

THE KAISEI ACADEMY

2025-2026

The pen is mightier than the sword



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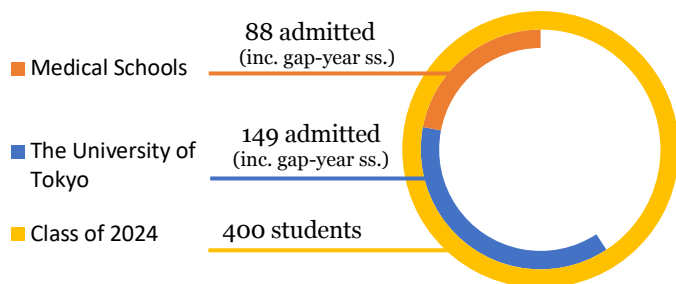
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Our School and Community

- 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 former 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 since 1982)



Our Curriculum

At Kaisei, students follow the national curriculum and are expected to graduate with anywhere from 96 to 100 credits depending on their chosen track of study (the humanities or the sciences track).

Graduation Requirements*

Japanese	16	English	18
Social Studies	10-13	Health and P.E.	10
Civics	2	Fine Arts	2-6
Mathematics	17-18	IT	2
Sciences	12-15	Home Econ.	2
Inquiry-Based Study	2		

* No. of credits based on weekly class hours over a three-year period.

National Curriculum

Japanese Language

Contemp. Japanese Lang.
Language Culture
Japanese Lang. (Logic)
Advanced Classics
Classics Reading

English

Communication I, II, III
Logic & Expression I, II, III

Social Studies

Geography, Adv. Geography
Modern and Cont. History
Advanced Japanese History
Advanced World History

Civics

Public, Ethics
Politics and Economy

Mathematics*

Mathematics I, II, III
Mathematics A, B, C

Sciences*

Physics (Basic, Advanced)
Chemistry (Basic, Advanced)
Biology (Basic, Advanced)
Earth Science (Basic, Adv.)

Health and P.E.

Physical Education
Health

Fine Arts

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

Misc.

Home Economics
Information Study
Inquiry-Based Study

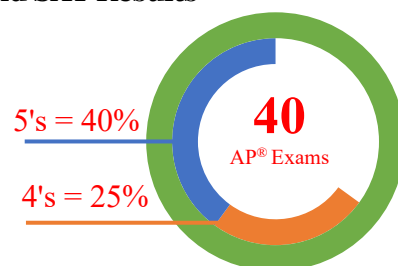
+ AP® Exams

*See [course descriptions](#).

Advanced Placement and SAT Results

AP (2025*)	Average
Kaisei	4.0
World	3.1

*Number of students tested: 19



SAT (2024-25 class*)	ERW	Math
Kaisei	642	772
U.S. National	519	505

*Number of students tested: 5

GPA and Class Rank

Kaisei has a 5-point unweighted GPA corresponding to the American letter-grade system. 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	4.85-5.00	Fourth	4.00-4.49
Second	4.70-4.84	Fifth	3.00-3.99
Third	4.50-4.69		

Extracurricular Activities

Many of Kaisei's 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.

International Olympiads 2017-2025	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<i>Artificial Intelligence</i>	-	-	1
<i>Astronomy & Astrophysics</i>	1	-	-
<i>Biology</i>	-	1	-
<i>Informatics</i>	2	2	-
<i>Mathematics</i>	2	1	1
<i>Physics</i>	1	-	-
Total	6	4	2

Besides participating in academic competitions, Kaisei students typically commit to active participation in a school competitive club (such as athletics, martial arts, or academics) or circle (centered around a common hobby) throughout their three years of high school. There are currently 70 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, excursions, and service trips (domestic and abroad), as well as discipline and campus cleaning committees. 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 2025

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

The University of Tokyo – 149
Waseda University – 48
Keio University – 34
Chiba University – 21
Institute of Science Tokyo – 21
Hitotsubashi University – 16
Kyoto University – 11
Sophia University – 7
Nippon Medical School – 6
University of Tsukuba – 3

The Jikei University School of Medicine – 6
Tokyo University of Science – 6
Hokkaido University – 5
Tohoku University – 4
Yamanashi University – 4
Gunma University – 3
Juntendo University – 3
Meiji University – 3
University of Toyama – 3
Yokohama National University – 3

Overseas Matriculations 2015-2025

(number in parenthesis indicates more than one matriculation)

<US>

Bowdoin College
Brown University
Carleton College (2)
Columbia University (3)
Dean College
Duke University
Georgia Tech
Grinnell College (3)
Harvard University (2)

Harvey Mudd
Middlebury College
Kalamazoo College
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Princeton University (4)
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
The College of Wooster

UC, Berkeley (2)
UC, Los Angeles (2)
UC, San Diego
University of Chicago (2)
University of Pittsburgh
UPenn (2)
William & Mary
Williams College (2)
Yale University (4)

<Australia>

University of Melbourne

<Canada>

University of Toronto (3)

<UK>

Imperial College London (2)
University of Cambridge (2)
University of St. Andrews

Japan-based Foundation Full-Tuition Scholarships awarded to Kaisei students, 2015-2025:

<i>Ezoe</i>	3	<i>Sasakawa</i>	4
<i>Funai</i>	1	<i>Toshin Language School</i>	2
<i>Grew Bancroft</i>	4	<i>Yanai Tadashi</i>	17
<i>Masason</i>	3		
Total		34	