such as sports, music, drama, video production. Additionally, students can take part in Japanese cultural experiences such as flower arrangement, tea ceremony, manga art and Japanese language study.

### Bathing and laundry

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

### Ending the day

Lights out in the dorms is at 22:30. Students can manage their life and academic tasks from 18:00 - 22:00. Senior high school students can sit up late to study with permission.





## Our Program

HiGA is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. We offer the Middle Years Programme (MYP) from Grades 7 through to 10 and the Diploma Programme (DP) from Grades 11 through to 12. These programs provide students with research-based, independent-learning skills valued by universities around the world. Our inquiry-based curriculum fuses the strengths of the IB program with the national curriculum of Japan, providing our students with an excellent foundation for their future at university and beyond.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about Japanese language and culture after entering HiGA. We can offer individualized Japanese language courses according to each student's proficiency level. Importantly, the students will have access to native Japanese and English-speaking teachers to further engage with both languages. All teachers are language teachers and look forward to supporting students with their social and academic development.

Certain subjects in HiGA's IBDP also provide students with the opportunity to study their subjects in either Japanese or English depending on their language ability. A selection of the subjects on offer at HiGA can be observed in the table below. Please note that both mathematics subjects and film are only offered in English.

## HiGA's subject offerings

- Students will select three subjects at standard level and three subjects at higher level.
- Students must choose 1 subject from each group in the table below.
- In addition to these six subjects, three core elements (TOK, CAS, and EE) are compulsory.

Group 1 Studies in Language & Literature	Group 2 Language Acquisition	Group 3 Human and & Natural Sciences Choice 1	Group 4 Sciences	Group 5 Mathematics	Group 6 The Arts
English LL	Japanese B	History	Chemistry	Math Analysis & Approaches	Music
Japanese LL	English B	Geography	Physics	Math Application & interpretation	Film
			Biology		
Higher Level and Standard Level				Standard Level	



## Public IB World School

HiGA is a prefectural public school funded by the Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education. As a public school, HiGA has reasonable tuition fees. We provide high-level learning opportunities for exceptionally motivated students, regardless of economic circumstances. Additionally, international students will be invited to join our senior high school IBDP creating a diverse learning environment where students can exchange language, culture, and perspectives to help tackle local and global issues.



## IB core

### Theory of knowledge

Students will develop the ability to think critically by examining the knowledge systems of individual academic disciplines from an interdisciplinary perspective. (100 hours)

[Evaluation method]

- Exhibition
- Essay

### Creativity / Activity / Service\*

Students will learn the importance of cooperation, compassion, and continued practice by gaining experience in a wide range of activities conducted outside of the classroom. (18 months or more)

e.g.

Volunteer activity, Internship.

### Extended Essay

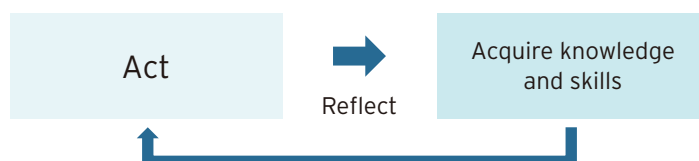
Students will set a research topic related to a subject they are studying, conduct their own research investigation, and summarize the results in a paper. (4,000 words)

## 42 points(6 groups × 7 points) + 3 points(EE and TOK)

In order to get the IB diploma, students need to score at least 24 out of 45 points through external and internal assessments.

### \*CAS

CAS aims to develop a holistic understanding of humanity through real-world experiences. Students will reflect on their experiences and share what they learned with their community. The skills acquired through CAS will allow students to adapt and thrive in a positive way when faced with new challenges.



## Integrated implementation of guidance and evaluation

### Students and teachers evaluate together

#### - Students and teachers evaluate from a rubric\*

Teachers and students will work together to bridge gaps in understanding.

(In general, public schools in Japan use the teacher-centered method of learning.)

\*A table that shows the relationship between learning achievements and evaluations, such as "If you can do ..., you can get x points."



### Authentic Assessment

#### [How to evaluate]

- Summative evaluation is conducted by a range of different methods, e.g. paper tests, reports, assignments, and video productions, to name a few. (In general, public schools in Japan evaluate based on the results of paper tests.)

#### [When]

- Summative evaluations are planned and conducted during the course based on the needs of the individual subjects. (In general, public schools in Japan evaluate using examinations at the end of each term.)



## Obtain the IB diploma and JNC in 3 years

	Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
Classes	IBMYP		IBDP (Language and Literature, Language Acquisition, Individuals and Societies, Science, Math, Art)		Nov. Exam	JNC
Comprehensive learning TOK	Projects linked with the real environment	Dec Presentation	IBDP TOK		Projects	
After school activities CAS	【Volunteer activities】 [English] [Japanese] [Club]		IBDP CAS			
International exchange	Summer school					
Japanese	Learn Japanese language, culture and history, inside and outside the school.					
Japanese Goal	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N5		JLPT N4		JLPT N3~N2	
English	Develop English proficiency inside and outside the classroom.					
English Goal	CEFR B2				CEFR C1	

