

# THE KAISEI ACADEMY

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*The pen is mightier than the sword*



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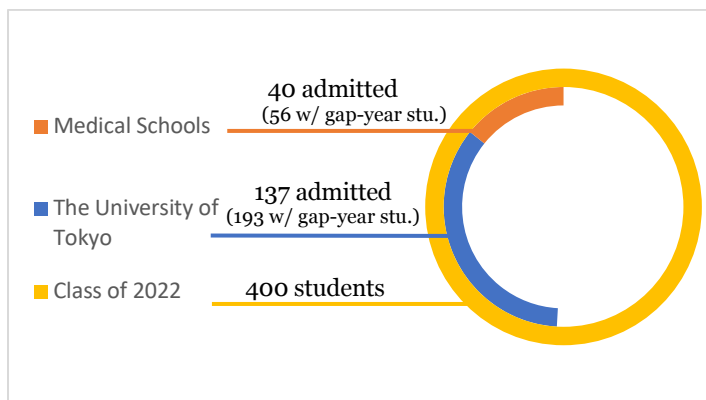
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## Our School and Community

- Founded in 1871.
- Private, all-boys, day school.
- 7-12 grade school (HS: 10-12).
- MEXT accredited, the language of instruction at Kaisei is Japanese.
- Located in Arakawa-ku, one of Tokyo's most densely populated districts.
- Historically ranked as the top school in all of Japan, Kaisei is the alma mater of many illustrious alumni, including the current Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida.

## School Context

- Admission to Kaisei is based on competitive entrance examinations
- Student population: 2100 (JHS: 900, HS: 1200)
- Kaisei has the nation's highest matriculation of students to Japan's top university and medical schools (averaging 35% matriculation rate at the University of Tokyo for the past 40 years)



## Our Curriculum

In the Japanese educational system, there are no such courses as IB or AP. At Kaisei, students are expected to graduate anywhere from 96 to 100 credits depending on their chosen track of study (the humanities or the sciences track).

### Graduation Requirements\*

Japanese	16	Fine Arts	2
Social Studies	8	English	18
Civics	4	Home Econ.	2
Mathematics	17	IT	2
Sciences	12	Health and P.E.	10
Integrated Period	2		

\* One credit equals one class-hour per week.

## Program of Study

### Japanese

Integrated Japanese  
Contemporary Japanese B  
Classics A, B

### Social Studies

World History A, B  
Japanese History A, B  
Geography A, B

### Mathematics

Mathematics I, II, III  
Mathematics A, B

### Sciences

Basic Physics  
Advanced Physics  
Basic Chemistry  
Advanced Chemistry  
Basic Biology  
Advanced Biology  
Basic Earth Science  
Advanced Earth Science

### Health and P.E.

Physical Education  
Health Science

### Fine Arts

Music I, II, III  
Art and Design I, II, III  
Crafts Production I, II, III  
Calligraphy I, II, III

### Civics

Ethics  
Politics and Economy

### English

Eng. Communication I, II, III  
Eng. Expression I, II  
Eng. Conversation

### Misc.

Basic Home Economics  
Information Technology  
Integrated Study Period

## GPA and Class Rank

Kaisei follows the Japanese convention of a 5-point grade scale which corresponds to the American letter-grade system. Class rank is not computed.

A (5.0), B (4.0), C (3.0), D (2.0), F (1.0)

### GPA Distribution for the Current Class (Quintiles)

Top	4.9-5.0
Second	4.7-4.8
Third	4.5-4.6
Fourth	4.1-4.4
Fifth	3.0-4.0

### SAT Scores (Class of 2022\*)

	Mathematics	Critical Reading
Kaisei Academy	781	650
U.S. National	528	533

\*2022 data based on 6 students who matriculated overseas.

## Extracurricular Activities

Many of Kaisei students are medal winners at both national and international levels in fields as varied as the International Olympiad, Go National Tournament, and the Japan Juggling Championship. For example, in the past years, Kaisei students have won both Gold and Silver medals at multiple International Olympiads:

<i><b>International Olympiad</b></i>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<i>Mathematics</i>		Gold	Silver	Gold
<i>Informatics</i>	Gold	Gold	Silver	

Besides taking part in academic competitions, Kaisei students normally commit to active participation in a school competitive club (athletics, martial arts, or academic) or circle (centered around a common hobby) throughout their 3 years of high school. There are currently 75 clubs at Kaisei, each headed by a student captain – a role that functions sometimes as a coach and caretaker in the Japanese school system. Students are also members of multiple committees at Kaisei, overseeing the budget and organization of events such as the Sports Festival, the Culture Festival, excursion and service trips (domestic and abroad), as well as discipline and campus cleaning committee. All these committees are then overseen and managed by the student council.

One of the key events of the school year, and which Kaisei is well-known for, is the Sports Festival which is wholly organized and run by students. The highlight of the event is the *Botaoshi*, a game combining elements of rugby, sumo and martial arts (see NY Times, “The Organized Chaos of Botaoshi, Japan’s Wildest Game”, Aug. 22, 2018).

## Domestic Matriculations 2022

(listing reflects schools where 3 or more have been matriculated, gap-year students included)

The University of Tokyo – 193 Keio University – 46 Waseda University – 34 Kyoto University – 22 Chiba University – 18 Tokyo Institute of Technology – 15 Tokyo Medical and Dental University – 12 Hitotsubashi University – 9	Yokohama National University – 8 Tokyo University of Science – 7 Hokkaido University – 7 Tohoku University – 7 University of Tsukuba – 6 Juntendo University – 3 Osaka University – 3
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## Overseas Matriculations 2015-2022

(number in parenthesis indicates more than one matriculation)

### <US>

Bowdoin College  
 Brown University  
 Carleton College (2)  
 Columbia University  
 Dean College  
 Georgia Tech  
 Grinnell College (3)  
 Harvard University (2)  
 Harvey Mudd  
 Middlebury College  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Pitzer College  
 Pomona College  
 Princeton University (3)  
 Stanford University  
 Swarthmore College  
 The College of Wooster  
 University of California, Berkeley (2)  
 University of California, Los Angeles (2)  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of Chicago (2)  
 University of Pennsylvania (2)  
 William & Mary  
 Williams College (2)  
 Yale University (4)

### <Canada>

University of Toronto (2)

### <UK>

University College London  
 University of Cambridge  
 University of St. Andrews

Japan-based Foundation Scholarships granted to Kaisei students for overseas university studies:

	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<i>Yanai Tadashi</i>	4	1	2	3	2
<i>Ezoe</i>	-	1	1	-	1
<i>Grew Bancroft</i>	-	1	1	-	-
<i>Masason</i>	-	-	2	1	-
<i>Funai</i>	-	-	-	1	-