

Ikubunkan Global High School School Profile 2025-2026

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Foreign College Counselors:



Tracks Offered

Liberal Arts

Global Science (until 2025-2026)

Honors

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Introduction to Global High School

Information correct as of April 22nd, 2025

- Founded in 2006 under the Ikubunkan Institute of Education, this private co-ed school offers Grades 10–12 with a Grade 11 study abroad program.
- MEXT-accredited and bilingual (English/Japanese), it is based in Bunkyo City, Tokyo—near the University of Tokyo and
 other top institutions.
- Ranked No.1 in Japan for overseas university acceptance in 2018 by the Asahi Shimbun.

Admissions & Student Population

- · Admission to Ikubunkan is based on entrance exams and intake from an associated junior high school program.
- The student population is about 200, with 52 students in the 2026 graduating class.

Curriculum

IGHS develops global citizens with a deep understanding of the world and the resilience to navigate change. Its socioscience curriculum, informed by current issues and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, fosters broad perspectives and strong problem-solving skills, preparing students to excel in an interconnected society.

English Immersion Program & Bilingual classes

IGHS offers a distinctive English immersion program for its students:

- Liberal Arts and Global Science tracks Native English teachers instruct classes within a fully English-speaking environment.
- Honors track Core instruction is delivered in English; however, for Japanese classes, handouts and tests are provided in both English and Japanese to ensure comprehensive understanding and support international students.

Subject Offerings and Graduation Requirements

Under the national curriculum, students graduate with around 100 credits tailored to their study track, including those earned during their study abroad program.

Japanese

Contemporary Japanese Language Language Culture Classical Japanese Japanese Language Logic Japanese Language Expression (LA)

Geography & History

Geography
Modern & Contemporary History
Advanced World History (LA)

Health & P.E.
Physical Education
Health

Mathematics Mathematics I, II

Mathematics A, B
Mathematics III, C (GS/H)
Mathematical Exercises (GS/H)

Arts Music I

Art & Design I
Calligraphy I
Graphic Arts (H)

Civics
Public
Politics & Economy (LA)

English

Comprehensive English I, II Essay Writing I, II Debate & Discussion I, II

Misc.

Information Study I Sustainable Studies (H) Basic Home Economics Collaborative Seminars

Sciences

Biology Basic (LA/GS) Introductory Biology (H) Biology (GS/H) Chemistry Basic (GS) Introductory Chemistry (H) Chemistry (GS/H) Physics Basic (GS) Introductory Physics (H) Physics (GS/H) Integrated Science (LA)

(H – Honors only | LA – Liberal Arts only | GS – Global Science only)

Grading Systems & Ranking

 Ikubunkan Global High School (IGHS) uses an unweighted GPA grading scale of 1-5 that correspond to the American letter-grade system.

A=5.0	B=4.0	C=3.0	D=2.0	F=1.0
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- Students receive an unweighted cumulative GPA based on Grades 10 and 12 performance; Grade 11 is excluded due to the study abroad program.
- Instead of traditional class rankings, IGHS employs GPA distribution quintiles, reflecting its flexible, study abroad-inclusive curriculum.

GPA Distribution (Quintiles) - 2024-2025

		al Science T	rack Studen	ts	Lib	eral Arts Tra	ick Students	
C	Quintile	Range	Students	%	Quintile	Range	Students	%
	Тор	4.8 - 5.0	6	20%	Тор	4.7 - 5.0	11	19.3%
S	econd	4.5 - 4.8	6	20%	Second	4.5 - 4.7	11	19.3%
	Third	4.0 - 4.5	6	20%	Third	4.1 - 4.4	11	19.3%
F	ourth	3.6 - 4.0	6	20%	Fourth	3.7 - 4.0	11	21.1%
	Fifth	≤3.5	6	20%	Fifth	≤3.7	11	21.1%

English Proficiency Levels - 2024-2025

CEFR Equivalency Based on IELTS, Duolingo English Test, and Eiken Scores

Grade 12	B1 - 100%	B2 - 77%	C1+ - 8%
Grade 11	B1 - 100%	B2 - 60%	C1+ - 4%
Grade 10	B1 - 85%	B2 - 10%	C1+ - 2%

Digital SAT Scores - 2024-2025

	Reading & Writing	Mathematics	Total
Highest Score	680 / 800	790 / 800	1470 / 1600
Average Score*	650 / 800	760 / 800	1400 / 1600

Second Year Study Abroad

During their second year, all IGHS students participate in a nearly year-long study abroad program at an assigned institution. Strict rules-including limits on social media and a ban on Japanese usage-ensure focus and safety, fostering significant personal growth through challenging new experiences.









