

THE PROFILE OF YOSHIDA HIGH SCHOOL 2020

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About Us

Yoshida High School was established in 1937 as the Agricultural and Technical school in the Fuji-North District. In 1950, it was reorganized into 5 courses; General, Agriculture, Woodcraft, Textile and Dress Designing. Nowadays it has two courses; the General Course, and the Science & Mathematics Course. There are 754 students (371 boys & 385 girls), and 72 teachers & staffs. The total number of graduates since its establishment is about 28,500. They have been actively involved in many fields in domestic and international arenas. The school buildings, rebuilt in 2005, stand in the eastern part of Fujiyoshida City at the foot of Mt. Fuji, so the students can enjoy the view of the mountain from all the classrooms. We have a large sports ground, three tennis courts, two handball courts, and a two-floor gym with martial arts arenas. In addition to these, we also have a Japanese archery arena, a weight lifting gym and a tea-ceremony room.



Mission

Our mission is to foster spiritually rich and strong students with “*Yoshida PRIDE”, who will be active and self-assured in the uncertain future. In order to live a fruitful life in the future, the students should learn from the past, know the present, and think about the future.

*Yoshida PRIDE: The mind to try everything with his or her own idea in a responsible way with respect for others

Educational Aim (Graduation Policy)

In order to achieve this mission, the students are to acquire the following 8 abilities;

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| 1) Self-confidence | 2) Attentive listening |
| 3) Objective analysis | 4) Evidence-based thinking |
| 5) Clear and expressive delivery | 6) Foresight |
| 7) Creativity | 8) Positive action |

Educational Ethos

Our ethos is “百折不撓 (hyakusetu-futoo)”, meaning, “Even if you are defeated or fail 100 times, never lose your resolve and don’t be discouraged!”, and “純剛 (Jyungo)”, meaning, “Be a refreshing character of great strength”. We encourage the students to persevere in schoolwork, sports, and arts, giving high regard to both pen and sword. This inspires the students to be well-rounded in all disciplines.

The slogan of the year 2020

“Why not try?”

These are the words the first principal loved and said back in the 1930’s. He implied that we should try a variety of things when faced with challenges.

Two Courses

Yoshida High School offers two courses: the General Course (5 or 6 classes per grade) and the Science and Mathematics Course (1 class per grade). The General Course has a long and glorious history which has made Yoshida High School famous in many fields, such as business, politics, education, arts and sports. The students work very hard to develop a deep sense of humanity, a strong and flexible mind and body, and creativity. The Science and Mathematics Course was established in 1991, (the third in Yamanashi Prefecture). Since then it has been fostering students who have contributed to various fields of science and to social welfare both at home and abroad. A large number of

students have graduated from this course, and have been playing an active role in demanding professions such as engineers, researchers, doctors, dentists, professors and teachers.

Characteristic Events

- *Studies of Mt. Fuji*

The second-year students work on this research project as part of the Periods of Integrated Inquiry. The students are supposed to be given some themes concerning Mt. Fuji, such as Literature, Local History, English Introduction of Fuji Five-Lakes Area, Disaster Prevention, Animals and Plants, Nature Conservation, and Town Renewal Project. Each student chooses one out of these themes and investigates it. They work hard to write reports for the poster session.

- *Mt. Fuji Climbing Race*

In September every year, all students enjoy participating in this event. Starting from the sports field at the foot of Mt. Fuji, they run or walk all the way to the Fifth (boys) or the Fourth (girls) station of Mt. Fuji, returning to the start within 8 hours. The boys' course is 41.5km, (1,165m difference elevation), and the girls' course is 35.5km (1015m). The fastest runners have reached the goal in three and a half hours. It is a hard but rewarding experience for students. The percentage of students who complete the race is more than 90% every year.



▪ *School Festival*

This is the biggest and the most exciting cultural event of the school year, where the students show their passion and sensibility in various displays such as a chorus competition, musicals and other stage performances, and many kinds of exhibitions including local food stands. Students, teachers, parents, neighbors, and junior high school students look forward to this event.

▪ *Extra-curricular Activities*

Yoshida High School has had a high regard for extra-curricular activities for a long time. Individual and team championships are common. Through these activities, bonds of friendships are cultivated.



SPORTS CLUBS : Track & Field, Baseball, Kendo, Soccer, Speed Skating, Hand-ball, Rugby, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Soft Tennis, Rowing, Yacht sailing, Japanese Archery, Weight-lifting

CULTURAL CLUBS: Photography, Visual Arts, Broadcasting, Music, Brass Band, Calligraphy, Math & Science, Tea Ceremony, Social Studies, Igo & Shogi, Koto Music, English Speaking Society

Our School Mascot “AOKAZE KUN”



Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education in April 2020

Most of the students in Yoshida High School go on to pursue a higher education. Here is a list of the top 11 universities the students entered from Yoshida High School in April 2020.

The University of Yamanashi	23
Tsuru University	11
Yamanashi Prefectural University	5
Tokyo Metropolitan University	5
The University of Tokyo	4
Musashino University	6
Waseda University	6
Nihon University	5
Toyo University	5
Chuo University	4
Tsudajuku University	4

(Among others)

(The number indicates the number of the students who have entered there.)