## Timetable

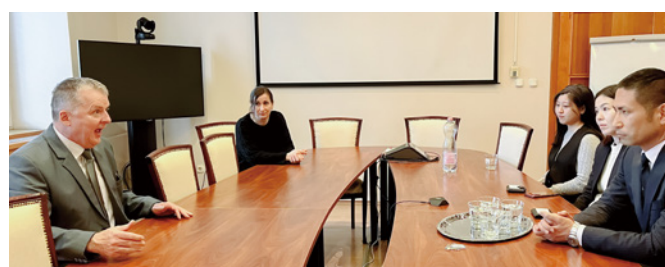
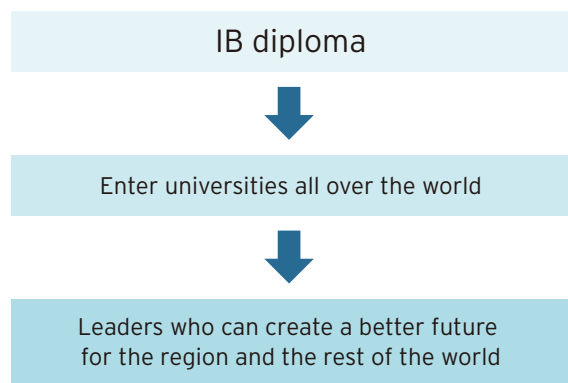
One lesson consists of **95 minutes**, including a 5-minute break

e.g. High school timetable

Time \ Day of week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Period 1</b> 8:40 - 10:15	Biology/Physics (SL) History (SL)	Language B (SL)	Language A (SL)	Biology/Physics (HL) History (HL)	TOK	
<b>Period 2</b> 10:25 - 12:00	Language A (SL)	Math A&A (SL) Math A&I (SL)	Math A&A (SL) Math A&I (SL)	Language A (HL)	Language B (HL)	
12:00 - 13:25	Lunch / Cleaning Home Room	Lunch / Cleaning Home Room	Lunch / Cleaning Home Room	Lunch / Cleaning Home Room	Lunch / Cleaning Home Room	
<b>Period 3</b> 13:25 - 15:00	Geography (SL) Chemistry (SL)	Biology/Physics (SL) History (SL)	Language B (SL)	Math A&A (HL) Math A&I (HL)	Home Room Health Class	Physical Education
<b>Period 4</b> 15:10 - 16:45	Geography (SL) Music/Film (SL)	Geography (SL) Music/Film (SL)	Chemistry (SL) Geography (SL)	Chemistry (HL) Geography (HL)	Physical Education	Home Room Health Class

## Career plan

Future career plans of current junior and senior high school students at HiGA include roles within the United Nations, Doctors Without Borders, and NPO companies.



## Career Support

HiGA's philosophy of career support is to teach each student to independently choose their own path for the future. We will work together with them to find a career path that is suitable for them. Furthermore, we will provide them with the necessary skills to advance towards their desired career path. HiGA's curriculum allows all students to complete and receive the International Baccalaureate's (IB) full diploma. Students will be able to use their IB diploma scores to apply to some of the top universities in Japan and abroad. To this end, our school has established a network with various universities, including MoU agreements with Hiroshima University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). Recently, we have sent staff members around the world to some of the top universities to further research opportunities for our students. HiGA will also offer university tours overseas for their students to provide them with a better understanding of the living and learning environment of each university.

## Global Network

HiGA is committed to being an inclusive and diverse community, where everyone's strengths are recognized, and everyone's voice is heard. At the heart of HiGA's philosophy is the belief that in diversity lies great strength. We are creating a multi-cultural community where students from across the globe can study, work, and live together to generate new ideas and perspectives.

Opportunities for short-term study in junior high school and full-time study in high school will be available for students from around the world. At HiGA students will build a community to celebrate cultural diversity and form bonds of friendship that span international borders. Indeed, the Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education has established relationships with relevant organizations in the United States of America, Africa, New Zealand, Mexico, India, and other countries to accept students and jointly implement educational programs.





## Cultural Activities



### Local community

- Regional exchange program
- Mochi pounding, farming
- Within classes
- Kayaking (PE), Koto (Art)



### Understanding Japanese culture

- Japanese cultural experiences
- Kimono, Kendo, Toge (pottery)
- After school activities
- Tea ceremony, Karate



### Understanding international cultures

- International cultural experiences
- Cooking practice
- After school activities
- Halloween, Independence Day





## Expenses

### Necessary expenses

Items	Contents	Costs
Tuition	—	0*
Dormitory	Meal, common charges	510,000JPY per year
Miscellaneous	Teaching materials, equipment, etc.	204,000JPY per year

\* If a student's parents/guardians live outside of Japan, they are eligible for the High School Tuition Support Fund and can receive free tuition. If not, the students need 118,800JPY per year for the tuition fee.

### Additional expenses

Items	Contents	Costs
Insurances	Comprehensive insurance for international students, National Health Insurance	About 20,000JPY per year
IB expenses	IB examination fee	About 1,000SGD just once
Others	Travel expenses, pocket money, cell phone cost	About 385,000JPY per year

### Total

Costs	
Annual	About 1,300,000JPY
Total of three years	About 3,900,000JPY











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