GS (disc. 2025)

School Year Structure

IGHS employs a specialized academic calendar designed to integrate its second-year study abroad program.

	Grade 10 & 12 Students	Grade 11 Students
Semester 1	April-July	Study Abroad Program
Semester 2	September-December	January - December
Semester 3	Grade 10 - Study Abroad Program Grade 12 - Finished with studies	January-March (following their return)

Collaborative Seminars

IGHS offers dynamic, student-led collaborative seminars under the motto "Collaborate, Innovate, Elevate." Led by first- and thirdyear students, these seminars foster research skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving across eight diverse themes.

Ecology	Urban Development	Agriculture		STEAM
Human Science	International Cooperation	Media & Art	i	Business

Each seminar delves into its subject with practical active, learning-students collaborate on group projects, engage in with immersive fieldwork external individual stakeholders, and conduct research aligned with the UN Sustainable building Development Goals (SDGs), essential teamwork skills and real-world competencies.



Academist

Through the Academist platform, IGHS partners with esteemed young researchers from renowned institutions such as the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, and Hokkaido University, providing direct guidance and specialized knowledge that enhances student research and academic activities.

Aptitude and Proficiency Testing

All students take the IELTS annually to assess their English proficiency, while Honors students also take the SAT to evaluate their academic aptitude for university applications. There are also plans to introduce AP tests for Honors students in the future.

University Entrance

Graduates pursue diverse career paths, earning admission to an extensive range of universities both in Japan and internationally. Each year, a significant number of our students secure placements at globally renowned institutions as well as at highly esteemed public and selective private universities across Japan.

	Students Accepted	Total Acceptances (inc. Foundation)		THE Top 100 Acceptances (Direct only)
Class of 2025*	33	112	54	23
2018-2024	258			29

*as of April 22nd, 2025

THE World University Rankings 2025 Acceptance Record

- Class of 2025



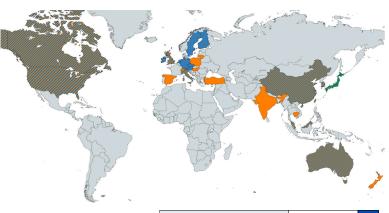
Rank	University	Country	No.of ss
21	University of Toronto	Canada	4
34	University of California, San Diego	U.S.	2
39	University of Melbourne	Australia	2
45 ¦	McGill University	Canada	1
46	Uni. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	U.S.	1
56	University of Wisconsin-Madison	U.S.	1
58	Monash University	Australia	1
61	The University of Sydney	Australia	5
62	University of California, Davis	U.S.	1
77	University of Queensland	Australia	1
84	University of Massachusetts Amherst	U.S.	1
87	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	U.S.	2
90 ¦	University of California, Irvine	U.S.	1
112	University of Maryland, College Park	U.S.	1
116	The Ohio State University	U.S.	1
122	Michigan State University	U.S.	2
136	University of Arizona	U.S.	1
143	Texas A&M University – Galveston	U.S.	1
143	University of Colorado Boulder	U.S.	1
163	University of Virginia	U.S.	1
189	Indiana University Bloomington	U.S.	2
196	University of California, Santa Cruz	U.S.	1

Dual Diploma Program (Honors)

IGHS's Dual Diploma Program is a collaboration with Wayland Academy, a distinguished U.S. prep school. Honors students complete online coursework and earn credits during their secondyear study abroad in the U.S., culminating in dual high school diplomas from Japan and the U.S., which simplifies the process of applying to Academvinternational universities.



Global University Acceptance Map



Class of 2025 Applications	17 Countries	
2017-2024 Acceptances	18 Countries	